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MAPLETON MONTESSORI SCHOOL

46th Year, No. 9 • April 2025

SHORT & SWEET!

April 3: Staff Meeting. No aftercare.

April 10: Class Pictures

April 24, 5-6:30: MMS 47th birthday party FUNdraiser!

Our FEIN: 84-0797756 Please remember to keep your tuition slips; we don't do any year-end tax prep.

MAPLETON MONTESSORI is 46! LET'S CELEBRATE! BIRTHDAY PARTY FUNdraiser



When: Thursday, April 24 from 5:00-6:30 we'll celebrate MMS's 46th birthday! There will be games, prizes, face painting, dinner, birthday cake and more! It's a fun evening for the whole family that you won't want to miss.

Who: All our students and their families.

Prizes: Kids' rooms seem to be repositories for tiny, but meaningful, junk! So, when you clean their rooms, collect those little items - a bouncy ball, a tiny stuffed animal, a small car, a MickeyD toy, etc. Bring your treasures secretly to MMS in the next few weeks! Mum's the word and thank you! The kids love the prizes, often winning back a 'treasure' they thought they'd lost!

Dinner: If you donate the ingredients, we'll do the cooking! Hot dogs (meat & veg), chips, veggies, fruit & cupcakes. We'll have a food donation sign-up at the gate as we get closer. The food may not be gourmet but the company certainly is! Join us for our annual MMS birthday party!

Cost: \$12.50/person \$50max/family. No need to bring money - we'll add the party fee to your May tuition.

RSVP: We'll put an RSVP sheet at the sign-in table the week before the event so we can get an accurate head count for the fabulous fare!. Thanks!

CLASS NEWS

Linda's Class: After Spring Break the children will begin a trip around the world starting with North America. Each week will be a brief exploration of countries, languages, animals, culture, and food. Using their knowledge of transportation, the children will then decide how we'll get to our next destination. We'll look at the continents in the following order: 4/7 South America, 4/14 Africa, 4/21 Europe, 4/28 Asia, 5/5 Australia and 5/12 Antarctic, so you'll know where we are each week and can let us know if you have anything about a particular continent you'd like to share.

Angelrose's class: We'll spend the next few weeks on our study of Australia but, we'll also be alive with spring focusing on botany and zoology with our projects that will include sprouting, planting and rooting, flowers, birds and pollinators. We'll also add a splash of Easter crafts!

REMINDER

Teacher Phone Line 303 449 4445: leave any info that your child's teacher needs to know. Messages on the office line don't get delivered to teachers if I'm not there.

STAFF CHANGES

Angelrose is going to be embarking on a new path after twenty years of guiding Montessori elementary and primary children. I'm not sure what that path is; she has said she's got a couple of irons in the fire, so whatever iron she chooses, we wish her the very best as she makes plans for her new adventure in life! Angelrose will continue at MMS until the end of June, taking the lead in Camp 2. Thank you Angelrose for guiding our students for two years! As we search for a new Montessori guide I will put ads in our Montessori channels but also, keep your eyes & ears peeled; let's network and cast a wide net!

LOST & FOUND

Just an interesting tidbit - there were 61 socks in the Lost & Found (not sure how it got that name because those socks were certainly not "found"!) One pair, out of the 61 socks, was labeled so I was able to return that pair to its rightful owner, leaving 59 for the Goodwill. In other words, everything your child takes off (which is everything!) needs to be labeled if it's to find its eventual way back to its owner. The items that get left in the bin are everything from pants and shoes to sweaters, mittens and coats. We donate unlabeled items or label them "MMS" if we need extra "lenders". So, bottom line: **PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!**

SOME CHALLENGING WORK!

Mason is working on the decimal system, creating 'big' numbers both abstractly, with the number cards, and concretely, with the actual *thousand cubes*, *hundred squares*, *ten bars* and individual *units*. It's so exciting to see him making this connection in the math area. On the right, Jay and Mason have graded all the color tablets in the third box, from dark to light - this requires patience, focus, attention to detail and teamwork!

