

Montessori in Motion

MEHP NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear MEHP Parents/ Guardians,

Thank you for attending our recent Hispanic Heritage, Math and Literacy Night. It was great to hear and see the excitement during the evening with you and our students. Additionally, thank you for attending our recent Parent- Teacher Conferences. As you know, parental involvement is critical to the academic success of children.

We are preparing students daily for our end of year TN Ready Assessments in April and May. With that being said, we are asking students to continue to learn at high levels. Please have conversations with your daughter about the TN Ready Standards. As you recall, we discussed the State Assessments during our parent registration meetings. Tutoring is available Monday-Thursday. Please see the newsletter for a calendar of these times and other events.

Also, please recall after the third unexcused absence, you will be required to attend an attendance meeting with the administration. Please make sure to have your students at school each day and on time.

Much of your student's success depends on you holding them accountable to complete their homework and schoolwork. Reading and writing are important elements for learning. We begin our day in the cafeteria at 8:00 am. It is required that your student attend school each day by 7:55 am.

I am excited to announce that we now have a weekly snack pack that we send home with our students and we have extended our clothing closet. Remember to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and at mehp.org.

As we approach our Thanksgiving holidays, let me thank all of you for your support. Our students are learning at higher levels and enjoying expeditionary trips, clubs, college trips, job shadowing, mentoring and other events. Our faculty and staff give of themselves each day, to assure our students are achieving academically and growing maturely as young ladies. With

this being said, we have much to be thankful for during this season. Again, thank you for allowing us to serve your students.

Sincerely,

Elaine Swafford, Ed. D.

Executive Director, CGLA/MEHP/YWLAF

NOVEMBER EVENTS:

- November 7th: Parent Conferences (**No School for MEHP students**)
- November 15th-December 15th: New Student Application Window Open for SY 2024-25
- November 17th: Progress Reports Available
- November 22nd-24th: Thanksgiving Holiday
- TBD: Annual Poinsettia Sale



AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING TIMES

Please note that after-school tutoring hours are from 3:30 pm-5:30 pm. In order to ensure that students gain the maximum benefit from the program, students who stay for after-school tutoring will be dismissed no earlier than 5:25 pm.

For security reasons, a parent or guardian must come into the building to sign-out your child from the afterschool program.



FALL PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thank you for attending our Parent Teacher Conference event. If you would like to schedule a meeting with your child's teacher, please reach out to them. The teacher contact information is listed below.

QUARTER 2 PROGRESS REPORTS

You will be able to access your child's 2nd quarter progress report on Friday, November 17th.

Please feel free to email your child's teacher with any concerns or praises that you might have.





TRANSPARENT CLASSROOM & CALLING POST

Transparent Classroom: We are using Transparent Classroom as one of the methods of classroom and school communication. Please be sure to click the "accept notifications" button when you receive the email from Transparent Classroom. The email might initially go to your spam account, so please check your spam account for a message from Transparent Classroom. If you are having difficulty accessing Transparent Classroom, please contact the front office.

Calling Post: Please make sure that we have your current phone number on file for the calling post messages. We send out weekly on Sunday evening around 6pm. Messages are also sent through calling post when there is an emergency or general school notifications, such as early dismissals and school closings due to inclement weather. Please contact Mrs. Anderson at shebaanderson@mehp.org if you need to update your information.

TOYS, DEVICES, CANDY AND HOT SNACKS

Please help your child keep their toys, candy and hot snacks (Takis, etc) at home so they do not distract from learning or cause any tummy aches. **Pokemon cards** in particular need to stay at home and should not be brought to school. Devices (phones, ipads, smart watches) must remain in backpacks and completely shut off. They are not to be taken out or used during the school day nor during tutoring. Please see the handbook for more details. Thanks!

MONTESSORI PARENT- WHAT YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER WANTS YOU TO KNOW

https://amshq.org/-/media/Files/AMSHQ/Families/Reading-Materials/ML_Spring19_MontessoriParent.ashx?la=en

TITLE I: FAMILY ENGAGEMENT DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 26, 2023: Hispanic Heritage, Literacy & Math Night (5pm-7pm)
- November 7, 2023: Fall Parent Teacher Conferences- during school hours and early evening
- December 14, 2023: Winter Performance (2nd & 3rd Grade Students)- 6pm
- February 6, 2024: Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences- during school hours and early evening
- February 27, 2024: Black History & Art Night (5pm-7pm)
- May 16, 2024: Family Game and Science Night (5pm- 7pm)



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MEHP OCTOBER BREAKFAST / LUNCH MENU




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