



HDMS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MR. ERIC



Maria Montessori's curriculum is rooted in reality. During work periods at school, there is very little fantasy or play.

This is the reasoning behind the prohibition in our dress code for displaying cartoon characters (like Disney, television, or any other type of fantasy). We have found through experience that these types of images tend to be distracting and take away from the immersive work of the child.

We ask that children please follow the dress code that can be found in the Parent Student Handbook (p.56), located on our website. We appreciate your support of this important tenet of our philosophy.

Thank you for being a part of our community and for your support of HDMS.

Mr. Eric
eric@hdmsreno.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/19/23: 5:30 PTO MEETING [ZOOM LINK](#)
- 1/23/23: 3:30 GREEN TEAM MEETING
- 1/23/23: 6:00 PRIMARY NEW PARENT SEMINAR
- 1/25/23: 5:00 HDMS BOARD MEETING
- 1/26/23: 6:00 ADOLESCENT NEW PARENT SEMINAR
- 1/27/23: 9:00 SECOND CUP OF COFFEE WITH MR. ERIC
- 1/30/23: 6:00 ELEMENTARY NEW PARENT SEMINAR
- 2/1/23: TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE
- 2/4/23: PTO PARENTS NIGHT OUT BOCCE
- 2/15/23: TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE
- 2/16/23: 5:30 PTO MEETING
- 2/17/23: TEACHER WORK DAY- NO SCHOOL FOR ALL PROGRAMS
- 2/20/23: NO SCHOOL - PRESIDENTS DAY
- 2/21/23: 5:00 FAMILY READING NIGHT
- 2/22/23: 5:00 HDMS BOARD MEETING
- 2/25/23: 6:00 BREWS & BITES AT THE GENERATOR
- 3/1/23: TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE
- 3/8/23: MONTESSORI THROUGH MY EYES
- 3/13/23-3/17/23: TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE FOR SPRING CONFERENCES
- 3/15/23: 5:00 HDMS BOARD MEETING
- 3/16/23: 5:30 PTO MEETING
- 3/20/23-3/31/23: NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK



A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MISS TAMMIE

The safety of all remains a top priority at HDMS. Overall, we have done well with our arrival and dismissal procedures this school year with nearly 500 students on one campus.

We ask that ALL pedestrians use the parking lot crosswalk during arrival and dismissal. Our crossing guards keep traffic moving, while keeping pedestrians safe. We are happy to announce the installation of a new man gate located at the end of our main parking lot crosswalk where it meets Fantastic Drive. This new gate will prevent pedestrian arrivals from having to walk through our busy driveway during arrival and dismissal.



As a reminder, during arrival, please use only designated lanes for student drop-off. For Adolescent/Elementary (A/E) Arrival, PURPLE AREA 1 is the "Fast Pass Lane" for those students who are independent and ready to "Kiss and Drop". GREEN AREA 3 is the "Linger Longer Lane" for those families who need a little more assistance or time. Please pull as far forward as possible when using these lanes.

For Sibling (S) and Primary (P), PINK AREA 7 is designated for three year olds and less independent four year olds. PURPLE AREA 1 is designated for Kindergartners and independent four year olds. Please pull as far forward as possible when using these lanes.

During dismissal, we ask that you be mindful of where you are parking to wait for your child's dismissal window. Please do not park on the street in such a way that blocks the view of oncoming cars or pedestrians.

Our detailed Arrival and Dismissal plan can be found on our [website](#). We appreciate your continued support.

Warmly,
Ms. Tammie

NEW PARENT SEMINARS



HIGH DESERT MONTESSORI SCHOOL
New Parent Seminars
JAN 23, 26, 30
6PM

1/23/23: 6:00 Primary New Parent Seminar
1/26/23: 6:00 Adolescent New Parent Seminar
1/30/23: 6:00 Elementary New Parent Seminar

New Parent Seminars are intended for families interested in attending HDMS, as well as current HDMS families who have a child moving up to a new level next school year (current kindergartners and 6th graders).

- 1/23/23: 6:00PM Primary New Parent Seminar
 - 1/26/23: 6:00PM Adolescent New Parent Seminar
 - 1/30/23: 6:00PM Elementary New Parent Seminar
- All New Parent Seminars will be held onsite at HDMS.

FREE LUNCH & BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our full breakfast and lunch menu can always be found at www.hdmsreno.com/school-lunch-breakfast/

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| 16 | 17 Waffle w/ Fruit & Milk | 18 Quesadilla w/ Fruit & Milk | 19 Scrambled eggs w/ Cheese, Toast, Fruit & Milk | 20 French Toast Casserole w/ Fruit & Milk |
| MLK Day | Chicken Quesadilla (Veg. Option is Cheese Quesadilla) w/ Fruit & Milk | Cheese Pizza (Vegetarian) w/ Fruit & Milk | BBQ Drumsticks & Potatoes (Veg. option Stewed Chickpeas) w/ Fruit & Milk | Ham Sub (Veg. Option is Cheese Sub) w/ Fruit & Milk |
| 23 Bagel & Cream Cheese w/ Fruit & Milk | 24 Waffle w/ Fruit & Milk | 25 Quesadilla w/ Fruit & Milk | 26 Scrambled eggs w/ Cheese, Toast, Fruit & Milk | 27 French Toast Casserole w/ Fruit & Milk |
| Pesto Chicken Pasta (Veg. option is Pesto w/veggies) w/ Fruit and Milk | Bean & Cheese Burrito (Veg.) w/ Fruit & Milk | Veggie Pizza w/ Fruit & Milk | Taco Salad & Chips w/ Fruit & Milk | Chicken Sandwich (Veg. Option is Cheddar Sandwich) w/ Fruit & Milk |

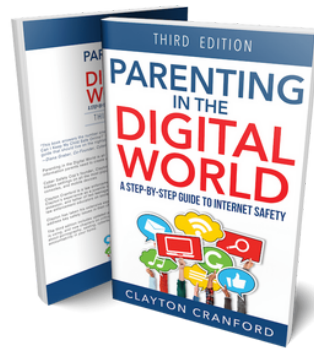
A MESSAGE FROM OUR MONTESSORI ADVISOR, MISS KALEIGH

Quote of the Week: "By creating respectful, inclusive classrooms, celebrating diversity in all its forms, crossing cultural boundaries, and modeling engaged citizenry, Montessori educators nurture students who will transform the world and make it a better place for their generation and the generations that follow." -The American Montessori Society

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER, MISS MARY

Thank you to those of you that attended Parenting in the Digital Age Workshop. I appreciate the rich discussions that came from your attendance. For those who were unable to attend we discussed topics from the book Parenting in the Digital World by Clayton Cranford including,

- When and how you should give your child their first phone and then their first social media account.
- Step-by-step instructions for enabling all of the hidden settings in your computers, mobile devices, and game consoles to make them safe and secure.
- Safety settings on the latest operating systems and game consoles: Windows 10, macOS, Chromebook, Apple mobile iOS, Android mobile OS, Xbox, and Playstation 4 and 5.
- Latest and most popular apps for teens rated: What they do, their problems, and if they are safe for children.
- How to successfully limit "screen time" on your child's device.
- How to start a conversation about the appropriate use of mobile devices and the Internet.
- How to talk to your child about sexting, predators, bullying, and pornography.
- A copy of the Cyber Safety Cop's Internet and Mobile Device Usage Contract.
- Steps to successfully dealing with a cyberbullying incident.



HDMS has a copy of the book for those who would like copies of safety settings, user contracts, etc... Please watch the newsletter and social media for upcoming workshops!



I would also like to announce that we have partnered with Acelina (Aki) Emily at The Generator for Creative Wellness Workshops. During these workshops children will explore Social and Emotional Learning through a variety of creative modalities at The Generator. Last week Aki and I facilitated an Art Journaling. Aki began by presenting her example with the word Weathered as a suggested focus. The intention was imperfection. We discussed these themes in depth while creating. Children were given freedom to choose from an enormous amount of materials to use in their Art Journaling. They also had opportunities to ride scooters and skateboards to gather their materials and move about the huge warehouse. It was absolutely delightful for the children, Aki, and myself.

Please watch for email invitations for your child to attend a Creative Wellness Workshop. We always welcome parent volunteers for activities such as this. If you are interested in volunteering please reach out to Mary@hdmsreno.com

Thank you all for raising amazing children!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PTO

Join us for Brews and Bites! There will be live music, local art, raffle, food, drinks, and more! It's an adult only event and childcare will be provided for HDMS families. Brews and Bites is open to the general public as well, so invite your friends. February 25th from 6:00 - 9:00 PM @ the Generator. [Purchase your tickets now!](#)

WANTED: OLD CLOTHES!



WHO? Your friendly PTO

WHAT? Full 33-gallon bags of...
Clothing
Shoes & boots
Bedding/linens
Towels
Hats, purses, bags & backpacks
Jackets
Belts, jewelry
(Note: Please no items other than these)

Where?
Donations may be dropped off in the linger longer lane at drop off.

When?
January 9th - February 10th

Why?
We'll earn 20 cents/pound... all proceeds will be used to support community, education, and growth at HDMS for students, teachers, and parents/guardians.

We need help collecting the bags for our Savers FunDrive and bringing them into the school building each morning. It's a quick and easy way to get your school volunteer hours in. Just click [here](#) and sign up for a date and time.



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

BREWS & BITES

Art | Food | Drinks | Raffle
Prizes | Live Music | & More!

FEBRUARY 25, 2023
6:00 - 9:00 PM

featuring art from Burning Man!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/492006664177>



- Our next PTO meeting is January 19th @ 5:30 PM on [Zoom](#).
- Parents night out Bocce night February 4th
- Brews and Bites at the Generator February 25th
- Spring Picnic May 21st

GREEN PARENTS MEET & GREET

The Green Parents invite everyone to join them for a meet and greet at HDMS Friday January 20th at 3.30pm. We will meet in the school's lobby. If you cannot make it and would still like to connect with us and get more info about who we are and what we do, email us at greenparents@hdmsreno.com. Till then, enjoy the snow!



ECO ART UPDATE

Eco Art continues outside in our gorgeous playground graced by snow. This week we sculpted and made intricate designs with the snow, in the spirit of sustainable land art.



SIXTH GRADE PROJECT INFORMATION

SIXTH GRADE PROJECT FAMILY INFORMATION MEETING

It's that time! Sixth grade projects are the culminating work of the elementary years for your child. We are holding a family information session on Thursday, January 26th at 5:15 in our library for all sixth grade families. This is immediately before the new parent seminar for middle school. We scheduled this so you only need to come one night. Please bring your student if you can.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SIXTH GRADE PROJECT PROPOSAL COMMITTEE

The upper elementary team is seeking volunteers to come in for 2-3 hours in the mornings of February 8-10 to listen to sixth grade students present their sixth grade project proposals. The sixth grade project is the culmination of the academic and creative experience of elementary at HDMS. The proposal is an important part of their process in order to organize their ideas, make a plan, and receive advice and encouragement from adults in our community. This is a great way to get directly involved with students at our school and an insider view into the sixth grade projects. Interested? Email : elyse@hdmsreno.com



Feb. 8-10

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers for the 6th Grade Project Proposal Committee!

Interested? email elyse@hdmsreno.com

HOMES FOR BIRDS NEEDED!



Spring will be here before we know it and the elementary team will be hatching eggs in our classrooms.

Please email Autumn@hdmsreno.com if you would like us to hatch birds for you. The catch is that you would have to agree to take all of them, even the males. Just let me know what you are interested in us hatching, how many, and if you have the eggs or not.

If you have an incubator, we would love to borrow as well!

VIRGINIA CLASSROOM

Our classroom is a buzz with biology. We growing mushrooms and learning more about the interconnectedness of this living planet. In grammar we are diagramming sentences and learning a lot about how to write to express ourselves.

Ask. If you have any inexpensive sponges lying around, we are running low on ice packs. Thanks to the Ault family for providing the baggies! (we soak the sponge in water and seal it in a bag before we freeze it.)

Thank you for sending children with snow clothes and waterproof boots. It is so challenging for the children if they come in wet from recess.



Ruby Xavier and
Toussaint Practice
Yoga for PE



Leo and Konner use a map to
learn more about abbreviations
and postal codes

TOIYABE CLASSROOM

We have had a wonderful first week back at school with a lot of community building and group games. Students are learning how to support one another and work together to reach goals. We are also talking a lot about inclusion and trust. I am impressed with the progress students are making with all of these skills.

Contacting one another

Because we are a charter school and we don't all live in the same neighborhood, it can be challenging for your children to get together outside of school hours. I would like to help facilitate this in any way I can. We have a voluntary class contact list that you are welcome to add your name to so other families can reach out to you. Please email me if you would like the link to add your information.

Home Work Reminder

Please help your child remember to read at least 30 minutes every day outside of school. Also, most students have not memorized their math facts (times tables). Please help your child memorize these through the 10's. If you need ideas on how to do this, please let me know. Some common ways are to verbally quiz your child or have them make flashcards and practice independently. All students are doing advanced math that requires them to know these. If they don't, calculations can be tedious. Rewards or celebrations can be a helpful motivator. I seem to remember my dad taking me out for an ice cream sundae when I reached certain targets with my times tables! :)

If you would like your child to do some extra academic work at home, here are a couple of ideas:

- Khan Academy MAP Accelerator (log in using their school Google account)
- Typing.com for typing skills

If you need more suggestions, please let me know: elyse@hdmsreno.com

NOTES FROM THE ADOLESCENT TEAM

WOODWORKING CREATIVE EXPRESSION CLASS

Adolescent students in their woodworking class at the Generator. They are very excited to use the new tools and build some creative art, made from wood.



UKULELE CREATIVE EXPRESSION CLASS

Adolescent students performing ukulele at the Celebration of Diversity event.



EXPLORING WASHOE COUNTY CREATIVE EXPRESSION CLASS

Adolescent students got go go sledding this week in their Exploring Washoe County Creative Expression Class!



AVOCADO PITS NEEDED!

Please consider donating your avocado pits!

Adolescent student Dotty is working on a community project and is in need of avocado pits.

Please email: d.morris@hdmsreno.com or Moncia@hdmsreno.com



AFTER SCHOOL YOGA CLASSES

YOGA

Tuesdays (6-10*) or Thursdays (4-6*)

3:50-4:40 pm ~ HDMS Library

*recommended ages

Yoga Mats Provided ~ "Trilingual" Classes

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