

## Montessori Day School

# March Newsletter

### Important Dates

#### **March 7: Parent Committee**

- In Ms. Montes' room
- 5:30pm – 6:30pm

#### **March 13 – 17: Spring Break**

- No school
- Extended care available

#### **March 24: Glow Dance (DATE CHANGED)**

- 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 5:30pm – 8:00pm
- Tickets are \$7 sold March 6-10

#### **March 29: Half Day**

- All grades dismissed at 11:30
- Extended care available

#### **March 31: Evening at Great Skate**

4:00pm – 7:00pm

#### **April 4: Parent Committee**

- In Ms. Montes' room
- 5:30pm – 6:30pm

### Upcoming Events

#### **March 24: 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Glow Dance**

Find your most outrageous Neon or White dress code appropriate attire to light up this glow party! Read on for more info!

[Volunteer Opportunity!](#) To make this dance possible we need 10 chaperones.

#### **March 31: Evening at Great Skate**

Join us for an evening of skating fun from 4:00pm – 7:00pm. Located at 10054 N 43rd Ave, Glendale, AZ 85302.

#### **Original Works**

Students are hard at work creating a special work of art to raise funds for the school Art Fund. Watch for your info packet with their individual piece for the opportunity to order a variety of useful, professionally made items featuring your child's masterpiece.

### Announcements

**School Yearbooks:** Yearbooks are now available for purchase [HERE](#) through April 7<sup>th</sup>. They are \$20 for the basic yearbook, or with personalization for an additional fee. All yearbooks will be sold online, there will be no extras available for purchase in the office.

#### **Got photos?**

Each year we ask families to send in photos from this year's events, field trips and extracurriculars. So, take a walk down memory lane by scrolling through those photos to send us your favorites!

#### **"This one's for you!"**

This new section of our yearbook will include personal notes from you to your kiddo(s). Please keep the message to 25 words or less and include both yours and your kiddo's name in the message.

Please submit all photos and messages to our yearbook committee at [msyearbook@mdpsc.org](mailto:msyearbook@mdpsc.org)

**Ms. Lovato's big run!** On March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Ms. Lovato will be running a 12-hour race to raise money for P.E. equipment. How far will Ms. Lovato run in 12 hours?! Keep her motivated by pledging a donation per mile, or a flat donation you can help our P.E program fill its wish list! Check out her [website](#) for more info and a link for donations!

## Art Happenings

We are doing drawings and paintings for our Original Works fundraiser! Younger students are using a variety of media for an aquatic picture. Junior elementary are learning to use a “wash brush” in their art. Puppets will resume mid-March, one JE class at a time. It’s a complicated project and we are all learning patience. Senior Elementary are honing their drawing skills in a challenging drawing with mixed media.

### **Art class supply needs**

- Felt in various colors 9x12 squares
- A woodworker parent would be highly appreciated to make a shelf for paper storage.
- If you are interested, please contact Ms. Theresa at [Theresazuluaga@msn.com](mailto:Theresazuluaga@msn.com)

## Peg’s Corner

When MDS began as a private school in 1981, its mission was to provide a top-quality Montessori program at day care pricing for working parents. Even so, as a younger sibling came along the oldest child would often have to leave the program (oh, those dollars!). That all changed in 1996 when the opportunity to create a tuition-free charter program came along.

Even though this means lots of government compliance issues for admin, it supports with the Montessori advantage through Middle School and helps to create a family-centered community. We love that partnership with parents!



## Middle School

The Montessori Method is an ideal educational approach for middle school students. It is a student-centered approach that emphasizes self-directed learning and allows students to progress at their own pace. It also provides a range of individualized learning opportunities and activities, which helps students develop the skills and knowledge they need for the next level of learning. The method also encourages students to explore their interests and to pursue learning independently. This encourages responsibility and independence, which are important skills for middle school students to develop. This independence and responsibility allow middle school students to transition easily from our small learning environment into a larger, more complex learning environment. Furthermore, the Montessori Method allows students to be in control of their own learning, which encourages creativity and problem-solving skills. All of these factors make it an excellent choice for middle school students.

## Tax Credit Info

We are pleased to offer an opportunity for you to donate up to \$400 towards programs your children love such as Art, French, Science exploration and Exploring Who I Am.

This is made possible by the Arizona Extracurricular Activities Tax Credit Law [(A.R.S) 43-1089]. Any Arizona taxpayer can donate and have the money credited towards their payment of AZ state taxes. This means it will go towards any amount owed OR will be added to any refund received.

All the money will go to benefit your children directly rather than into the general tax fund where others decide how to spend it. Simply fill out the [DONATION FORM](#), attach your check and drop off in the office!

# Savers FUNDrive



Our first Savers Drive was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who cleared out your closets to donate items that were no longer needed. Our grand total was **300** bags, which totaled 3,467 pounds! This raised \$513 for our school! A huge THANK YOU goes out to our family volunteers Matt Baldwin, Olivia and Dylen Benson, Tyler, Ana Lobert and Anne Hendricks, as well as our amazing middle school volunteers who all got a morning workout getting everything loaded on the truck, it wouldn't have been possible without you!



## GLOW DANCE

Lights out in our gym, so bust out your neon and come get your **GLOW** on!

Tickets are \$7 and will be sold from March 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> before and after school. Ticket price will include 3 glow accessories and pizza & drink.

Students should make specific plans in advance with a parent or guardian to determine when and where to be picked up after the dance.

Students are expected to behave in a manner that is appropriate for school. This includes interaction with peers and dancing.

**10 volunteer chaperones** are needed for this event. If there are not enough volunteers the dance will be cancelled.



## Get Ready for the GLOW DANCE

Middle school dances are some of the first serious dances in life. Preparing for these for the first time can be a daunting task, but don't worry, check out these Wiki How To's, to help get ready.

[Wiki How – Getting Ready for a School Dance](#)

[Wiki How – How to Dance at a School Dance](#)