

# Montessori Day School

## April Newsletter

### Important Dates

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

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

#### **April 7: Spring Holiday**

- No school
- No extended care

#### **April 26: Half Day**

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

#### **April 29 – May 4: Book Fair**

- [Volunteer Opportunity!](#)
- April 29 at 9am – 12pm
- Mon. - Thurs. from 2:30pm – 4:30pm

#### **April 28: Spring Fling from 4pm-7pm**

- [Volunteer Opportunity!](#)
- Games, refreshments & Bookfair  
From 4pm-6pm
- Student Performance at 6pm

#### **May 8 – 12: Staff Appreciation**

- [Volunteer Opportunity!](#)
- Description

#### **May 2: Parent Committee**

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

### Upcoming Events

**Scholastic Book Fair** is back! Find new books for home and support the school at the same time! Our book fair will be open during the Spring Fling on April 28<sup>th</sup> and afterschool M-Th from 2:30pm-4:30pm located in the gym.

[Volunteer Opportunity!](#) (Or sign up in office)

- Register
- Assistant

#### **Spring Fling**

Our Spring Fling is just around the corner! Join us from 4-7 on April 28<sup>th</sup> to play some games and enjoy ice cream & lemonade, ending the evening with a student performance!

[Volunteer Opportunity!](#) (Or sign up in office)

- Run a game booth or face paint
- Help with refreshments
- Set up & clean up

#### **Staff Appreciation**

We love the staff at MDS! They are with our kids all day every day, ensuring a beautiful and nurturing environment to learn and grow! Now is the time to make sure they know just how appreciated they are!

[Volunteer Opportunity!](#) (Or sign up in office)

### 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, 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. Donate [ONLINE](#) and get an automatic receipt or, fill out the [DONATION FORM](#), attach your check bring it into the office!

## Art Happenings

This month 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are enjoying creating a large underwater mural with mixed media. Junior Elementary is back at their long term puppet projects, practicing paper-mache, painting, sewing and much more! Primary & Kinder are learning to stencil and sponge paint as well beginning to make prints!

### **Art class supply needs**

- 50 baby food jars without lids
- All JE classes need a small ball of colored yarn in a plastic bag with their name and class on the bag.
- 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)

## **Can you Spot the real Beethoven?**



## Peg's Corner

My deceased husband Ed loved building things. We shared a BIG love of music, Ed on the technical side, Peg on the keyboard and choral side. (Ed had built the road board for the "Up With People" group and had helped wire half the churches in Phoenix before we met. [Note: Phoenix was a cow town then – not as many churches.]) We had big musical dreams for our young students. There were about 30 pre-K/K and a dozen Elementary students at the time of the school's first Winter Break in 1981. They had been learning and making music for four months and were excited to perform. Big glitch: no performance area! So, we plastic-roofed the outdoor courtyard and strung the roof with lights (until 2am the night before the performance) to create one. The performance was stellar! And the love continued, with novel uses of various spaces until – in the 90s – the dreams resulted in the gym/art/music building. The building of it is a story in itself, the telling for another day. In the meanwhile, we'll see you there for the upcoming Spring Fling!



## From the Music Loft

MDS was fortunate to have a guest teacher, Ludwig Van Beethoven, who taught music on Friday, near the anniversary of his death, March 26<sup>th</sup> 1827. Students were able to learn about this influential composer and ask him about his life and works.

You may recognize some of his works, such as Fur Elise, Moonlight Sonata and Ode to Joy.

## Evening at Great Skate

What a great evening at Great Skate! There were so many families who came out to skate the night away and raise funds for our school! We were very proud at MDS to see so many of our students (and parents) practicing perseverance as they picked themselves up after a fall and tried again! What an awesome night of memories!



## Staff Appreciation

Teacher and staff appreciation is coming up in May, below is the calendar of how MDS is planning to show our appreciation. Stop by the office if you are interested in helping out!

### Monday: Staff Breakfast!

Help our staff start the week feeling great! Sign up in the office to bring Breakfast items or snacks for during the week! [Volunteer Opportunity!](#)

### Tuesday: A Special Note for a Special Teacher!

Write a note reminding your teachers just how much you appreciate them! Share a special memory, an awesome thing they do or favorite thing about their class!

### Wednesday: Thanks for Helping Me Grow!

Bring your teacher their favorite flower. It can be real, paper or even made of Legos! Show them how much they inspire your creative side! Extra Brownie points if you use something they taught you!

### Thursday: Spoil Your Teacher Day

Bring your teacher their favorite snack, help check something off their TO Do list, make their lives easier - even if it's just for a day!

### Friday: Staff Lunch!

Lunch will be catered. Provided by Parent Committee funds. Thank you for supporting our school!

## Our Staff in the Spotlight!

Our very own Mr. Murphy is part of a local adult choir called the Carolyn Eynon singers. Their concert highlighted the best of Stephen Sondheim and Leonard Bernstein including a medley of Sondheim musicals such as: Into the Woods, A Little Night Music, and Sweeney Todd. The concert also featured "Make Our Garden Grow" from Candide and as well as a medley from West Side Story.

The choir cordially invites you all to join us on May 13th for our Mother's Day concert which will feature songs from mother's day, a Steinway artist pianist and a USO-show style retelling of songs from the Second World War. If you are interested in tickets, you can contact Mr. Murphy or go to our [website](#).

Ms. Sandy gives the show 2 thumbs up! She says " The choir is all real people who are passionate about music and want to share it with others. The director was wonderful and everyone had a turn to shine. It was good to see others doing things they love and sharing that passion with others. There was a variety of songs and overall, it was a relaxing and lovely evening, I can't wait to go back!"



Director Pat Freeman, Ms. Vroom and Ms. Sandy with our star of the evening Mr. Murphy!



# Glow Dance



**Just Dance Contest**

MDS got their **GLOW** on at the 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Glow Dance! Highlights included a Limbo and Just Dance Contest as well as a selfie station. Congratulations to Leo who won Limbo and Haylie who won Just Dance, these kids sure know how to bust a move! A HUGE Thank you to our volunteer chaperones and DJ Forrest for dropping some great beats to keep the party going! This dance would not have been possible without you!

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**Limbo Contest**

## Ms. Lovato's Big Run

Wow what a great success the run fundraiser turned out to be! The 12-hour run turned out to be much harder on my body than I anticipated (silly me, I know), but it was all very much worth it! I am incredibly grateful to have such a supportive and generous community here at MDS! With the contributions from the MDS community, as well as pledges from some of my family and friends, I was able to raise more than \$3,000 for the MDS P.E. Program! Since this is much more than my original goal of \$700. We are able to use the funds to also get a suitable flooring for the Ga-Ga ball court and will enhance the turf and other features on the playground. Any money left over will be put into a fund for future needs of this kind. Thank you again to all those who contributed, you guys are the best!

Cheers,  
Ms. Lovato

