

Montessori Day School

May Newsletter

Important Dates

May 5: District In-Service

- No school
- No extended care

May 10th: Street Law - Mock Trial

- Begins at 9:00am in the gym
- Middle School families are invited

May 8 – 12: Staff Appreciation

- [Volunteer Opportunity!](#)

May 22, 23, 24: Water Days!

- Watch for your teachers email regarding volunteer sign-ups and specifics
- [Volunteer Opportunity!](#)

May 25: 8th grade graduation

- Begins at 9:30 in the gym

May 26: Last Day of School

- Early Release @ 11:30am
- No Extended Care

Date June 5 – July 28 : Summer Program

- Sign up located in the office

Upcoming Events

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!

Mock Trial

Middle school families are invited to join us for the mock trial. Please plan to arrive by 8:45, as we will need to get started promptly at 9:00 to ensure that the trial and jury deliberations will be complete before lunch. If you are unable to attend in person join us via live-stream on the MDS [Facebook](#) page.

Water Days!

Join us as a volunteer as the students enjoy a variety of water activities and a blow-up waterslide! (Permission slip required). Teachers will be sending emails for volunteer sign-ups and snack donations!

8th Grade Graduation

MDS celebrates its graduates with a special graduation ceremony at the end of the school year, recognizing their accomplishments and hard work throughout their time here at the school. The ceremony takes place in a festive atmosphere, with proud family members and friends in attendance. During the ceremony, graduates receive their diplomas and are recognized for their individual achievements. The school community gathers to celebrate the accomplishments of these students, wishing them well as they move on to the next phase of their educational journey. The graduation ceremony is a momentous occasion for both the graduates and the MDS community.

Staff Appreciation Week

Monday 8th - Staff Breakfast!

Tuesday 9th - Write a note reminding your teachers just how special they are!

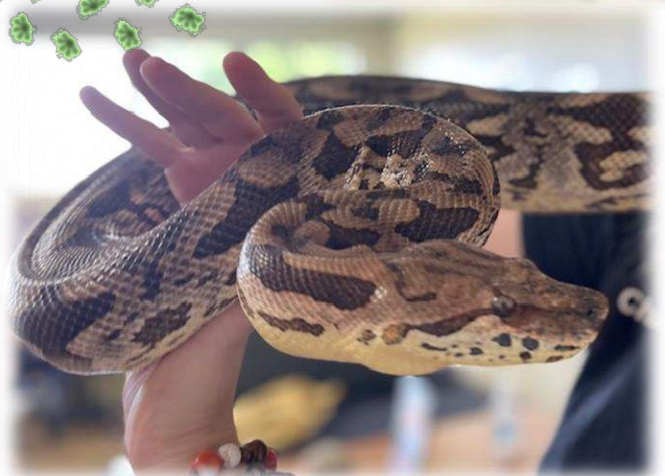
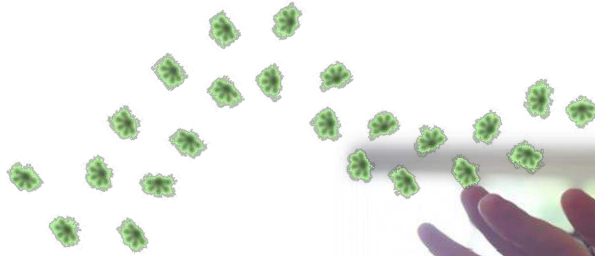
Wednesday 10th - Bring your teacher their favorite flower, real or handmade!

Thursday 11th - Spoil Your Teacher Day
Bring a favorite snack, do an extra chore, make their lives easier! Lunch will be catered by the Parent Committee.

Friday 12th - Looking for a gift? Teachers LOVE gift cards! Give a morning coffee or introduce them to your favorite restaurant!

Phoenix Herpetological Sanctuary

Our Senior Elementary 2 class got to learn about and meet some very cool reptile friends. The Herpetological Society promotes conservation and preservation of reptiles through education, rehabilitation, rescue and relocation. It was fascinating to learn about different animals and their individual needs. The society is located in Scottsdale and offers a variety of visiting options from tours to birthday parties, annual special events, educational trainings and even the option to be a curator for a day. If your child loves reptiles check out their [website](#) to learn more about feeding their passion!



Our New Copy Machine! Thanks to Dibble!

One of our parents, Amzie Cox, approached the CEO of the company she works for, The Dibble Corporation, about the possibility of purchasing a new copier for us. HERE IT IS! We are thrilled and the administrative staff want to thank Amzie Cox for her efforts and her CEO, Greg Haggerty, for his kindness and generosity.



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SPRING FLING

Our Spring Fling was a great success! Many thanks to our music teacher Mr. Murphy for putting together a spectacular production and Leyla Forrest for volunteering as our DJ. As well as a heartfelt thank you to all of our students and families who volunteered their time and energy organizing and volunteering with refreshments, face paint and the bookfair! We are so glad to have been able to share such a lovely evening with our community.



Food Drive

Congratulations to our winning class JE-III who collected 259 food items! A big shout out to our Primary class who was the runner up collecting 149 items! Overall, an outstanding effort by staff, students and parents! Thank you so much! Both Primary and JEIII will be receiving a pizza party for their efforts!



Book Fair

What an amazing turn-out at the Spring Bookfair! Our community clearly loves literacy! All purchases benefit our school by earning rewards for all kinds of educational resources and most importantly connect kids with books! We are especially thankful for our parent and student volunteers who make this happen, there would be no bookfair without you!



Art Happenings

Our Junior Elementary class proudly presents their completed works for their six week puppet project! Construction of this project included cutting, gluing, paper-mache, and painting. Students also designed outfits for their puppets which they then cut and sewed themselves, adding ribbons, buttons and other decorations. This large multi-step project taught not only art and motor skills but patience, resiliency and perseverance. Congratulations to all the students for their dedication and their amazing finished projects, they turned out fantastic! Check out a few of the finished projects!



Mock Trial

To be held May 10th at 9:00 a.m.

This year we will be conducting a criminal trial, ***People v. Andrew Madison***, involving a young man who was arrested for assault and battery, assault on a police officer, and disorderly conduct. The defendant is alleging that he was the victim of police brutality.

Each student in the Street Law class will be playing a role, either as a witness, an attorney, or the bailiff. Ms. Vroom, a retired attorney, will serve as the trial judge. We are fortunate that again this year, Ms. Veronica Shatte-Rice, an MDS parent and attorney, will serve as our Jury Foreperson, the jury will be comprised of next years 7th grade class and the remaining middle school student. All middle school students will have an opportunity to take Street Law as an elective next school year.



Peg's Corner

We're approaching the end of MDS' 41st year and what a magnificent year it's continuing to be! After a frolicking Spring Fling, including a rollicking Disney Dispatch, we're anticipating more end-of year fun, leading to Graduation Days on 5/25 & 5/26.

Hats off to our faithful PAC parents for their dedicated planning and coordinating work, along with thanks to every community member – families, staff and friends – for creating the most lively, convivial, vibrant and fruitful year yet!



A COOL summer to all, with anticipation for seeing familiar faces in it and in the year of adventure to come! Peace and all good to all.



Summer Program

We are very pleased to announce that this year we will be offering a Summer Program. There will be four two-week sessions. Each week has a new and exciting theme to learn about while keeping our academics sharp with hands on materials, engaging games and books. The enrollment form can be found [HERE](#) as well as the office. Spots are limited so sign up today!

Session I - Nature & Space: June 5 - June 16

This session we will learn about the wide world of nature and space. Learn about geology as we grow crystals and make edible rocks. The stars will come alive as we make pipe cleaner constellations, and learn about the moon, sun and planets. Older children will take short hikes at the start of the day (permission required) and experience the beautiful nature of the Sonoran Desert.

Session II - Experiments, Games & Riddles, Cooking: June 19 - June 30

This session we discover the wonders of science as we conduct experiments. We will explore how things move, matter and the periodic table. There will also be some robot making! Week 2 will explore the science of cooking by baking, digestion, the good/ bad of sugar and sweetness, make our own butter, and learn the making rice dance!

Session III - Art History & Traditional Art: July 3- July 14 (Closed July 4th)

We will begin by learning and making out very own prehistoric art in our very own cave! Our exploration will take us from ancient times through the modern arts. The following week, the students will dive into traditional arts such as drawing, painting, sculpting, weaving, collage and more!

Session IV - Music & Theatre, Free Fun Week: July 17 - July 28

During our final session we will learn about musical notes, instruments and theatrics. As the summer ends we will have lots of free time fun from dressing up as characters from books, making lava lamps, tie dying, movie & pajama day and water day!

Half Day: 9am-12pm	\$300/2 weeks
Full Day: 9am-3pm	\$365/2 weeks
Extended Day: 7am-4:30pm	\$400/2 weeks