

January 2026 Newsletter

Important Dates

January 5: Classes Resume

January 13: Parent Committee

In Ms. Hannah's room next to the main office 5:30pm – 6:30pm

January 19th: Martin L. King Holiday

School closed- No Extended Care

January 28th: Half Day

- All Grades dismissed at 11:30am
- Extended care available

Upcoming Dates

February 3: Parent Committee

- In Ms. Hannah's room next to the main office - 5:30pm – 6:30pm

February 6- Open House/Open Enrollment @ 4pm-6:30pm

Re-enrollments- It is that time of year again to re-enroll for the 2026-2027 school year. We will hold our annual Open House on **Friday February 6th from 4-6:30 pm**. Please note that in Arizona, the cut off for Kindergarten eligibility is five years old by September 1st.

Winter Program

What fun we had that night! Our students had so much fun performing for such a great audience! **A big THANK YOU to Mr. Murphy** for his hard work and dedication that gave a beautiful program. Congrats to all the students on a delightful performance and thank you to everyone who came out to support the artistic talents of so many students! From food, to songs, to plays, to sing-a-longs, that night had it all! We can't wait to see what they'll show off next year!

Winter Bazaar- What amazing artists we have at MDS! Fantastic job to all the young artists who made crafts for the Bazaar! And a big **THANK YOU** to all those who donated to the Parent Committee Sale volunteers for setting up and running the Bazaar, you rock!

Extracurricular Activities- Clubs are starting up again the week of January 26th! Watch for the email with program signups! Clubs will run for 12 weeks and cost \$100 per student.

Juggling & Flow Club - We are beginning a juggling class this Spring. Students will focus on hand/eye coordination and will learn a fun skill.

- **2nd grade & up: Tuesdays @3:30 – 4:30**

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Join us to battle monsters, collect treasure and work as a team in a cooperative game based on imagination, teamwork & storytelling. D&D helps develop teamwork, problem solving as well as reading and math.

- **6th– 8th grade: Thursday @ 3:30 pm-5:00pm**

Twinkle Toes Dance !!Enroll now!!

Children will learn the basics of dance, movement and music in a refreshing and creative way. They will be introduced to a variety of dance styles including; **ballet, hip hop, musical theater and more!**

- **Primary & Kinder:** Tuesday @ 2:30 -3:15

- **Elementary:** Tuesday @ 3:15 -4:00

Soccer Shots This activity is an engaging children's soccer program for preschool – 3rd grade. Weekly 30 minutes 14 sessions include basic soccer skills as well as character building lessons, coordination, balance and agility development.

- **Ages 3-5:** Wednesday @2:30pm

- **Ages 6-8:** Wednesday @ 3:15 pm

Beyond Academics Montessori said the children's play is their work. In that same spirit, we believe that children learn through doing, through experimenting, through making choices and by making mistakes. In this way they gain mastery of their physical bodies, their emotions, and their minds. At MDS we strive to go beyond reading, writing and math through physical education music and arts as well as character building.

Make a Difference Today!

Please consider donating directly to Montessori Day School Mountainside!

Through the Arizona tax credit program (ARS 43-1089.01), taxpayers can contribute up to \$200 for an individual and \$400 for a married couple to help fund extracurricular activities.

Scan to Donate:



MDS tax donation

Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code and make a secure online donation. Every dollar counts! A receipt will be emailed directly to you!

Your donation goes directly to the school to pay for extracurricular activities such as Sports, Art, Music, Clubs, Crafts, Field trips, and more! It also helps students who may not be able to pay cover their portion of an activity!

You don't have to be a parent to donate! ANYONE who pays Arizona state taxes can donate to the school and receive this tax credit!

Any money you have already paid towards extracurricular activities this year also counts towards this donation!

Thank you for donating to our school

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Happy New Year!	2 School Closed	3
4	5 Classes Resume	6	7	8	9 Office hosting Pizza	10
11	12	13 PAC meeting @ 5:30pm	14	15	16 JEI hosting Pizza	17
18	19 Martin L. King School Closed No Ext. Care	20	21	22	23 Office hosting Spaghetti Ravioli	24
25	26	27	28 Early Release 11:30 Ext. care available	29	30 SEI hosting Pizza	31

A BIG THANK YOU!

PAC Meeting

Will take place
January 13th. Join
us to help plan the
fun events for our
school our school
runs on volunteers!

- We are always thankful to all of our wonderful volunteers! Without you, we could not have done it! A big thank you to Anne Hendricks, Veronica & Andrew Shatte-Rice, Matthew Baldwin & volunteers for setting up running the Bazaar!
- Theresa Zuluaga for always giving our front bulletin board a makeover!
- All of our families who came out to support your children, our staff and a big thank you to those who donated puzzles, games, books and baked goods, for helping out to be a great and successful event!