

Montessori Schoolhouse December 2017

Dates to remember:

- Dec 4th-Students from Guatemala will visit and share their culture.
- Dec 5th,6th-Giving Store
- Dec 7th-Students from Africa will visit and share their culture.
- Dec 4th-8th-brown bag ornament to school
- Dec 7th-Monte Cafe
- Dec 7th-No MAC
- Dec 12th-7th, 8th grade to Lyceum
- Dec 13th-7, 8th grade glass demo
- Dec 14th-Montessori Food Drive
- Dec 14th-Preschool gift book to school
- Dec 15th-7th, 8th grade Colonial Holiday Trip
- Dec 19th-school-made tamales for lunch
- Dec. 19th-No MAC
- Dec 20-Jan 3rd- No school. See you on the 4th!

We would like to re-use your unwanted newspaper in our chicken coop. If you have any please leave it in the entry or give it to Justin.

Weather Closings

Please check our website (this is the first place we will post) or watch K.C. tv stations 4,5,9,41 for weather closings.

We have written 5 weather days into our schedule. In other words, there are 5 extra days in our schedule in anticipation of closings. If we don't use them we will just have plenty of time together. If we use more than 5 we will consider options for make ups or make slight adjustments in our daily schedules to adjust for any missed work.

Use your judgment, regardless of the decision we have made for the school, if you don't feel safe to travel-stay home! Our students travel from eight different school districts and the conditions may well be different where you are. Our curriculum is individualized and we can and will accommodate.

!Montessori Food Drive!

December 14th, 7:40-8:30 a.m.

On December 14th we will be gathering as much food as we can for the local food bank. We would like to fill TWO trunks on the morning of December 14th. One preschool and one elementary trunk..maybe a little competition :)? If you can't bring food on the 14th, you may bring it ahead of date and we will trunk it for you.

Please let us know if you can volunteer yourself and your trunk on the 14th!

Every day we strive to help the children understand the value of considering other's needs and the joy of giving. With this in mind, we are setting up a Giving Store for the children to shop for their loved ones. Every gift will be \$1. Not intended as a fundraiser but if there is profit it will be donated to a good cause. **We also still need donations of used or not used gift bags, brown paper grocery bags and any pre-owned gift items for men, women and kids that are in new condition. Thanks!**

Holiday Celebration

On Tuesday, December 19th we will all celebrate the Holidays at school "family style". Students and teachers may wear their p.j.s to school for a fun and relaxed day of laughing and hot chocolate sipping.

Interested in sending in a special snack for your child's class? Let us know.

Gift Exchanges

Preschool

We will be exchanging names and books with each other. Please spend \$5 or less have it wrapped and to school by Monday, December 14th. We will send a note home soon to let you know which name your child has drawn. The Scholastic book order we sent home would be a great way to pick up your book.

Elementary (K-8th)-Rather than gifts for each other, K-8 will be directing their giving to the food drive on the 14th and a gift to Heifer International.

Montessori Christmas Tree

We would like for our school trees to represent our school family. We will send home a paper bag with your child's name on it. Please return the bag very soon with an ornament from your family inside. Your child may tell the class about it and then we will put it on our school tree. Any type of ornament you send is just great! We will return the ornament at the end of the season (hopefully, in one piece but...).

You don't celebrate Christmas? No problem, get creative and see what you can put in the bag for us! It can be for the tree or not.