

Dates to remember:

- Feb 6th-7th, 8th grade to Kauffman Center
- Feb 8th-Monte Cafe, 7:45-8:30
- Feb 14th -Valentine celebrations
- Feb 19th-No school in honor of President's Day

Looking ahead...

March 18- TALENT SHOW

March 22-No MAC

March 23-No school, teachers at conference

March 29,30 April 2,3-No school for Easter break

FYI: The new tax law allows you to pay private school tuition from a 529 plan. The money only has to be in the 529 plan 7 days prior to pulling it out.

Talent Show

March 18th

at 'The Lex' in Lexington

4:00-5:00

Every student will be involved in a class act. Interested students and/or family members are encouraged to sign up for an additional two minute act (or silly ability). Don't be shy, it's just for fun!

The entire show will be student organized and led. It is a great time and we encourage friends and family to attend.

Please let us know if your child cannot attend so that we may adjust the class acts accordingly.

Admission is free.

There will be concessions available.

Valentine's Day

Preschool: Please make (or help make) a Valentine Keeper for your preschool child at home. Anything goes but...

-be certain your child's name is really clear, bold and visible.

-Can be as simple (gift bag) or as elaborate as you feel like!

-the opening must be big enough to fit things like cans of playdo and pieces of fruit..

-have it to school **on or before the 13th**.

If your child chooses to bring Valentines for the class, please include 22 (one for each classmate, one for themselves-yes they'll want one of their own. Teachers they might like to remember are Lisa, Amy, Hannah, Amanda, Tina and *especially Lindsey* :)! We want the kids to have the option to deliver independently so only put other students' names on the valentines if your child can read them well. You might be surprised that your student can read all of the names! Ask us for a class list if you'd like one.

Elementary (K-6): Students will exchange Valentines at school. If your student chooses to bring Valentines for the class please be certain there is one for each member of his/her class.

Hola! This is Hannah, your child's Spanish teacher. I thought you might enjoy some information regarding the less than obvious benefits of the Spanish language instruction your child engages in daily at Montessori. Below is a partial list taken from the American Council of Teaching Foreign Languages website actfl.org. The website contains more in depth information, so if this piques your interest, please check out the additional benefits under their "Advocacy" tab.

* There is a correlation between language learning and students' ability to hypothesize in Science.

* There is a correlation between young children's second language development and the development of print awareness (an important component of learning to read).

* There is a correlation between language study and higher scores on the SAT and ACT tests.

* There is evidence that early language learning improves cognitive abilities and offsets age related cognitive losses later in life,

Who knew that language training right now could help develop scientific ability and prevent dementia at the end of life!

♥ Valentine Lunch Special ♥

Hey School Fam! Our Upper Elementary kids are super close to having enough money to fund an Amtrak train ride to St. Louis to visit the city museum.

To help them reach their goal they are selling a special **Valentine's Day Pizza Hut Pizza lunch on February 14th.**

XOXO



Please sign up in the entry area.

