



White Mountain Montessori School

Learning for a Lifetime

March 2011

What makes Montessori education so unique?

- Students are taught independence at a young age
- Self-discovery of the world around them helps foster interest and motivated learning
- Teachers focus on developing different learning styles
- Students learn to develop social skills that will aid them with conflict resolution



- Students are taught to respect themselves, other, and the world around them
- Materials are fun, hands-on learning tools the child enjoys
- Students learn at their own pace, yet guided by caring adults to strive for a challenge

Elementary Reminders

- March 30> Used Book Sale for "Kid's Cancer Research"
 - April 8th> 1/2 day for Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - April 11th> 1/2 day for Parent-Teacher Conference
 - April 11-25> Stanford 10 Testing (2nd, 3rd, 4th graders only)
 - April 20th> Science Night at 6:30pm, Science projects will be on display at main campus
 - May 19-20> Camping trip to Sharp Creek
- ***PARENTS ARE THE KEY TO MONTESSORI SUCCESS> KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!**

Director's Report

As many of you know, music is an important part of our education program here at WMMS. Unfortunately, our beloved music instructor, Ms Eithen has moved to Boston with her family. Her husband, Mike Stover was a school board member who had been involved in our school for many years. We are sad to see the wonderful Stover family move on. We wish them the best!!

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce our new music instructor, Brenda Kelly. She is highly recommended from Eithne. Brenda brings a wealth of music instruction experience and she is excited to join our teaching team. Welcome Ms. Kelly!!

Lastly, I want to remind everyone that we need volunteers to serve on several school committees that will help WMMS continue to grow and improve in the years to come. These committees include:

- Strategic planning
- Pay scale research for employees
- fundraising

If you are interested by taking an active role in your child's school, please see Mary Jane (our office manager) or myself. Thank you in advance for your time!

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Class Reports

In February the 3-6 class:

- Made frog Valentines and celebrated Valentine's Day by showing love to our friends and family
- The librarian came to visit and talk about books
- Ms. Jessie taught Russian! Just ask and we can sing "head-shoulders-knees-and-toes"
- The students enjoyed Ms. Jan's doll collection. She has dolls from Switzerland, Sweden, Ireland, and Greece



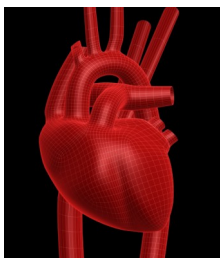
Elementary Report

The class is currently preparing for their science projects in April. They have learned many new science concepts lately as they prepare for their final project. The students have been working especially hard to complete work and special assignments in order to go skiing on full day Fridays. The students also got to enjoy snowshoeing with Stephen Campbell from University of AZ. He gave them multiple lessons on outdoor survival skills. In addition, Jennifer Johnson from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Agency has been working with our students to learn more about native species of AZ. We are proud to share all the great things the class is being exposed to. For this reason, we'd like to extend an invitation to any parent interested in learning more about the elementary program to set up a time to visit the class and observe the kids in action. Also, please visit our new face book page which highlights all of our community service projects!

Did you know??

WMMS Board is made up of parents and staff. Caregiver involvement is critical to the success of the school. That includes the Board. The Board primarily deals with the business aspect of the school. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm at the school (unless otherwise noted). All WMMS families are welcome. You do not have to be on the board to attend. You also earn your volunteer hours by coming to the meetings. If you attend a full meeting, you can earn one hour of time. You can also participate in committees.

OUR HEART BELONGS TO WHITE MOUNTAIN MONTESSORI!!



In our study groups we learned:

- **Geography**> We studied Europe, roman numerals, early Rome, the origins of Valentine's Day, and dolls from European countries. Kinders made Russian flax dolls.
- **Zoology**> We studied reptiles. We learned the parts of a turtle and snakes. Kinders compared and contrasted reptiles and amphibians.
- **Science**> We are learning about static electricity
- **Art**> We worked on Valentine projects, patterns, and a disco ball
- **Music**> We had vocal practice, learned beats and rhythms, and sadly our last class with Ms. Eithne. :(The Kinders continue to study music notes and desk bells.
- **Language, Math, Sensorial, and Practical Life**> Independent lessons and levels

Kinder Class

- **Language**> We worked with 'ond', 'ong', 'ock', 'oth', 'oth', 'oss', and 'ost'. We learned short e word families: et, en, ed, eg, ess, ell, end, elt, ent, est, eck, ench.
- **Creative Writing**> We worked on Valentine and February words. We had fun with free writing and illustrating
- **Poetry Journal**> "A Million Valentines" by Robert Heidbreder, "Frogs Lullaby" by Charlotte Pomerantz, "Riddle" by Patricia Hubbell
- **Math**> Valentine addition worksheets, addition, subtraction and number line. Worked on subtraction; static and dynamic
- **Social Studies**> We introduced biographies of famous people



IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

You can still direct your 2010 tax dollars and help a child attend a school of their choice. If you donate to a private school tuition support organization before April 15, 2011, you may claim a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on either your 2010 or your 2011 AZ taxes. If you file jointly max is \$1,000, single \$500. Any amount can help and is greatly appreciated. The private school tax credit may be taken in addition to the public school tax credit. For further information and contributions, contact Anna Atencio at 242-8864, Pinetop Tuition Support Organization, P.O.Box 1598, Pinetop, AZ 85935