

Montessori Matters



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Dates to Remember :

Feb. 23

PSAT for 10th Grade

Feb. 24-25

HS presents Bocon at
Clemson Little Theatre

Spring Cleaning?

Please save gently used shoes for our Shoe Drive. We have partnered with an organization that ships shoes to developing countries to promote microeconomics. When we provide shoes to start small businesses, parents are able to provide for their children. MSA benefits by helping families internationally and receiving fundraising dollars based on the amount of shoes we collect. Bring on the shoes and drop them by the front office!

During February, our school will be participating in Heart for Helping. This is a community-wide effort, sponsored by AIM, to raise funds to help those in need. Students may help by purchasing hearts in their classrooms for \$1 each. What a great way to think of others and spread the love!

From the Head of School



Much research has been performed of late about the importance of Emotional Intelligence, but I fear that it is a misunderstood, even maligned, concept. Many students and parents alike think of Emotional Intelligence as something non-substantive – “touchy-feely”- with no connection to real education. In truth, Emotional Intelligence, at its very core, is the ability to regulate and harness one’s emotions and apply them to the thinking and problem-solving process. Inherent in this concept is an awareness of one’s state of emotion at any given point in time. That level of self-knowledge, along with its application to solving problems – can be a skill that is developed, and, in my opinion, highly necessary.

With its “whole-child” focus on education, the Montessori method does a very nice job of requiring children to take stock of their emotions not only for their sake, but also for the sake of their own learning community. Peace Tables and Grace and Courtesy protocols exist in every Montessori classroom throughout the world – and good things happen there – namely, the willingness to work out conflicts peacefully. Children skilled in strategies that promote emotional intelligence produce adults that can well negotiate just about any situation with a calm resolve and thoughtful approach – a skill in very high demand in today’s workforce.

Although only 20 percent of his written work survives, we can learn much from the writings of Aristotle on education. Arguably his most famous quote, “Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all,” Aristotle believed that we should all act to work for that which is good and right – not just necessarily that which is correct. He theorized that reason, when applied to the emotions, contributed to educative balance of body, mind, AND soul.

I’m always so pleased and inspired to walk into any of our classrooms here at school and witness children speaking to each other with an attitude of respect and helpfulness. That awareness and that skill is taught here – each and every day. The ability to self-regulate and act from a platform of kindness is most definitely not a weakness, as parts of our culture might argue. We are in an age that values strength through cooperation and mutual collaboration. Embedded in that reality is natural conflict that arises between individuals. By the time your child is tested by that reality, their Montessori education will have taught them how best to navigate that conflict not only for their benefit, but also for ours.

Yours in Montessori Education,
Vance

Toddlers care for their environment

Taking care of the environment is a task that adults cannot do alone. In our toddler classrooms, the children help plant and water the flowers and also help feed the birds. The child is developing skills like coordination, independence, order, and concentration.



Upper Elementary Poetry Night





*“Let us leave the life free to develop within the limits of the good, and let us observe this inner life developing.”
-Maria Montessori*



**Dr. Mahajan's
The Chemistry class studied
the “Chemistry of Love”**



**The 11th grade Chemistry
students made posters with
different types of
molecules/ hormones
involved in love.**



BOOÓN!

presented by The Montessori School of Anderson



Clemson Little Theatre
214 S Mechanic St, Pendleton, SC 29670

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 @ 7 PM



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SUPER SERVICE SATURDAY

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APRIL 1, 2017
10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM
280 SAM MCGEE ROAD
ANDERSON**

**JOIN US IN HELPING
LOCAL CHARITIES
AND BEYOND.**

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PAWS – NEWSPAPERS, OLD BLANKETS AND TOWELS, FOOD, DOG AND CAT TOYS

CLEAN START - DETERGENT, BLEACH, SNACKS, TOILETRY SAMPLES, BOTTLED WATER

AIM – SHELF-STABLE FOOD FOR STUDENTS DURING THE SUMMER

MEALS ON WHEELS – LOOSE CHANGE

SHOE COLLECTION – GENTLY-USED SHOES FOR MICROECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTERNATIONALLY

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

