

October Monthly News



Denison Montessori

The 2017-2018 school year is off to a great start! We've celebrated the solar eclipse, Spirit Week, and World Peace Day. Lower EI classes visited the Calder exhibit at the Denver Botanic Gardens, and many students are involved in after-school ukulele classes and Girls on the Run. Elementary students shared their favorite Montessori work with families at Watch Me Work Night. We've had a great turnout at community meetings and parent events. Thanks for your participation and support!

News

Share our message and enter to win!

We are expanding our communication strategies! Starting this month, we have a monthly newsletter, in addition to the unique content on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Pinterest.

Become a new follower on social media or post a review of our school online and enter to win new Denison T-shirts for your Denison students!

You can enter our monthly raffle by doing the following:

- Become a new follower on Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or Pinterest)
- Post a review of us on Facebook or GreatSchools.org

When you do this, please email caroline_robbs@dpsk12.org with the subject "Raffle."

If you have already done one of these options, let us know.

Thank you for all that you do to support our community!

- **Facebook:** Denison Montessori, @DenisonMontessoriSchool
- **Twitter:** @DenisonMont
- **Instagram:** denisonmontessori
- **Pinterest:** Denison Montessori

Reminder: No School Oct. 26th and 27th (Professional Days),
Nov. 2 (Conference Day), Nov. 3 (Denison Day);

No School for Primary (ECE-K) Nov. 6 (Professional Day)



Community Events

October is a busy month, with PAC meetings, the Fall Festival, our Primary Hike, Parent-Teacher Conferences, and more. Get an overview of upcoming events at denison.dpsk12.org/category/events.

Support your child's literacy and language development! Dialogic Reading Training Oct. 17

Parents and students ages 9-12, join us on Tuesday, Oct. 17 for a free training in Dialogic Reading that will stimulate your child's vocabulary and oral language development. Pizza, childcare, and interpretation will be offered. Find more information in Friday Folders and on our website.

safeTALK workshop Oct. 18

On Wednesday, Oct. 18th, our school will host a workshop on safeTALK (Suicide Awareness for Everyone). This is a 3-hour training for parents and faculty designed to ensure that persons with thoughts of suicide are connected to helpers. Find more information in Friday Folders.

Fall Festival Oct. 21

Our annual Fall Festival is Saturday, Oct. 21st, from 1-4 PM at Denison. Come in costume and enjoy our school community! To volunteer, look for information in Friday Folders, at FDMontessori.com, or at the FDM meetings on October 10th and 17th.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Oct. 25, 4:30-8:00; Nov. 1, 4:30-8:00;
Nov. 2, 8:00-4:00. See the next page.

School Performance Framework / CSC Meeting Oct. 24

We will hold a Community Meeting to discuss our School Performance Framework on Oct. 24 from 5:00-6:00. Our monthly CSC meeting will follow from 6:00-7:00. More information is coming!

Classroom News

Room 205 honors a great person each week. They recently featured Georgia O'Keeffe. They created paintings to see the beauty in the small and paint it big!

Rooms 106, 107, and 108 enjoyed their field trip to the Alexander Calder exhibit at the Denver Botanic Gardens.

Room 105's full-day students had a hands-on division lesson while preparing a fruit salad.

Room 203's fifth graders planned, prepared, and served lunch for their class!

Room 102 could use donations of: cotton balls, white card stock, colored copy paper, colored construction paper, sponges, Kleenex boxes, child-size Dixie cups, and gallon-size Ziploc baggies.

Any new potted plants potted are always a welcomed gift.

They are also working on the following song:

Brown Squirrel

Brown squirrel, brown squirrel, shake your bushy tail (repeat line above)

Wrinkle up your little nose, crack a nut between your toes,

Brown squirrel, brown squirrel, shake your bushy tail.

EDUCA Radio live from Denison!

On Thursday, Oct. 5th, EDUCA Radio broadcast live from our school! You can check out the broadcast at educaradio.org. Thank you to all who participated!

Parent Liaison News

Denison has a new Parent/Family Liaison. Caroline has office hours in 110C in the library (check in at the main office) on Tuesdays, 8:50-9:30, and Wednesdays, 3:00-3:45, and by appointment. We also have a parent lending library in the Denison Library and lots of parent information in the main lobby.

We're trying to expand our family communication. If you believe you signed up for Robocalls and email announcements and aren't receiving them, please let her know (caroline_robbins@dpsk12.org). Note: we also post our Robocall text on our Facebook page and on our website, under "Principal Phone Calls."

Love and Logic Training

Are you looking for ways to build motivation and cooperative relationships with your child? There is a 1-day Love and Logic training held in Arvada on November 7th. Find more information and register at loveandlogic.com – search "Colorado."

Peace Place

We have a new Restorative Justice Coordinator, Halie Gianulis. Halie teaches Community classes for Kindergarten-3rd grade on social-emotional issues. She also welcomes children into the Peace Place to practice self-regulation and conflict-resolution. Ask your child to model a Rose conversation!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Denison's Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held October 25th, 4:30-8:00 PM; November 1st, 4:30-8:00 PM; and November 2nd, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Sign up with your child's teacher. Come with questions! Remember there is no school Nov. 2nd for Conferences and Nov. 3rd for a Denison Day (see page 1).

