



Denison Montessori

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THEIR TIME AND PLACE

Thank you for your involvement and support of your child's education! We have had great turnout and engagement with events like Parent-Teacher Conferences, the Scholastic Book Fair, the Thanksgiving Feast, our PAC-sponsored Community Wellness Meeting, and our first Winter Concert. Thank you to all who participated in our Believe fundraiser, too. We appreciate your dedication!

News

Denison Montessori is participating in the **For Small Hands School Credit Promotion** through December 31st. This program allows our school to earn credit that will be used to purchase classroom materials to enhance your child's learning experience. The For Small Hands catalog is filled with age-appropriate, child-size items that encourage independence, creativity, and problem-solving. This is a great opportunity to purchase unique and educational holiday gifts. Please share your catalog with family members and neighbors! Order by Dec. 9th to receive items by Christmas. You can place individual orders and credit Denison by referencing our school customer number, **105016**. Denison earns a 10% credit on orders over \$25. You can order online: ForSmallHands.com; by phone: 888-513-3998; or by mail: see the catalog order form (p. 28). Thank you for supporting Denison!



Winter Staff Appreciation Week will be Dec. 18th – 20th. If you would like to help thank our staff, please consider helping on the following dates.

Monday, Dec. 18th: the school is offering massages. If you have completed a volunteer background check and would like to help cover a classroom, please email through FDMontessori.com or contact the school office.

Tuesday, Dec. 19th: Staff Lunch: families can offer Crock Pot soups, breads, and appetizers.

Wednesday, Dec. 20th: Cookie Swap. Share 2 dozen of your favorite cookies.

Check out FDMontessori.com or Friday Folders for more details. Thank you!

Student News

Ms. Marybeth's class studied the skeletal system and made small- and large-scale models: ask your student about the mandible or clavicle!

Ms. Liz's class has enjoyed growing and caring for plants in the classroom. They could use donations of small ceramic plant pots.

Ms. Julie's class shared research projects at their Interest Fair on Nov. 17.

Community Events

In December, we host our second Winter Concert, our second Dialogic Training Workshop, our Denison Talent Show, FDM and CSC Meetings, and our Winter Staff Appreciation Event. Denison is your school and your community. We hope to see you here!

Thursday, Dec. 7th, 6:00 P.M. (Students report to classrooms at 5:45): Winter Concert for Rooms 106, 207, 108, 107 (Ms. Stacy's, Ms. Kelly M.'s, Ms. Marybeth's, and Ms. Beverly's classes)

Friday, Dec. 8th, 9:00-10:00 A.M.: PAC-sponsored Dialogic Reading Training (Open to all), Library (see below)

Tuesday, Dec. 12th, 4:15-5:30 P.M.: FDM Meeting, Library

Wednesday, Dec. 13th, 5:00-7:30: Denison Talent Show Fundraiser for 6 Grade Trip (more information coming)

Monday, Dec. 18-Wednesday, Dec. 20 – Winter Staff Appreciation (See left)

Tuesday, Dec. 19th, 5:30-7:30 P.M.: CSC Meeting, Library

Thursday, Dec. 21st: 1st Semester Report Cards go home

Friday, Dec. 22nd – Friday, Jan. 5: No School (Winter Break)

Sunday, Dec. 31: For Small Hands Promotion ends

PAC Presents: Dialogic Reading Workshop, Friday, Dec. 8th, 9:00, Denison Library

We had an enjoyable Dialogic Reading workshop in October and hope to share this with more families. Friday, Dec. 8th, from 9:00-10:00, Denison's PAC (organization for bilingual parents) will be hosting a Dialogic Reading Workshop in Denison's Library. Visitors from the Denver Public Library will share strategies on reading with young children that are fun and that stimulate their vocabulary and oral language development. We hope to have presentations in Spanish, English, and Vietnamese, depending on enrollment, and will have free gifts and resources. You may bring a child under age 3 with you to sit with you. Please RSVP by Tuesday, Dec. 5th with the form in Friday Folders or through our website under "Events." We hope you can join us!

Student News, Continued

Ms. Bami's class enjoyed an apple cider tasting and has done a lot of hands-on work related to autumn.

Ms. Rose's class studied the Dutch artist Johannes Vermeer and enjoyed a traditional Netherlands tea party complete with street waffles, Dutch apple pie, and chocolate treats. Special thanks to Angela Robbins and her family for their help!

For **Cultural Science with Ms. Linda**, Elementary students enjoyed an assembly with Josh Ehrlich, the NASA solar system ambassador who has completed a HI-SEAS simulated Mars mission in Hawaii. Josh presented a slide show of his mission, shared his experiences growing up--wishing to become an astronaut--and inspired Denison students with the message that they, too, can reach for the stars if they are determined! K-3 students learned about the needs and proper procedures for recycling with an assembly with guests from the Children's Museum.

Ms. Stacy's and Ms. Beverly's classes have been raising money for orphaned elephant calves and giraffes. Ms. Beverly's class has "adopted" Mundusi, a little male elephant, at the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust in Kenya, and they are continuing their efforts in hopes of adopting yet another orphan. Ms. Stacy's class "adopted" Kiko, a baby giraffe, last year in a team effort with Room 105 and are raising money now in order to continue to support Kiko in the coming year. There is a collection jar in the main office.

Ms. Lisa's and Ms. Christy's classes enjoyed a trip to the Colorado Symphony.

The **Girls on the Run** group with students from grades 3-6 had a wonderful time in their Candy Run 5K on November 12! Thank you to all coaches, volunteers, and parents for your support!

Parent Liaison News

Please make sure that your contact information is up-to-date with the school. If your phone number, address, or email address have changed, please notify the school office right away. This ensures that we can contact you in the event of illness or emergency. Thank you!

December can be a joyful time but also a stressful time for families. If your family is in need of support, please reach out to our Parent Liaison, Caroline: caroline_robbins@dpsk12.org – or visit her during Office Hours in 110C on Tuesdays from 8:50-9:30, Wednesdays from 3:00-3:45, or by appointment.

Please contact Caroline or Merrilee at Denison if you need coats or clothing, energy help, or other assistance for your family. In addition, note the following resources:

- Dependable Cleaners Coats: 1701 S. Broadway; 303-777-2673; coats are offered at no cost for those in need. Bring bags. Call to learn more.
- Coats for Colorado: 303-777-2673; call to schedule an appointment for coats.
- Energy Outreach Colorado: If you need help paying your energy bill, contact the Center for Family Opportunity: 720-424-8688
- Free ESL Classes through the Center for Family Opportunity: 720-424-8688
- For Food Banks, Shelter, or Rental Assistance: Call 211 (Mile High United Way)

Have a wonderful holiday season and Winter Break with your families! Remember to keep up your child's daily reading routine each day during Winter Break.

