



Denison Montessori

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THEIR TIME AND PLACE

In April, we enjoyed seeing many of you at the Denison Soirée and Jump Rope for Heart, as well as meetings of the CSC, FDM, and PAC. In May, we hope to see many of you at our events this month (see the calendar to the right for more information). Check out our new website at denison.dpsk12.org. We hope you have a fabulous last month of school!

News

Fundraising Update

Thank you for supporting the American Heart Association with **Jump Rope for Heart**. We raised over \$5000, far more than our goal!

Thank you for supporting our school at the Community Night at Torres Mexican Food!

Thank you, also, to the Torres family! They gave Families of Denison Montessori \$800, or 67% of proceeds, from the event!

Thank you for supporting our school and helping to purchase needed technology for research and 21st century skills at our **Denison Soirée on April 14th**. It was a fun community event that raised \$6,433.48! Special thanks to all who helped to organize and staff the event. Some art pieces from the event are still available for purchase and will be displayed in the front lobby.

Thank you for supporting the purchase of Montessori materials through our **Butter Braided sale!** Please pick up your orders May 3rd in the morning and May 4th during our Cinco de Mayo celebration. Denison receives 40% of all proceeds. Thank you to all who are helping with our **Cinco de Mayo** celebration, especially Ms. Alice!

Teacher Appreciation Week 2018

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 7th-11th. See the flyer from Friday Folders and for more information. Here is a summary, if you and your child would like to participate:

May 7th: Bring a flower for the teacher and/or a handwritten note

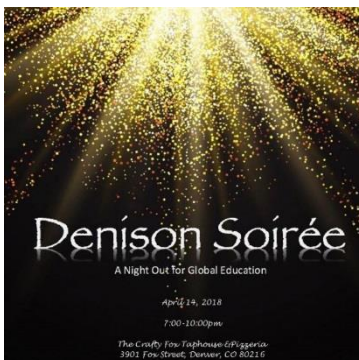
May 8th: "It's a Small World" International Potluck

May 9th: Coffee Cart

May 10th: Breakfast Potluck

May 11th: Staff Massages

Thank you to all who participate in thanking our teachers, and thank you to FDM (Families of Denison Montessori) for all that you do to support our staff!



Community Events

- May 3rd and 4th: Buy One, Get One Book Fair (Thursday: 8:15-9:00, 3:30-4:30; Friday: 8:15-12:00, 3:30-4:15); Butter Braids delivery
- May 3rd, 6:00 PM: Spring Concert I and Art Show (Kindergarteners, suggested color: purple; Room 108, suggested color: blue; Room 206 with optional help from 202, suggested color: white)
- May 4th, AM: Cinco de Mayo celebration; Upper El Science Fair
- May 7th, 6:00-9:00: Roller City community event, 6803 W Alameda Ave, Lakewood
- May 7th-11th: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 8th, 4:15-5:30 P.M.: FDM; Citywide Art Show, History Colorado Center
- May 10th, 6:00 PM: Spring Concert II and Art Show (Rooms 106, 205, suggested color: green; Rooms 107, 207, suggested color: yellow)
- May 11th, 9:00 AM: PAC
- May 11th: "Spend a Day in Rome" – Room 203
- May 14th, 9:00 AM: Vietnamese PAC
- May 15th-18th: 6th Grade Trip
- May 18th, 9:00 AM: Wellness Committee Meeting
- May 22nd, 5:30-7:30: CSC
- May 24th, 9:30-10:30: ECE-3 (half-day students') Field Day
- May 24th, 1:30-2:30: ECE-4 and Kindergarten Field Day
- May 25th, 1:15-2:55: Elementary (1st-6th) Field Day; 3:00-3:45: 6th Grade vs. Faculty Kickball Game
- May 28th: No School (Memorial Day)
- May 30th: 6th Grade Continuation
- May 31st: Last Day of School

Student News

Ms. Hanna's class has welcomed spring with gardening projects. **Ms. Liz's class** has enjoyed baking bread and enjoyed their pasta party for their top fundraising amount in the Pennies for Patients drive.

Mr. Tim's Music classes are preparing for their Spring Concerts and continuing to study the music of Australia, including work with the didgeridoo.

Upper EI classes have been hard at work on their Science Fair projects. Students will display their projects in the upstairs hallway on May 4th in the morning. Parents are welcome to attend and see the students' work from 9:00-9:30 that morning. Students, please escort your parents upstairs if you visit during the Cinco celebration. **Ms. Lisa's class** is preparing for "Spend a Day in Rome" on May 11th. **Ms. Meggy's class** enjoyed presenting their Ancient Egypt projects at their Egyptian Museum. **6th graders** are excited about their trip to Estes Park, May 15th-18th.

The **Shakespeare Club** won blue ribbons at the DPS Shakespeare Festival! Congratulations, thespians, and thanks to Ms. Tiffany and all parent helpers!

Congratulations to the following students who will be featured in the Citywide Art Show: **Melissa Machado, Liliana Garcia, Isabella Rodriguez, Eve Josephs, Ava Haro, Josiah Lobato, Alden Beckham, Adam Vu, Paige Fenner, and Jared Verde-Arce!**

Ms. Rose's and Ms. Marybeth's classes have been observing eggs in an incubator and have watched them hatch!

Ms. Stacy's class has worked hard on their Wax Museum!

Parent Liaison News

A reminder: Parent Satisfaction Surveys have gone home in Friday Folders. Each family should receive one survey. Please give us feedback about our school. **Please mail the surveys using the postage-provided envelope provided. The surveys should be returned by May 11th at the very latest.** Thank you for helping our school improve!

Check out these resources for **summer support and enrichment:**

The Denver Public Library's Summer of Reading begins June 1st. Visit summerofreading.org or stop into any Denver Public Library for information. Also, **Scholastic's Summer Reading Challenge:** www.scholastic.com/summer.

The My Denver Card for library and recreation access for ages 5-18: Visit a Denver Recreation Center to apply.

Summer meal programs: visit kidsfoodfinder.org or call DPS Food Services at (720) 423-5600.

The Montessori Arts Factory Drama camp, taught by our beloved Ms. Carrie, a former Denison teacher: montessoriartsfactory.com; summer camps at the **Arts Students League of Denver:** visit asld.org or call (303) 778-6990; art and culture camps at **El Museo de las Americas:** visit museo.org or call (303) 571-4401 (you'll see some Denison faces in their photos!)

Scholars Unlimited, a free academic enrichment opportunity for the summer: visit scholarsunlimited.org or call (303) 335-0290. Also, if your child was invited to the Summer Academy, we are still accepting applications in the school office!

A personal note: I have thoroughly enjoyed being Parent Liaison here at Denison and have loved my time with the Denison community these past four years. I'm sad to announce that my family and I will be relocating to Wisconsin this summer to be closer to our extended family. Best wishes to you all on your journey, and thank you for being such a kind and supportive community!

