



Denison Montessori

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THEIR TIME AND PLACE

We've been busy at Denison! In March, we enjoyed seeing many of you at the Montessori Parenting PAC meeting, the Community Night at Torres Mexican Food, the 6th Grade vs. Faculty Volleyball Game, meetings of the CSC and FDM, Room 207 Invertebrates presentations, and more. In April, join us for our Denison Soirée, Jump Rope for Heart in P.E. classes, and our regular meetings of CSC, FDM, and PAC. For a summary of recent fundraising activity, visit our website and search for "Fundraising."

News

Denison Soirée: A Night Out for Global Education at The Crafty Fox, April 14th

Families of Denison Montessori is hosting the first annual Denison Soirée: A Night Out for Global Education! This event will include a silent auction, raffle, food, and live music. It will be a chance for parents, grandparents, family, teachers, staff, and neighbors to get out for a night without the kids and strengthen our community, while raising money for Denison Montessori to support our children's education.

Please consider helping FDM make this night a success by volunteering and getting the word out about our community event and fundraiser.

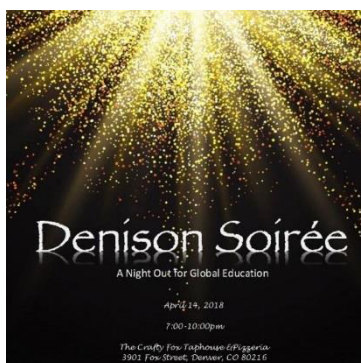
Tickets are available at different price points. While this is a fundraiser, please know that all are welcome, and if the cost is prohibitive, please let us know! To purchase your tickets, please visit <https://denisonsoiree.eventbrite.com>. We also have an FDM ticket booth at various pick-up and drop-off times.

If you'd like to volunteer some time during the event to keep things running smoothly, please contact Laura Gilsdorf at 720-530-9085 or l_gilsdorf@mac.com.

Art News from Ms. Jennifer

SO many things are happening on the Art front here at Denison!

1. Kindergarten students have been bringing home their Ocean Alphabet Books! They have worked all year on these and are quite proud of them! Enjoy going through their art books and their knowledge of Ocean animals.
 2. Students have created lovely pieces for the Soirée on April 14th. We hope you can come!
 3. We are planning to beautify Denison with a variety of cool mural projects!
 - a. The Timeline of Life is currently underway outside the library hall. This is a project of 3rd graders collaborating with Upper Elementary students.
 - b. Life Cycles of Colorado Flora and Fauna is a mural project that will be featured on the cement panels on the school building across from the Habitat Garden. These will be collaborative with Lower Elementary and our Gifted and Talented (G/T) students.
 - c. There will be a community butterfly mural project going up on the west cement walls that border our school along the playing fields outside.
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Community Events

Please join us at the Denison Soirée on April 14th (see below).

Please note that CMAS testing for 3rd – 6th grades will occur during the window of April 10th – 27th (your child will not be testing each day). Please ensure that your 3rd-6th grader arrives to school on time each day during this window, well-rested and well-nourished. If you'd like to donate healthy snacks to support FDM's testing snack contributions, you can drop them off in the main office on Monday, April 9th. Contact Cristina or Amanda via the school office if you have questions.

- April 6th – 20th: Butter Braids Fundraiser
- April 9th – May 4th: Parent Satisfaction Survey Window (please mail using envelope provided)
- April 9th-13th: Jump Rope for Heart
- April 10th – 27th: CMAS Window for grades 3-6 (students do not test all of these days; students should arrive at school on time)
- April 10th, 4:15-5:30 P.M.: Families of Denison Montessori (FDM) meets
- April 13th, 9:00-10:00 A.M.: PAC
- April 14th, 7:00 P.M.: Denison Soirée at The Crafty Fox (Adult Social and Silent Auction)
- April 24th, 5:30-7:30 P.M.: CSC
- April 27th: Shakespeare Festival
- May 3rd and 4th: Buy One, Get One Book Fair
- May 4th: Cinco de Mayo celebration
- May 7th: Roller City event (more information coming)
- May 7th-11th: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 8th, 4:15-5:30 P.M.: FDM
- May 11th, 9:00-10:00 A.M.: PAC
- May 15th: "It Takes a Loving Village" community goal-setting forum (more information coming)
- May 15th-18th: 6th Grade Trip
- May 22nd, 5:30-7:30 P.M.: CSC
- May 28th: No School (Memorial Day)
- May 30th: 6th Grade Continuation
- May 31st: Last Day of School

Art News from Ms. Jennifer (cont.)

4. We have also received a grant, which will allow us to purchase artwork at this summer's Cherry Creek Arts Festival. This art will be chosen and bought by students and will be on permanent display at Denison.

I would like to give a huge thank you to many parents -- Tiffany Madsen, Annie Medina, Cristina Gonzales and Albert Estrada, Lynn Roberts, Ellie Roos, Amanda Truesdale, and Melinda Ovesen -- who are helping me continually in the Art room! AND to ALL the teachers who have supported me in so many ways, my enormous gratitude!

Creativity is allowing oneself to make mistakes. Art is choosing which ones to keep. – Unknown

Be artful in your lives, for we like to say in Art class that there are no real mistakes. Tiny bumps in the road can guide and shape us to where we need to be! Happy Art times to you!



P.E. Updates from Coach V.

This year's American Heart Association's **Jump Rope for Heart** event will take place between April 9th and April 13th in your son or daughter's PM P.E. class. We will be raising money for the American Heart Association. No one is required to do any fundraising, but if your son or daughter would like to, all donations can be turned in during the week of **April 9th through April 13th**. At the absolute latest, all donations must be turned in by the 20th of April, so the students can get their thank-you gifts before school gets out for the summer. As always, checks are acceptable. Please make checks payable to The American Heart Association. Thank you for your continued support of the American Heart Association. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. For the schedule of jump times, visit our website.

Student News

Ms. Christy's class created 3-D human cells.

Ms. Kelly Monroe's class enjoyed sharing their research with the Invertebrate Zoo, and they and **Ms. Rose's class** loved seeing invertebrates up-close at the Butterfly Pavilion.

Ms. Hanna's class has enjoyed the hands-on and sensorial joy of baking bread.

Ms. Amanda's class has been studying roots as part of their Science curriculum.

Ms. Mary's class has been busy with lessons in the Montessori Bells and in reading music.

Ms. Lisa's class reprised their sock tie-dye project to support World Down Syndrome Day.

Shakespeare Club is looking forward to performing their scenes at the Shakespeare Festival on April 27th!

Many Lower Elementary Students had fun making pickles in the after-school workshop with The Real Dill. Thank you to Antonio and Jessica Martinez for hosting!

Parent Liaison News

Parent Satisfaction Surveys go home the week of April 9th. Each family should receive one survey per household. Please give us feedback about our school.

Please mail the surveys using the postage-provided envelope provided.

The surveys should be returned by May 4th. Thank you for sharing your voice and helping our school improve! Please also join us on May 15th at the "It Takes a Loving Village" community forum. More information is coming.

We have a variety of books and articles in the Parent Resource Library in the Denison Library. Stop by during Parent Liaison office hours, Tuesdays, 9:00-9:30, and Wednesdays, 3:00-3:45, or by appointment, to check them out!

