

# Dolphin Tales

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## March Birthdays

Bodie C.	3/4	Levi H.	3/18
Wyatt P.	3/4	Maxwell B.	3/19
Dhiren K.	3/6	Sienna B.	3/23
Heidi M.	3/6	Noah D.	3/23
Tessa A.	3/8	Lilian O.	3/27
Rajveer S.	3/9	Jamesen H.	3/31
Coco S.	3/14		

## Important Dates

March 12th	Spring Forward! Clocks go forward one hour.
March 17th	Reenrollment Packets / Deposits Due
March 30th	Science Fair   Division Street Gymnasium
March 31st	Easter Egg Hunt
April 3rd-7th	Spring Break
April 21st	Gardening Day



# Toddler News

Ms. Ginny's and Ms. Kelly's Class



## ★ What's been happening...

International Day was a hit! Thank you so much to everyone who brought food. Thank you to Agata's mom and dad for teaching us how to make a truly authentic Italian pizza. We all became pizzaioli on Friday. And thank you to Mrs. Carol, our librarian, for helping with our costumes. We are missing one gondolier hat if you accidentally walked away with it, please send it back in. Thank you.



We're excited to study the farm and farm animals this month. We've introduced new work that the students are really enjoying. We're excited for our in-house field trip on March 30. We've invited farm animals to come so the children can pet bunnies, goats, baby horses, and other farm animals.

Our second years that will be moving up next year to Primary will be visiting the Primary classes next week. Please have them here no later than 8:25am as they will be transitioning at 8:30am.



## Reminders:

Please remember that when we send home wet clothes/shoes, a new set of clean clothes/shoes will need to be returned the following day.

Just a reminder that our upcoming Spring Break will begin on April 3-April 7.

Remember reenrollment packets are due March 17th!

# Toddler News

Ms. Shannon's, Ms. Jessica's, and Ms. Kristin's Class



## ★ What's been happening...

March is here! It's time to move away from Mexico and start learning about the farm! We will learn all about the importance of farms. The children will learn about the process of farming and where different types of food come from. We will also learn about all the animals that live on the farm.

This month we will have an inhouse field trip. The Cook Farm will visit us on Thursday, March 30th. They will bring a mini horse, mini donkey, calf, goats, sheep, rabbits, chickens, duck, and possibly a piglet. It will be set up for both toddler classes on the upper playground. Thank you to our fabulous Boosters for making this visit happen.

I hope you were all able to find a time on the sign up for a Spring conference. The conferences only last about twenty minutes. Please let me know if you have any questions.

The link for that is below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848ADAE2FA7F49-spring2>

## Coming up...

We will have an Easter egg hunt on Friday, March 31st. Each child needs to send a dozen stuffed eggs that have been taped shut. We ask that you tape them because the Elementary kids hide them for us and they can be a little rough. This also helps the toddlers from opening them and eating the candy or losing the stickers, toys, or whatever you fill them with. They will need a basket on that day to collect eggs with. Most parents don't attend this event since it is usually over in about five minutes.

Thank you to everyone for attending our Mexican fiesta! I hope you all enjoyed seeing your kids perform. They were so cute!

Upcoming dates to keep in mind: Spring Break (April 3-7), Gardening Day/Special Person Day (April 21), Field trip to the TN Aquarium (May 12), May Day/Mother's Day (May 1), and last day of school (May 26).

More information on all of these events will be sent closer to time. I listed these because these dates require a parent to be present so you can make arrangements to be available.

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# Primary News

Ms. Angie's, Ms. Karabeth's, and Ms. Rana's Class

Dr. Seuss day is on Thursday. We would love for you to send in Dr. Seuss books this week. We will concentrate on rhyming words throughout the week. Please send in a sandwich and fruit/veggie for Lunch on Thursday. We will also need a Seussical treat for Thursday. Please let me know if you can send in a special treat for that day to have with our picnic lunch.

We do not need lunch on Friday. We will celebrate Wyatt's birthday with a Chick-Fil-A lunch provided by his family. That is a great way to end the week.

Thank you for making International Day a huge success. The children enjoyed learning about Romania. The food was delicious and having families return to being in the classroom was awesome. One of my favorite things about our school is feeling as if we are all family.

Remember reenrollment packets are due March 17th!

Interesting article... ★

Article: [Why Choose Montessori for My Child \(amshq.org\)](http://amshq.org)



# Primary News

Ms. Krystle's, Ms. Macy's, and Ms. Trudy's Class



Thank you all so very much for your participation and attendance for our International Day. The children did so well!

Continue to practice with your reader, do three pages in your workbook, and practice your sight words.

A sign-up genius link went out for Parent Teacher Conferences. I need all conferences to be finished by Friday, March 3, 2023 by 12:55 P.M.

For all third year parents--If your child is planning on attending Lower Elementary \*next school yaer\* Please plan to attend the Lower Elementary Mandatory Open House Meeting on Tuesday, February 28 from 5:30p.m.-6:30p.m. You may meet in Ms. Robin's classroom.

Remember reenrollment packets are due March 17th!

Have a great weekend!



## Conferences This Week...

Here is the link to our sign up genius for Parent Teacher Conferences.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COE44ACAC2CAAFFC25-ptcin>

Please sign up ASAP. Each conference will be 15 minutes long. You may meet me on the back patio in our classroom. Thank you.



# Lower EI News

Ms. Robin's and Ms. Dolores's Class

## ★ Some helpful advice from Montessori Services regarding our upcoming 4-H Overnight Trip:

Whether leaving home for a day at pre-school or for a week at summer camp, children can learn how to get themselves ready. Knowing how to perform the tasks of daily living is essential for children to become responsible and independent. As your child grows, your life as a parent will become easier and easier if you refrain from doing too much of what children can do for themselves.

- Teaching Independence
- Tasks to Learn Through the Ages
- Keep Calm and Carry On

Getting ready to leave is often a group effort, whether for a day at work, school, or for the next life adventure. With thoughtful planning and practice, we can all be prepared and ready to go.

Read the full article here:

<https://www.montessoriservices.com/ideas-insights/getting-ready-to-leave>

Parents: We still urgently need parent volunteers to drive students to the upcoming field trip. We will not be able to attend if we do not acquire more volunteers. Please contact the office today to volunteer!



# Lower EI News

Ms. Stefanie's Class



Montessori materials allow children to teach themselves. Through trial and error, these didactic materials give feedback, this case both visual (he can see that it doesn't fit) and mechanical (some cylinders just do not fit in some holes), which allow the child to work independently. The child in the prepared environment tests his hypothesis (this one goes here) again and again. He records data in his mind as to which cylinder goes where. He tests and retests. The child finds contentment in his exploration. He feels a calm sense of accomplishment when finished. He desires to repeat the process from the beginning.

Maria Montessori, herself a scientist and a physician, created her pedagogy through following the interests of children and did not name the approach after herself. We call it "The Montessori Method", but she called it "The Scientific Method" or "The Child's Method." Our approach to education is the only pedagogy based on science and based on one woman's dedication of over 50 years of research and practice to create a developmentally based approach to education that follows the child's natural growth process.

*"What is a scientist?*

*We give the name scientist to a man who has felt experiment to be a means guiding him to search out the deep truth in life, to lift a veil from its fascinating secrets..."*

*-Maria Montessori*

In our classrooms, children teach themselves concepts through trial and error, using autodidactic, or self-correcting, materials. These autodidactic materials provide a child with a sense of purpose and are repetitive and calming. Children are unhurried and can practice, err, correct themselves, and explore deeper at their own pace.

When I look around my classroom, I see scientists. They are making mistakes, making observations, testing and retesting, repeating, recording data, and engaging in that process over and over again. Once they are confident with one material, they are likely to desire to work with another. This sense of calm, self-assuredness builds wonderful members of our community who are, in turn, a gift to our society because calm, confident, self-assured children become calm, confident, self-assured adults. In the words of Dr. Montessori, "The child is the maker of man."

(Carillo, C., 2020, It's All Science. The Scientific Method in Montessori Education. <https://medium.com/educate-pub/its-all-science-the-scientific-method-in-montessori-education-a3bf6daed113>)

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# Upper EI News



## What we've been doing...★

Thank you for the delicious food and for all of your help with International Day! We hope you enjoyed the performance. The students did a great job! We are thankful to have a studious and inquisitive class.

Project proposals for Science Fair were due on Wednesday. The black tri-fold boards are due in class on March 23rd. Students will type and print their findings for their board at home. Please use the packet as a guide for your board. Science Fair is March 23rd.



## WHY MONTESSORI EDUCATION WORKS BEST WHEN TEACHING SCIENCE?

- Usage of Practical Life– Students learn by doing.
- Inspires Creativity–Students are encouraged to enjoy the process of learning which inspires creativity.
- A Greater Sense of the World Around Them– Cosmic Education–Learning becomes more meaningful.



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