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Warmest Holiday Wishes To All of Our Montessori Families!



- **MS. ROHINI'S CORNER:** It has been a tremendous first-half of the school year! The children have done wonderfully well in their classes and I want to congratulate them all on their very hard work. I hope you join us for our Children's Music Programs. You will simply love hearing their sweet voices! This is our last newsletter of 2017! We wish everyone the merriest of holidays filled with family and friends! With Love, Your Montessori Teachers. After the Winter Break, we will see our sweet children back on Monday, **Jan 8th, 2018!** Seasons blessings to you all!
- **MUSIC TO OUR EARS:** Bring a camera to capture your child's Music Program: **Wed Dec 20th - Ms. Sedoina's Class 8:30-9:15 a.m. / Ms. Pranita's Class 9:45-10:30 a.m.** (pictures w/ Santa start prior to each concert). This is a regular school day with VPK Classes as well. 
- **TREMENDOUS TRIKE RESULTS!** Our 12th Annual Trike-A-Thon was an incredible success! So many families turned out to cheer on our little riders. The air was filled with joy and kindness. We were thrilled to be riding and sharing our hearts together with our veteran family members. Three cheers for Mr. Dean (Aliza's dad) for providing our merry music and to YOU, our incredible families! Our children, families and friends donated an **awesome \$2,750** for our School Relay for Life Team and the American Cancer Society. Our Brandon, Riverview and SouthShore Montessori families are simply the best! A heartfelt "Thank you" from our school team. 
- **GREAT AMERICAN TEACH-IN:** We have had a great variety of topics shared with our inquisitive children! So many parents and grandparents visited to share their talents and interests with us! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for enriching our children's lives in this way! 😊
- **THIS GRAND LAND:** We are studying Native America and our country's rich history. We are also learning about the earliest inhabitants of our vast world from Native American tribes to the Aztec civilization. Did you know that we have learned about Native Americans through archeologists and from stories and traditions passed down within the tribes from generation to generation?
- **THE GIVING SEASON:** Our Schools' **Hope Lodge Supply Drive is under way!** Your donations of items will be delivered Dec 15th for cancer patients and their families! The children are making beautiful cards to spread some holiday cheer as well. 'Tis the season to give from the heart! 

- IMPORTANT REMINDERS: Dec 18th - Silly Sock Day
 Dec 20th - Children's Concerts and Pictures with Santa (by class)
 Dec 22nd - Pajama Party! (Wear festive pj's! No slippers please!)
 Dec 25th - Jan 5th - School Closed
 Jan 15th - School is Closed for the MLK holiday.
- LESSONS ON GRATITUDE: Children have been reflecting on and expressing their thoughts of gratitude in various forms. We have been writing letters of thanks, creating gratitude journals and even made cute thankful turkeys with brilliant feathers. Let's all give thanks!
- LITERARY NEWS!: Our Schools' Book Fairs were a tremendous success. Thanks to all for supporting our children's reading through delightful new books! We earned over **\$1,500 of free Scholastic books** for our classrooms! "A book is a gift you can open again and again!" ~ Garrison Keillor 
- LITERACY LESSONS: Children are reading with such enthusiasm with their buddies! Teachers are so very proud of the great effort by all of the children on their reading skills. Kindergarten and Elementary students have developed such strong skills: vocabulary and oral language in their Morning Meeting time and group studies; comprehension through interactive read-alouds and small group instruction; and writing in their daily Writing Workshop lessons! Fantastic work children! 
- OFFICE NOTES: Please label jackets, sweaters, hats and Show & Tell items. Thanks!
- ART CLASS: Our little elves will be handcrafting adorable gifts with care! **Mr. Charley and Ms. Barbara could not accomplish it by themselves for all three schools' 300 students!** Thank you to our dear parent and grandparent volunteers for your time and love helping with the children's Art Classes! Watch for the Spring Art Exhibit and Open House!
- SCHOOL NEWS: Our Executive Staff are busy planning and preparing for the upcoming year. Enrollment season soon will begin. Watch for some exciting news for early enrolling families for next school year. Last but not least, we are pleased to continue offering VPK at all three campus locations for next year. Look for details regarding eligibility and enrollment.
- CUBBY ITEMS: Be sure to empty your child's cubby items and **bring fresh items back on Jan 8th.**
- JAN THEMES & DATES: We will study Time Lines, South America, Dr. Martin Luther King, Art Theme: Pennsylvania Dutch Barn Signs, Composer: Mozart. **School is Closed on Jan 15th** for MLK.

**"Don't limit a child to your own learning,
for he was born in another time." Rabindranath Tagore**

