

Calendar Events

Ongoing

Open Enrollment/Lottery Sign up for the 17/18 school year available

August 9

Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Workshop begins at 5:30 p.m.

August 10

Meet and Greet at 5 until 7 p.m.

August 14

First Day of School

Welcome Back!!!

August 28

PLC Half Day School

12:15 p.m. Dismissal

August 28-September 1

DIBELS Testing

Montessori Philosophy

"When the children freely choose their work, concentration, and are working blissfully on their own as members of a respectful, peaceful community." ~Maria Montessori



Montessori Review

August 2017



Dixie Montessori Academy
Not just a curriculum for education, a philosophy for educating the whole child.

From the Director's Chair

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I am pleased to welcome you to the 2017-18 school year! Some of you have been with DMA since the beginning and some are just joining our DMA family. However, you are all here for one reason and that is to give your child the very best environment in which to reach his or her fullest potential.

I hope your summer has gone well, and you are feeling excited for the beginning of the new school year. I anticipate a fun and joyous year as we collectively strive to foster a culture of learning. I feel extremely fortunate to be working with such an exceptional group of students, families, and staff members.

Based on the questions and feedback I got from you, I am confident you enjoyed the newsletters last year regarding literacy and what you can do in the home to help your child with literacy.

This year I will be focusing on The Montessori Parent. What does it mean to be a Montessori parent and what can you do at home to help facilitate your child's learning, growth and happiness? These articles will not only focus on academics but will also include discipline, daily activities, behavior and much more.

I have also picked out 7 books to read throughout the year. Each month we will begin with an overview of the book and how its content applies to the Montessori Method. We will also have a Facebook comment page where you, as parents, can discuss the book and how it helped you.

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PTVO

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We are in need of volunteer help, please contact the school for more information.

If you are interested in being on the PTVO committee please email ptvo@dixiemontessoriacademy.org



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The first book we are Reading is Positive Discipline by Jane Nelson. I think you will find this book extremely helpful in smoothing out daily family life. See the book review section for a more in depth look at Jane Nelson's book!

I am also going to conduct a Positive Discipline Course. The course will be given on Tuesday evening beginning September 29th and ending on October 19th. I hope you can join me as we navigate the waters of being a positive parent! For more details go to DMA's website under parenting and find the tab for Positive Discipline.

On behalf of the staff at Dixie Montessori Academy School, we are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure your child can achieve his or her highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, your children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for your child's success and want you to know that we will do everything in our power to carry out our responsibilities.

We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- 2) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 3) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- 4) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
- 5) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school.

If you have any questions about the rules and expectations, please feel free to contact me or to discuss them with your child's teacher. It is very important that you and your child are fully informed regarding standards related to appropriate behavior for a safe and productive school year.

Please feel free to review the DMA's Family Welcome Handbook, bios of the staff and the code of conduct which can be accessed on the website.

The wonderful DMA staff and I both feel privileged to be a part of this school family.

We thank you for your support and look forward to meeting you. Please join us on August 10 from 5 to 7 for a friendly Meet and Greet evening! This event will help you and your child feel more comfortable on the first day of school. This is also the time to take pictures. We ask that the first day of school is just like any other day, in other words drop off happens in the drop off area and parents do not park and walk their children into the school.

Turkey Cheddar Ranch Pinwheels

Ingredients

- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ teaspoon parsley flakes
- ¼ teaspoon dill
- ⅓ teaspoon onion powder
- Pinch of salt and pepper
- 4-5 (8 inch) flour tortillas
- 25-30 slices deli turkey breast or ham, thinly sliced (about 1 pound)
- 10 slices mild or sharp yellow cheddar cheese



Directions

In a small bowl mix cream cheese with garlic powder, parsley flakes, dill and onion powder until combined. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Spread a layer of cream cheese mixture in the center of one of the flour tortillas. Don't go all the way to edge, leave about a one inch border.

Top with 2 slices of cheese and 5-6 slices of turkey.

Tightly roll up tortilla and wrap in plastic wrap. Repeat steps until all tortillas are rolled up. Place in the refrigerator for a few hours or overnight. When ready to serve cut off ends and cut into slices.

Perfect for your little ones lunch box.

??? Riddle me this... ???

What do you call a rabbit with fleas?

Send your response to:
abergen@dixiemontessoriacademy.org
for a chance to win a gift card.

Last month's answer and winner...

Your name.

Congratulations to **Joel Thomas!**

Please stop by the school to claim your prize.