

MARCH 2024

NEWSLETTER

Children have a kind of instinct, a special sensibility, which urges them to acquire new words. Between three and five years especially, the child's mind continues to absorb words."

Maria Montessori

The 1946 London Lectures

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 11-15: Spring Break, we are open

March 15: St. Patrick's Day celebration (wear green)

March 21: English Speech Recital

March: 28: Easter Egg Hunt

March 29: School closed for Parent—Teacher conference

April 4: DMA Chinese Speech Recital

April 19: Field trip to Children's Aquarium

MARCH: OUR BODIES, NUTRITION, AND SAFETY

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
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			-	PAJAMA DAY!
4	5	6	7	8
MY BODY PARTS	WHAT DOES MY BODY DO?	KEEPING MY BODY HEALTHY! GERMS, EXERCISE	JUNK FOOD VS HEALTHY FOOD	NUTRITION/ FOOD PYRAMID CRAFT
11	12	13	14	15
DENTAL VAN VISIT	TASTE	HEARING	TOUCH	ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
18	19	20	21	22
FIRE SAFETY	CAR SAFETY	SAFETY AT HOME	STRANGER DANGER	SAFETY SIGNS/ CRAFT
25	26	27	28	29
MY BODY REVIEW	MY FIVE SENSES	MY HEALTHY HABITS	EASTER EGG HUNT	EASTER CRAFT

Developing Independence in Children

Fostering independence in Montessori children involves strategies that emphasize practical life skills and decision-making. Parents can promote self-sufficiency by involving children in daily tasks, such as meal preparation, and cleaning. Providing opportunities for them to make choices and solve problems builds decision-making skills. Montessori environments also encourage age-appropriate responsibilities, nurturing a sense of independence in children as they develop practical life skills.



Garden Donations Requested

In preparation for our gardening unit, we are reaching out to kindly request your support in donating items to help enhance this learning experience for your child and their classmates.

We are in need of basic gardening supplies such as seeds, soil, pots, watering cans, gardening gloves, shovels, and any other tools or materials that you may be willing to contribute.

Your support is greatly appreciated and will make a meaningful difference in enriching our gardening unit. Please bring donations to school by March 15.



SPRING BREAK (MAR 11-15)

We are open regular hours during Plano and Allen ISD's Spring Break.

Elementary-aged students who need care this week should sign up via email, letting us know what dates they will drop-in.

Drop-in rate is \$55 per day (or \$235/ week) with \$8 per day for lunch.

A requirement from our licensing inspector:

Make sure your emergency contact has their address listed, even if they are out of town.

In Childpilot, next to the Emergency Contact name, click "Details." If the address is missing, click the arrow and then click Edit.

Contact the office if you need further assistance. The inspector may check our students' files at any time. Thank you for your support!

2023 Tax Statement

- If you need a tuition receipt for 2023, you may access it via ChildPilot app.
- Go to Billing, click Tax Statement, and select the year.
- If you have trouble accessing your tax statement, please email us.

Colgate Dental Van Visit

On March 11th, the Colgate Bright Smiles, Bright Futures® (BSBF) mobile van unit (MVU) will visit our school! During this visit, the BSBF team will provide free dental health and well-being education, conduct visual dental screenings, and teach your child how to take care of their bright smile. Your child will be screened by an oral health professional and will receive a new toothbrush, toothpaste sample, brushing chart, and list of offices for dental care if needed. This visual dental screening does not replace a regular dental check-up and visit.



The MVU maintains important safety procedures which include:

The BSBF team wear proper protective gear, including mask, gloves, gown, face shield and/or goggles.

The mobile unit is wiped down with disinfectant between students and cleaned completely with disinfectant at night.

In order for your child to participate and visit the Colgate mobile van unit, please sign and return the attached PDF consent form to your child's teacher.



Adobe Acrobat Document

SPEECH COMPETITIONS AND RECITALS:

We hold English and Chinese speech recital and competitions each spring at school. [Why should your child memorize poetry?](#)

Your teacher will work with your child. Parent should help their child practice at home.

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Chinese Speech Competition at UTD, 4/27:

We invite our students to participate in The 12th North Texas TI Cup Chinese Speech Contest.

[Information](#) is on the NTCCP website:

<https://www.ntccpa.org/contest/>

[Registration](#):

Either on their website and then notifying the DMA office that your child is participating.

Or email the DMA office and we will invoice you via Childpilot.

We have had many DMA students place first, second, or third place in the past. See our [winner's list!](#)



Happy Birthday!

😊 Alicia

😊 Chase

😊 Ellaria

😊 Grace

😊 Sophi

😊 Leila

😊 Ms. Samar

😊 Sophia

March is National Nutrition Month

During the month of March, everyone is invited to learn about making informed food choices and developing healthful eating and physical activity habits. Click on the links below for smart snacking tips for kids:

[English](#)

[Chinese 中文](#)

[Spanish](#)

Join Discovery Montessori Academy at the McKinney Asian Festival on March 23! We will have a booth there and some students will perform. We hope to see you there! [Click here](#) for more details.



TEXAS WOMEN SOCIETY PRESENTS

McKinney Asian Festival

Cultural food, live performances, fun activities, a lantern walk, and more!

March 23, 2024
11am-6pm
FREE ADMISSION
Dr. Glenn Mitchell
Memorial Park
300 W Louisiana St
McKinney, TX 75069



Join us for the *first-ever* McKinney Asian Festival!

Interested in becoming a sponsor, vendor, or volunteer? Please contact us at texasws12@gmail.com