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WELCOME to MeadowLink

Want to know what's happening in the Meadow? Look no further. MeadowLink is delivered to your inbox each week and is chock full of information about the happenings in the Meadow at every level - from infants in The Nest all the way to the students in the MMS High School.

Parent submissions are welcome!
Send suggestions to
tmason@meadowmontessori.org.

Orientation 2020



Thank you to all who participated in this year's virtual Parent Orientation and New Student Orientation.

Although the virtual format for Parent Orientation wasn't ideal, we hope the teachers were able to give you some insight into their classroom. If you have questions, do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.

Taking the Classroom Outdoors

Our beautiful 8-acre campus is especially

suitable for utilizing outdoor spaces as classrooms. Whenever possible, teachers and students will be outdoors.

Thanks to parents Matt and Shayla Hopper, our many outdoor classrooms are ready to welcome your students on Tuesday.



Virtual Visits



We are really excited about our little school and how beautiful each classroom looks. The teachers have taken great care to arrange their classrooms to support both Montessori learning *and* physical distancing.

Off and Running!

It is not too late to join the MMS Cross Country team!

The Cross Country team is still looking for motivated runners! No experience required! We practice after school three days per week and have meets on many (but not all) Saturdays between now and the end of October. Have fun outdoors with friends that you might not get to see during the school day!



This year we're planning to raise money for charity, make our own jerseys, and make extra time to spend time and play games together (for example, picnic and swim after meets)!

Any interested runner may contact Coach Brett at bgrachek@grachek.com for more information.

Student Spotlight

Elizabeth, MMS middle school student, has been busy making three-layer reusable face-masks. She creates the masks using instructions from MasksNow.org, and according to the Masks Now Coalition FB page, this mask pattern was developed in



cooperation with the CDC.

The three-layer masks are constructed with poly-cotton blend fabric and a filter layer of non-fusible interfacing. Many organizations are requesting masks that have a filter layer.

The masks are strong and durable and should be washed after every use or as

frequently as possible on a high temperature in a standard wash cycle with regular laundry detergent followed by machine drying.

Masks are available here at Meadow in adult and children's sizes for \$10 each. Please contact Carrie at chickman@meadowmontessori.org to place your order.

Alumni Spotlight

Dr. Graham Denton, MMS alum, has been in the news lately. As an indigenous person, he is member of the Southern Bands of Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, he has been interested in the discussion of the Custer Statue in Monroe. His interview on NPR's Stateside is a model of civil discourse—something that staff and Cathe Calder have been discussing as we head into a rather contentious political year.



We hope all of you take the time to listen to how reasonably Dr. Denton shares his ideas. [Read more here](#). **Note: his interview is the second on the program.*

Staff Spotlight



Gregory Lansingh joins the elementary staff as the lead teacher in Upper Elementary West. Gregory is a seasoned Montessorian, having earned his elementary credential from the Michigan Montessori Teacher Education Center many years ago. Gregory is also a seasoned Meadow teacher, having spent time in both middle and high school.

Gregory is a graduate of the prestigious Wheaton College in Illinois and he holds a B.A. with dual majors in history and theology, along with dual minors in environmental science and English literature.

Along with teaching Upper Elementary, Gregory will continue teaching AP European History this year. He is a consummate scholar, and we are lucky to have him with us.



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