

# Hope

## MONTESSORI ACADEMY

### *Creve Coeur*

**February 2023 Newsletter**  
**From the Director**

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigated through the water damage situation over the winter break, or better known as, "The Great Flood Of 2022". We were so lucky that the damage was not more extensive and that we were able to get the building back to normal in a timely manner. It was incredibly impressive to witness the tremendous amount of team work from our staff to make sure the school and classrooms were back in order and ready for the children to return as if nothing had occurred. I am extremely grateful for everyone's efforts.

I would like to welcome our new families to our Hope community. Your children are quickly settling into new routines and showing signs of confidence and independence.

As Montessori educators, we treasure this time. Children return from the holidays with a fresh, eager dedication and focus. We observe this every year. Children can barely wait for new lessons and their intellectual and social growth is tremendous during this period. With that said, I would encourage you to make an effort for your children to arrive in a timely manner each day. The Montessori work time is an

essential ingredient in our approach to education. We thank you for your support.

Warmly,

**Theresa**



**Mark Your Calendars**

**February**

Black History Month

**February 14**

Classroom Valentine's Day Celebrations

**February 17**

**SCHOOL CLOSED**

Hope Professional Staff Day

**February 20**

**SCHOOL OPEN**

Presidents' Day

**February 21**

Parent Education Seminar

**March 20-24**

Spring Break

(No Montessori Classes - childcare provided )

**NOTES FROM THE OFFICE....**

For tax purposes, our **TAX ID number is 23-7240338.**

## School Messenger System:

If you have not already opted into receiving **TEXT MESSAGES** from our School Messenger System, you may do so by:

**\*\*Text 67587 and Type in YES**

A message should be sent back confirming that you have opted in.

If you have any problems, please stop by the office.



With the fluctuating winter weather, you never know just how quickly the weather can change throughout the day. We just want to remind you that our staff makes every effort to come to school “every day”. In the event of inclement weather, please call before you leave home to be sure that the staff has arrived. Any changes to our normal schedule or closings would be announced through our School Messenger Alert System.

## Sick Policy

We are experiencing a number of children coming to school with cough and nasal drainage. A fever is not the only indication of a contagious illness. With the the cold and flu season here, **this is a reminder for sick children and staff to stay home.**



Please be vigilant for symptoms and stay in communication with the school. Children and staff who become sick while at school will be separated from the group and sent home as soon as possible. You may return to school once symptom-free for a minimum of 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications. If you need additional information, please check button below..

[Hope Montessori Sick Policies](#)



### **Valentine's Day Celebrations - February 14**

The classrooms will celebrate Valentine's Day on Tuesday, February 14th. Check with your child's teachers on the specifics for the room's celebration. If time permits, you might consider making valentines with your child - the ones they bring to share can be very simple. The teachers ask that they do not address the cards to anyone, only to sign your child's name - it makes the distribution much easier. The Kindergarteners may sign and address their cards.



**Parent Seminar,**

**February 21, 4:00 p.m.**

**"Tips For Setting Realistic Expectations " Presented by: Amanda Allmeroth, AMScertified Montessori educator.**

As a parent, it is important to find the right balance of creating expectations that are high without setting your child up for failure or causing undue stress. Setting goals that your child can reach, based on developmentally appropriate milestones is the key.

### Thanks - A- Latte - Friday, March 3

To show our appreciation for all your support throughout the year, we have organized our annual “Thanks-a-Latte” coffee event. Carol Schuermann from *The Friendly Cup* will arrive early on the morning of Friday, March 3, to serve chai tea and delicious coffee and lattes for parents and staff from 7:00-9:00 a.m. Please plan a few extra minutes on this morning to pick up a beverage to go. It is one of our favorite mornings!



### Spring Break, March 20-24

During the week of March 20-24, Hope will be open regular hours for childcare; however, there will be no Montessori classes.

### From Angels' Arms .....

Dear Friends at Hope Montessori,

Thank you for supporting Angels' Arms with your donation of toys and gift cards from your collection in December 2022. Donations such as these play a significant part in our mission to provide loving homes and families to area foster children. Through your generosity, we were able to provide the families with many of the things they needed most to make their holiday special.

Together we are making a difference in the lives of many children who need love, support, and guidance. Each and every act we can do for these children and their foster parents is far more reaching than you can imagine.

With Much Gratitude,

Bess Wilfong,

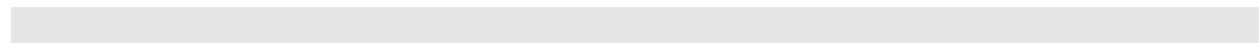
Founder/Executive Director-Angels' Arms

### **MANY THANKS ...**

To all of the families who donated so generously to the Staff Holiday Gift. The staff and I thank you so very much! We were overwhelmed with your generosity! And a special thank you to Missy Blackwell (Baron, Rm 3) for all her time and effort in organizing the collection. It is truly appreciated by all the staff!

To Brian Lewen (Harper, KDG and Noah, Rm 1) for sharing the story of Hanukkah to Gill Hermelin for playing the guitar and singing beautiful Hanukkah blessings for us all to enjoy.

To Mark Robinson, the Kindergarten teachers and the Kindergarten children for sharing their musical talents with us during the Christmas celebration. Their exquisite performance enhanced our program more than words can express.



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