



Newsletter editor Bev Wolff

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Montessori News

Letter from the Editor

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Calendar Highlights

May

4th, Friday **Parent Work Day in the office**

9th, Wednesday – **Board Meeting** at 5:30 in the office

Friday 18th and Saturday 19th – **Rummage Sale at Holiday Inn express.**

25th, Friday at 3:00 in Little Theatre in Gladish – **Elementary Recorder concert** for Maple Room parents and all of our preschool students. This will be last day of music for this academic year.

June

8th, Friday **Last day of school and family fun day** – Picnic and family fun at Sunnyside Park

Graduation dates: Times to be announced later

Willow – Friday, 1st in AM

Maple – Tuesday, 5th in PM

Aspen – Thursday, 7th in PM

Dear Parents,

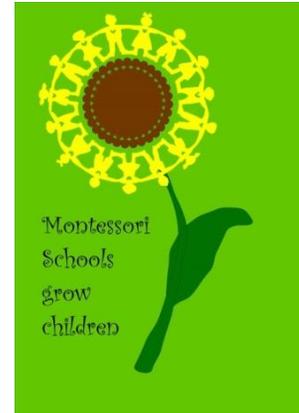


I am so excited to be participating in our second annual **outdoor science school**, facilitated by four outdoor science educators from the McCall Outdoor Science School (MOSS). We also call our science school MOSS – **The Montessori Outdoor Science School!** I am especially looking forward to our day spent at Kamiak Butte. I invite you to visit my blog each day to see photos and catch up on the news from MOSS.

We appreciate all of the support from our Maple Room families ~ financial support, in-kind donations, such as hosting our educators, feeding them lunch and dinner, volunteering to be chaperones for a day of outdoor science learning, and so much more. Thanks on behalf of all of the Maple Room kids who are preparing to have the time of their lives!

I would like to say a special thank you to Colleen McColl for all of the time she has donated to facilitating and planning this event for our kids! Colleen's family are also hosting all four educators in their home!

Maple Room families, please do join us for a **picnic and celebration of our outdoor science learning experiences on Friday, May 4th. Meet at noon at the Sunnyside picnic shelter for lunch. Presentations will be around 1:00.**



Spring Cleaning? If you are spring cleaning, please keep in mind that our annual **Rummage Sale** will be held on **May 18th and 19th at the Holiday Inn on Bishop Boulevard here in Pullman.** Please keep your rummage for drop off on the 18th, between the hours of 10:00 and 3:00 if possible, but we are available for drop off through 6:00 PM. We accept clothing, household items, furniture, books, CDs, baby items, toys . . . just not car seats, or bike helmets, for safety reasons. If you are still working on your ten hours of volunteer service to the school, volunteering to help with the Rummage Sale is a great opportunity. We will need volunteers for set up, cashiers, general help and a clean-up crew. Volunteer sessions will be two hours long. Thanks.

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be at the classroom entrances early in May! Thanks! We will be holding a **bake sale** at the event, too, so if you can't volunteer, and don't have any rummage, please do consider baking for the event!

Hours of the Rummage Sale are Friday, May 18th from 3:00 – 6:00 and Saturday, May 19th from 8:00 – noon!

Bargain hour is 11 – noon on Saturday. \$5 to fill a bag, or half-price on items too big for a bag!

Benefit Dinner update

Thanks to everyone who attended the Benefit Dinner, made a donation, or bought an auction item or gift card, or supported one of our online fundraisers. We raised \$5750 altogether, and this amount will be divided between classroom wish lists, books for the upper elementary library, scholarships and the purchase of binoculars and compasses for our Montessori elementary students outdoor science schools and hiking trips.

Scholastic Book Fair

Please look out for information about our Scholastic online bookfair we will be holding in May, just in time for summer reading! Your support of our bookfair supports our school and classroom libraries, as well as providing your own family with quality well-priced books.

<https://clubs.scholastic.com/>

Our school code is M289V

If you are new to scholastic book ordering, you will need to go to new parent and set up an account!

Congratulations, Ms. Rachael!

Ms. Rachael successfully completed her Montessori Teaching Certification for 9 – 12 year olds! Well done, Rachael. Now our elementary program has teachers who are certified to teach children from age 3 all the way to age 12! This means they know where the children are coming from and where they are going!

Rachael's photo and certificate



Thank You to Renee and Heimbigner Family

We have many families to thank, but this month we would like to send out a big thank you to Renee and the Heimbigner family. Renee has donated so much time and so many fun items this year – lady bug larvae, caterpillars, tadpoles, solar-eclipse glasses, pizza for the kids at the Benefit Dinner. Jim gives lots of time serving on the board. You are so supportive of our school. THANKS



Nature Walk

We love getting the children out and about in the community! Spending time together on a walk, looking for signs of spring, checking out the river . . . what a wonderful time. And just look at the length of that line!



The elementary students enjoyed an 'Engage the World' presentation from a WSU student, focused on the cultural traditions of India. The presentation included an opportunity to dress up in traditional Indian clothing and accessories!



The Maple room children enjoyed an all-day field trip to the WSU campus, and toured the geology museum, the Conner Museum and the Art Museum. We really enjoy using the resources available to us in our community!

The Montessori School of Pullman families' facebook page is now open for new members!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1410499092525751/>

This is your place to post playdate requests, ask for recommendations for dentists, doctors, babysitters, share birthday party ideas, ask which is best bike for beginning riders, best local hike for young kids . . . I will close the group again on May 10th, but a member can always invite another family to join!