



**Special points of interest:**

- This month the Pre-Primary classrooms are studying ASIA. Any artifacts you would be willing to share with the classes would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to do a presentation it would be fabulous!
- No School Monday, January 15th. MLK Day.
- Curriculum night phase 2 Feb. 12.
- Family Ball Feb. 16th **No PM Kids Club.**
- Mid-Winter break Feb..19th and 20th **No School.**
- Second Marking Periods ends March 2nd.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences March 9th **NO SCHOOL** (Childcare provided for full day students only).

**Mission:**

**The mission of Schoolhouse Montessori Academy is to provide high quality, private Montessori education that helps each child realize his/her fullest potential. We are committed to providing the highest quality child care and early education to our students and families.**

**Happy New Year!**

Welcome back!

Hopefully everyone had a wonderful and restful holiday. On behalf of the teachers and staff I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for your generous gift giving for the holidays. Everyone is well-rested and ready to start again.

Welcome also to our new families and students. We are looking forward to getting to know you better.

As a reminder, in the case of inclement weather again (snow) Schoolhouse follows Troy Public Schools for closing. Our School will be on the school closing list as well. We will also tweet you the

school closing. Please check all the local news channels, go to our school website, or call the school voice mail. You can also sign up for school closing alerts by following the steps below:

1. Go to [clickondetroit.com](http://clickondetroit.com)
  2. Click School Closing link
  3. Click Closing Alerts Sign Up
  4. Enter your email address
  5. Sign Up for Troy Schools and Schoolhouse Montessori Academy. For extreme cold weather SMA will make its own decisions for closing.
- Curriculum night phase 2:**  
Coming up on February

12th is our curriculum night phase 2. This is for all of the parents of our 4-year-old students to learn about the benefits of the last year (kindergarten year) in Montessori.

**Family Ball Night:** Please mark your calendars for **Feb. 16th**, it will be SMA's **Family Ball Night**. This is a fun event for the whole family! In stead of a daddy daughter dance, for the past three years we involved the whole family. Detailed information will be coming home soon.

*"He who is devoid of the power to forgive, is devoid of the power to love."*  
Martin Luther King

**Cold and Flu Season Reminders**

Please remember our Health Policy as stated in our Parent Handbook. These guidelines are also recommended by the Oakland County Health Department.

For the protection of all children and staff, please do not bring a child to school that appears ill. You will be required to pick your child up from school and keep them home a **minimum of 24 hours** if they have any of the following symptoms:

- Fever of 100 degrees or over currently or within the past 24 hours.
- Severe, continual coughing causing the child to become red or blue in the face or to

make a whooping sound.

- Difficult or rapid breathing.
- Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye).
- Untreated/undiagnosed red, irritated skin patches.
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea.
- Unusually dark urine or gray or white stool.
- \* **Head Lice.**
- Excessive yellow/green mucus.
- Yellowish skin or eyes.

Children are welcome to come back to school once they are no longer contagious or have been symptom free without any medication for 24 hours.

Children that have common colds or other illnesses **will not be excused from outdoor recess** unless they have a note from a doctor indicating specific dates and conditions that would keep them indoors. Your cooperation in these matters will keep everyone safe and healthy!!