Montclair Public Schools

Edgemont Montessori School

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Principal

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Good afternoon Edgemont families,

I hope everyone is well and enjoying the warm weather!

We had another busy week at Edgemont…

On Tuesday, our 3rd graders were visited by Montclair Orthodontics in recognition of, and to celebrate, National Children's Dental Health Month! Students met with the team from Montclair Orthodontics to discuss healthy habits and how to promote the benefits of good oral health.

On Thursday, all students attended an assembly with Soul Steps (Young Audiences Arts For Learning). Soul Steps shared a showcase of the African-American dance tradition known as "stepping". Students explored how step started among African-American fraternities and sororities on college campuses as a means of unity and self-expression, and has deep roots in the migrant labor culture of South African gold mines. Students enjoyed the high-energy step choreography performed by the ensemble along with interactive breakdowns of step moves that engaged the audience in both the physicality and the history behind the dance.

Today, all students attended an assembly with the Seeing Eye (https://www.seeingeye.org/). The Seeing Eye breeds and raises puppies to become Seeing Eye dogs, trains Seeing Eye dogs to guide blind people, instructs blind people in the proper use, handling, and care of the dogs and conducts and supports research on canine health and development. Students were introduced to **Dash**, an adorable 9- month old chocolate lab. Ask your child about what they learned…. and **Dash**!

Our "Soup-er Bowl" canned food drive was extremely successful! 250 cans were our goal… and we exceeded that number! Thank you for supporting this effort and the Human Needs Food Pantry.

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and finally…Jersey Day!

Next week we look forward to the 100th Day and Valentine's Day on Wednesday, February 14… stay tuned.

I'd like to formally introduce Ms. Alejandra Levine, our new Cosmic Studies teacher. Ms. Levine will join the Edgemont Montessori team on Thursday, February 15.

The 5th grade is hosting Movie Night on Friday, February 23. More information will be shared soon- keep an eye on your inbox and your child's backpack.

Please continue to remind your child to check the Lost & Found. Lost & Found bins are located outside of the Multipurpose Room. Please continue to label items as well.

Our 5th grade students have been invited to give a musical performance at this month's Board of Education meeting. The meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, February 21st. All 5th grade families must RSVP so Mr. Mellman can prepare for the event: 5th grade BOE Performance RSVP

Please check the Montclair Public Schools Digital Backpack often. A lot of information is posted here.

School Lunch Application can be found here: https://www.nlappscloud.com/

Lunch Menu information can be found here: https://www.fdmealplanner.com/

Merchandise can be found here: https://edgemontessori.memberhub.com/store

Take care,

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Important Date/Reminders:

Our doors open at ***8:10AM***.
Drop-off takes place between ***8:10AM-8:20AM***.
Dismissal is at ***2:35PM*.**

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February 19- District Closed

February 21- 5th grade Performance @ BOE

February 22- Abbreviated Day

February 23- Movie Night

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