



**Calendar Highlights**

**Wednesday, April 11th**

**8:45 am** Parent Network Meeting  
**9:00 am** Admissions Informational Tour  
**6:00 - 7:30 pm** Parent Network sponsored Parent-Child Dance

**Thursday, April 12th**

**7:00 pm** Parent Network Mom's Night Out

**Thursday, April 19th**

**1:00 - 2:00 pm** Elizabeth Start performance - see Science Expo info.  
**3:15 - 4:45 pm** Science Expo

**Friday & Saturday, April 20th & 21st**

Parent Network sponsored Sleepover - See Parent Network News for more information

**Wednesday, April 25th**

**5:30 pm** Board of Trustees Meeting - If there is a topic you would like the Board to discuss, please [contact us](#) in advance and ask to be added to the agenda.

**Thursday, April 26th**

**8:45 am** Room 107 Cultural Presentations  
**9:00 am** 6th year students trip to the Hannah Lindahl Museum/Tea Ceremony

**Tuesday, May 1st**

**9:00 am** 5th year students trip to the Survive Alive House at the Hannah Lindahl Museum

**Wednesday, May 2nd**

**9:00 am** Admissions Informational Tour

**Thursday, May 3rd**

**8:45 am** Room 106 Cultural Presentations

**Friday, May 4th**

**9:00 - 11:00 am** International Festival  
**11:30 am** Early Dismissal Day - after-care open to those students enrolled in full-time after-care

For content submission, please contact Kim Bosworth at [kbosworth@tma-el.org](mailto:kbosworth@tma-el.org) or call (574) 256-5313, ext. 212 no later than noon on Friday.

**SCIENCE EXPO**

**STEAM EXTRAVAGANZA 2018**

Are you looking for a mind-blowing experience? Our Elementary and Junior High students will make it happen on **Thursday, April 19th from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m.**

What is the acronym, STEAM?

- S = Science - Question like a Scientist
- T = Technology - Design like a Technologist
- E = Engineer - Build like an Engineer
- A = Art - Create like an Artist
- M = Math - Deduce like a Mathematician

Also, Musician/Composer/Mathematician, Elizabeth Start, will be kicking off our Science Expo this year. She will be playing several pieces that she has composed for cello and talking to students about the math and science behind the music. The performance will be on April 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

[Click here](#) for more information and mark your calendars for this exciting annual event! We hope to see you there!

**JOIN US AT POTBELLY AFTER THE SCIENCE EXPO!**

Potbelly Sandwich Shop, 5111 North Main Street in Mishawaka, is hosting *Feed Your Smile Montessori Night* on Thursday, April 19th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. We'll receive 25% of the proceeds for all who attend and show our flyer. They will also feature a "Montessori" milkshake all week and we'll receive .25 cents of each shake sold! [Click here](#) for more information!

**INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**

Please come to our annual International Festival in the gym on Friday, May 4th, at 9:00 a.m. The International Festival is one of our community events that celebrates all of our families and the many combinations of cultures that we find in our school family. We are requesting that each family share an artifact and/or food from the different cultures that you know. This event is truly a celebration of all cultures. Emely Poloche, The Montessori Academy's Spanish teacher, is organizing this event. Please email her at [epoloche@tma-el.org](mailto:epoloche@tma-el.org) with the information about what you will be sharing. Please do not feel limited to your culture of origin! We are open to all ideas and in the end we want to help our students familiarize themselves with the global cultures of our ever-shrinking world. Please [click here](#) to RSVP!

**FINE ARTS PROGRAM**

Please plan to join us on Tuesday, May 8th at 6:00 p.m.! Elementary and Junior High students will participate in performances by the band, singing and a talent show! You can also stop by [TMA's Annual Book Fair](#) either before or after the show! Students have been working very hard, so we hope to see you there!



## SPORTS NEWS

### UPPER ELEM/JUNIOR HIGH TRACK

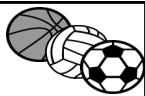
The official track season will begin on Wed., 4/11 with a practice from 4:00 - 5:15 p.m. There will be a parent meeting that day at 5:15 p.m.

Practices will continue on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

A completed registration form and registration fee must be turned in to the office before any student participates in any practice or meet AFTER the parent meeting on Wednesday, April 11.

Students must be picked up from practices no later than 5:35 p.m. After that, a charge of \$10 for every 5 minutes will be applied.

[Click here](#) to check out the calendar on our website for up-to-date sports schedules.



### DEVELOPMENT NEWS

**Windfall Auction & Gala** - Thank you to our premier sponsors: *Camden Appliance, Enzyme Research Laboratories, Gurley Leep Automotive Family Group, Greg Orchards, LLC and First Source Bank.*

Through the generosity and support of our TMA families and community this year's Windfall Auction & Gala was able to raise over \$100k for our school and enrichment programs, including the installation of our new high-tech Rain Gardens. [Click here](#) to learn more about Fund the Need '18!

Questions? Please contact Tanya Hagen, Development Events Coordinator, at 574.256.5313 ext. 215 or [thagen@tma-el.org](mailto:thagen@tma-el.org). Development Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 4 pm and Friday, 9 am to noon.

# THE MONTESSORI ACADEMY SUMMER CAMPS 2018

## EARLY CHILDHOOD SUMMER SUNSHINE

Half or Full Day options available  
for students ages 3-6

Camp Dates: June 18 - August 10

[Click here](#) for more information and a registration form.

## ELEMENTARY SUMMER CAMPS

### DRAMA CAMP WITH MR. GLEZMAN

[Lower Elementary Camp](#) for students enrolled in 1st - 3rd grades

Camp Dates: July 16 - 20

[Upper Elementary/Junior High Camp](#) for students enrolled in  
4th - 8th grades

Camp Dates: July 16 - 27

### ART AND STORYTELLING CAMP WITH MS. RUSSELL & MR. CHAPMAN

For students enrolled in 1st - 8th grades

Camp Dates: June 18 - 22, June 25 - 29 & July 9 - 13

More information and registration forms are available  
at [www.tma-el.org](http://www.tma-el.org) and in  
The Montessori Academy office!

Spaces fill quickly so register today!

### PARENT NETWORK NEWS

**Next Meeting** - Wednesday, April 11th at 8:45 a.m. in the gym

**Parent-Child Dance** - Wednesday, April 11th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Donations of personal hygiene items for the Center for the Homeless will be accepted as the entry fee. Light snacks will be provided. This event is for all ages!

**Mom's Night Out** - Thursday, April 12th at 7:00 p.m.

**Annual Sleepover** - Friday, April 20th, 6:30 p.m. to Saturday, April 21st, 9:00 a.m. Please note the date change! This event is for 1st - 6th year students. More information coming soon!

Please contact Kristi Gouker at [klgouker1@att.net](mailto:klgouker1@att.net) with any questions.