



# Montessori Messenger

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*Dedicated to the joy in education and the lifelong desire to know.*

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Danville Montessori School has been blessed with a high level of parent interest and participation over the years. This involvement on the part of the parents, present and past, both enriches and extends the learning environment for our children.

Your many donations of time, expertise, materials, and funds help us to meet the individual and collective needs of our young learners. We give thanks for these priceless gifts:

- The work of our PTO officers and committees: communications, fund raisers, picnic, book fair, community service, garden, box tops, and teacher appreciation
- The volunteers contributing their expertise in the form of grounds improvement, special lessons, and presentations
- The weekly work with our students through *Great Books*
- The seasonal volunteer work with chess club and crochet
- The interpreter for PTO
- The material makers, book donors, snack providers, and chaperones.
- For our dedicate staff members who contribute in countless ways
- For you for placing your trust in us

We are deeply appreciative.

We look forward to a new year with the exciting addition of full day kindergarten! Have a great summer!

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## Join the PTO – *Your Talents Make Your School Awesome!*

By Kate Snyder

As a parent of a DMS student, you are automatically a member of the DMS PTO and are warmly invited to attend PTO meetings and events. If you have been thinking about getting more involved in all the behind-the-scenes brainstorming, planning, and general merriment now's your chance. We are recruiting volunteers to help lead the PTO during the 2014-2015 school year!

The By-Laws Committee will meet during the summer, but most of the other positions really 'kick off' when school starts back in August. We'll have an organizational meeting during the first week of school. Stay tuned!

Being part of the PTO is a great way to learn more about the Montessori approach to education, connect with other parents, and be involved in what your child is learning in the classroom. No matter how much time you have to give, there's a PTO position that will work for you.

The following are open positions for next school year. If you have questions about any positions or would like to find out more, please contact Kate Snyder, PTO Connector, at [katejsnyder@gmail.com](mailto:katejsnyder@gmail.com) or 859.449.3687.

### **Get Your Feet Wet (Join a Committee!)**

- *Outreach Committee* – raise awareness about DMS in the community.
- *By-Laws Committee* – draft new by-laws to help guide PTO priorities and activities.
- *Fall Picnic Committee* – organize the food and activities at the annual fall fundraiser.
- *Silent Auction Committee* – collect and organize donations for the annual fall fundraiser.
- *Book Fair Committee* – plan and implement the spring Scholastic Book Fair.

### **Dive Right In (Fly Solo or Lead a Committee)**

- *PTO Secretary* – take minutes at PTO meetings
- *PTO Bookkeeper* – handle and record PTO financial transactions
- *Outreach Committee Chair* – set the direction and priorities for this new committee
- *Book Fair Logistics Coordinator* – oversee Book Fair setup and recruit volunteer cashiers
- *Book Fair Kickoff Event Coordinator* – Plan and execute Kickoff Event

## Summer Daycare

June 2 – August 12, 2014

Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

Cost: \$130 per week, 30% discount for second child

Available for children ages 3-7 years

Staffed by our classroom assistants

Drop-in care is not offered due to staffing issues.

After one year of full time attendance, a “vacation” week is offered free of charge.

## Please Help! Substitutes Need!

We are asking for parents to assist us in our search for substitute workers for daycare and the Montessori classrooms. The most compatible individuals have come to us via our parent group. Please direct interested persons to contact Pat Critchfield at [danvillemontessorischool@gmail.com](mailto:danvillemontessorischool@gmail.com). We are grateful for the help offered by our subs, Terry Lewis and Christy Chambers, over the past year. These employees are greatly valued but both are overworked.

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!**

**THE 2014 – 2015 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13**