

# DRAGONFLY DIGEST

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Greetings, Community!

Things progress nicely here at school, and it has been lovely to meet your children and get to know them. They are a bright and inquisitive group, and the love and excellent teaching that have been lavished upon them are evident.

Our teachers have been hard at work helping students settle and get to know one another, and the site feels as if a comfortable routine shall soon be in place. I especially appreciate the problem solving and creativity our group have shown in establishing sensible processes for a host of new challenges.

Our staff trained on Project Based Learning during the two days prior to our opening, and yet again I was impressed with their diligence and energy in learning this new way of working with students. I will meet with the 4<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> teachers regularly to support progress, and I am optimistic and curious to see their results reflected in student work.

The 6/7 students have chosen electives, and class meetings began today. Ms. Carolyn and I are working with art, and we would each gratefully accept materials donations. I would appreciate thesauri, and a dictionary or two. Good quality drawing paper is always useful, and a quality set or two of colored pencils would find good use. And glue sticks? How could we ever have lived without them in the dark ages of my youth?

Also, in setting up my office I find I have a circuitous path to beat for copier access. If anyone has a spare desktop printer/copier that is still supported and Mac compatible, I would so appreciate it.

It continues to be a pleasure and a thrill to be here in Dixon, and I look forward to our year together.

With Warm Regards,  
Linda Delgado  
Director, Upper Grades

## DMCS Events

Tuesday, August 16

**Safety Drill**

Tuesday, August 23

**DMCS Governing Board Meeting**  
Room 1

Friday, August 26

**DMCS Spirit Day**  
**Retro Day - a blast from the past!**  
**Wear something from a different time period**

Thursday, September 1

**Back to School Night**  
6:30 pm

Monday, September 5

**Labor Day**  
School is Closed



Greetings Dixon Montessori Families,

Whether you are new or returning, I'd like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all. I'd also like to thank so many of you for your efforts in preparing the school for the beginning of the school year. Our painters, furniture assemblers, office builders, and a host of other helpers have done a remarkable job once again. I remain convinced that one of the greatest strengths of Dixon Montessori is the hard work, dedication and collaboration of families and teachers to provide the best for our remarkable children. Together we make a powerful team.

Our staff has been involved in a variety of trainings over the summer and in the coming weeks you will be hearing more from your child about our Character Based Literacy Program. For the next six weeks all classes at Dixon Montessori will be reading literature that highlights the theme that responsibility requires action.

While standing outside Rooms 10-13 on Wednesday, I was reminded once again of the great journey that begins in Kindergarten. Parents peering in windows left no doubt about the location of our Kindergarten rooms.

Moments later I had the pleasure of watching Ms. Melissa's second and third graders enter class



with great confidence. They have come so far in a few short years. Moving up to our middle school wing it was all excitement to be back with old friends and meeting new. Our sixth graders

this year are the school's first Kindergarten class. What a joy to see this delightful group so confident in their journey.

So welcome to all. We begin this year ready and eager to work our hardest and do our best because all of our children deserve no less.



Carolyn

## REQUESTS

The Staff at Dixon Montessori is hoping for donations of the following items:

Unused musical instruments

Books for classroom libraries - ones you have read, enjoyed and ready to pass along would be great

Music stands, soprano recorders or song flutes

Rugs - small and large

Perhaps a healthy and friendly pet or two - please discuss this with Ms. Kim in Room 2 for more information

Cuttings of succulent plants, pots, scrap lumber, chicken wire, room dividers, paint, easels and wooden or metal objects suitable for making a garden sculpture

## SPIRIT WEEK

Each month Dixon Montessori has a different spirit theme. These are days when students are asked to come to school dressed according to a particular theme. Our next spirit day is Retro Day and students are encouraged to dress from any period of the past - Renaissance, Fifties, Sixties - Pick a time period!

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Ms. Guadalupe would like to acknowledge all her classroom parents. Thank you all for your cooperation and the generous donations to our classroom. I look forward to working with you and your children throughout the year.

Ms. Kim would like to appreciate her entire class for all their thoughtful feedback to questions and discussions as well as their enthusiasm for learning what their classroom is all about.

Ms. Carolyn would like to acknowledge Gian Duran for his positive participation in class. She appreciates Lisa Perchaz for her amazing dedication to our library and choir program.

