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March 3, 2017

Enrollment for the 2017-18 School Year: We still have spaces in Upper el. grades 4-6. If you know any students who are not thriving at their current school or will be entering sixth grade and instead of going to middle school would rather spend sixth grade in an environment that nurtures and fosters children, encourages independence, leadership and gives students a year to grow before moving to middle school, please give them our number: 303-972-2627, we would love to talk to them.

A Word from THE MONTESSORI PEAKS ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Dear Future Montessori Peaks Academy Board of Directors Candidates,

It is election time for the MPA Board of Directors! The rewards that come with this commitment are truly one of a kind. Not only will you have the opportunity to help guide MPA as we move into an exciting new future, but you will play a direct role in shaping the future of our children.

Open positions this year include:

- 2 general, three-year term seats (May 2017-April 2020)

The Board will elect the executive committee (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) at the next general meeting after the election. Board meetings are scheduled once a month and are currently held on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Refer to the MPA website, under the Board of Directors link – Elections, to review the responsibilities of a Board of Directors member.

If you're interested in joining the Board, please email a letter of intent describing why you are running for the Board, as well as a current abbreviated resume to Kevin Bost, BOD Vice President at kbost@jeffco.k12.co.us. This information will be compiled and distributed to all MPA families so that they can review the information to make an informed election decision.


The election schedule is as follows:

- April 7th, 2017, 6:00 pm – letters of intent & resumes due to Kevin Bost, via email
- April 14th, 2017 – ballots will be in Friday Folders for all families to cast their vote
- April 27th, 2017 6:00 pm – ballots due back to MPA

- April 27th, 2017 6:30 pm – ballots will be counted
- April 28th, 2017 – election results will be announced via an email blast


A ballot box will be placed close to the entrance of the school for dropping off ballots or ballots can be returned in your child's Friday Folder. As stated in the MPA Bylaws, a member/family may vote in person or by proxy. This year we are really encouraging families to vote themselves, but if needed, a member/family can opt to use a proxy, please see a teacher or office staff member for a proxy form.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this important volunteer opportunity to serve MPA. We look forward to receiving your intent!

Skate City Fundraiser:  Montessori Peaks Academy Skate City Party will be on Friday, **March 10**, 2017 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Please note this date is different from what our original calendar had posted. The cost is \$4.50 + \$2.50 skate rental. Elementary students 1st - 6th grade can ride the Skate City Bus. Money must accompany the permission slip, and it must be cash only. Kindergarten and Preschool students are not eligible to ride the bus due to seat restraints. The student field trip permission form must be signed and returned by 3:00 pm on March 9, 2017 to make an accurate count of students attending. Students must be picked up from Skate City at 6:00 pm. We hope to see lots of MPA families there!



Spring Break: Spring Break begins at noon dismissal on Thursday, March 23, and continues until we resume school on Monday, April 3rd.

No Campbell Soup Labels: We will no longer collect Campbell's soup labels because the program no longer exists. We will still collect Box Tops  and milk tops from Longmont Dairy.



Honor Roll: Parents, if you have children in middle and high school and you attend an awards ceremony, can you please bring in a program to the office? We like to keep track of our alumni. Many of our graduates make honor roll and top honors. It's always nice to see.



Anthony's Pizza Fundraiser: On Thursday, March 16th, Anthony's Pizza at 2610 W Belleview, #100 Littleton, CO 80120 (Belleview and just east of C-470) will give MPA 20% of all the sales from 5pm-close. Please order dine-in or take out. Their phone number is: 303-794-0020.



Dates for your calendar:

- March 14 PTA at 6:30pm
- March 16 Anthony's pizza fundraiser
- March 21 Board of Directors 6:30pm Art Room
- March 23 Noon dismissal
- March 24 No School



State Standard Testing Period: MPA's 3rd through 6th grade students are required by the state to take the PARCC/CMAS tests. Students will not be allowed to opt out of testing because it negatively impacts the total score of the school. This is an excellent opportunity for children to learn to take standardized tests and view them as a process of their ongoing education.

We will be taking out PARCC/CMAS tests during the weeks of April 3-April 21. **Please do not plan any family vacations during that time.** It is important that we have our children in school.

It is the mission of Montessori Peaks Academy to achieve high standards of individual excellence by guiding the whole student through an exceptional learning experience based on the educational philosophy of Maria Montessori.