



ST. MAARTEN MONTESSORI SCHOOL

APRIL 2021
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES:

Easter Break - April 1st - April 5th

Carnival Break - April 23rd - May 10th



PRIMARY

Ms. Esperanza & Ms. Julia

April is here, and we're excited about our coming events!

From Tues., April 6, qualifying Primary students will begin swimming with Coach Tanya. Thank you for completing your swimming surveys.

Easter Break is from Thurs., April 1 to Mon., April 5. School resumes on Tues., April 6. Carnival Break is from Mon., April 26 through Fri., May 7. School resumes on Mon., May 10.

Reports are to go home on Wed., March 31. Please contact the Montessori office if you wish to discuss the report with the teacher.

Happy April Birthday to William, and Happy Easter and Passover to all school families. Wishing everyone a safe and restful break!



LOWER ELEMENTARY

Ms. Shelly & Ms. Wendy

We all enjoyed our recent trip to Parrotville and wrote and read journals reflecting our wonderful time spent in Nature. Thank you to Cato and family for the donation of magazines and newspapers needed for art projects and to Declan and Caelan for donating a book to our classroom library.

We finally got into our school garden with Mr. J.P. and planted and enjoy watering every morning and observing the growth of our plants.

April brings a focus on the environment as we look at countries around the world making huge strides to reduce garbage. In our classroom, we do our best to save our planet by ensuring all children have reusable water bottles, recyclable lunch containers and proper cutlery. We regularly talk about reducing our carbon footprint by using less paper and every page in our exercise books.



Our Science Fair will involve Environmental Projects for levels 1 and 2. Detailed expectations will be sent home over the Carnival Break. Level 3 students will have an Invention Convention, with a look to inventing something or adapting an item already in use. We encourage students to re-use or recycle household items, if possible. Science Fair projects are due at school in May. An information sheet will be sent home shortly.

Students soon will prepare for our annual Fine Arts Night, to be sent to parents.

School will be closed for Easter Break from Thurs., April 1, and resumes Tues., April 6. School will be closed for Carnival Break, King's Day and Labor Day from Mon., April 23, and re-opens on Mon., May 10.

We wish Caelan all the best as he leaves us this month.

Enjoy the breaks and please be safe.

Happy April Birthday to Khaled, Markus, Cecil and Caelan!



UPPER ELEMENTARY

Ms. Marianne & Ms. Wendy

With the school yearend in view, everyone is working hard to consolidate skills in all key areas. At the same time, we're exploring topics as they arise, such as learning about the bird called the willow ptarmigan in images sent from Alaska, and enjoying our spelling-bee game, Sparkle.

Spring progress reports are to go home on Wed., March 31. If you wish to discuss these reports in further detail, please contact Montessori Admin to schedule a meeting in April.

We begin April with the five-day Easter weekend, from Thurs., April 1 through our return to school on Tues., April 6, and end the month with Carnival Break, which runs from Fine Arts Night, slated for Fri., April 23, through our return to school on Mon., May 10.

During the month, we'll be working on Fine Arts Night artwork and crafts, and we'll be preparing for our Science Fair, to be scheduled in May. For many students, weekly Spelling is nearing an end; however, regular math, writing and Cultural assignments will continue.

For the Easter break, students will have the opportunity to begin their next Novel Study, due on Fri., April 16. This assignment is to focus on character description drawn directly from the text (and noted in parentheses in the body of the essay). Please look for a separate email on the topic.

Thank you to those families who sent in food donations and students who dressed down in purple on Wed., March 31, in support of International Women's Month.

Happy April birthday to Luuk and Mr. James our Music teacher!