



ST. MAARTEN MONTESSORI SCHOOL

MARCH 2021
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES:

**March 8th - School
Closed**

**March 9th School
Resumes**

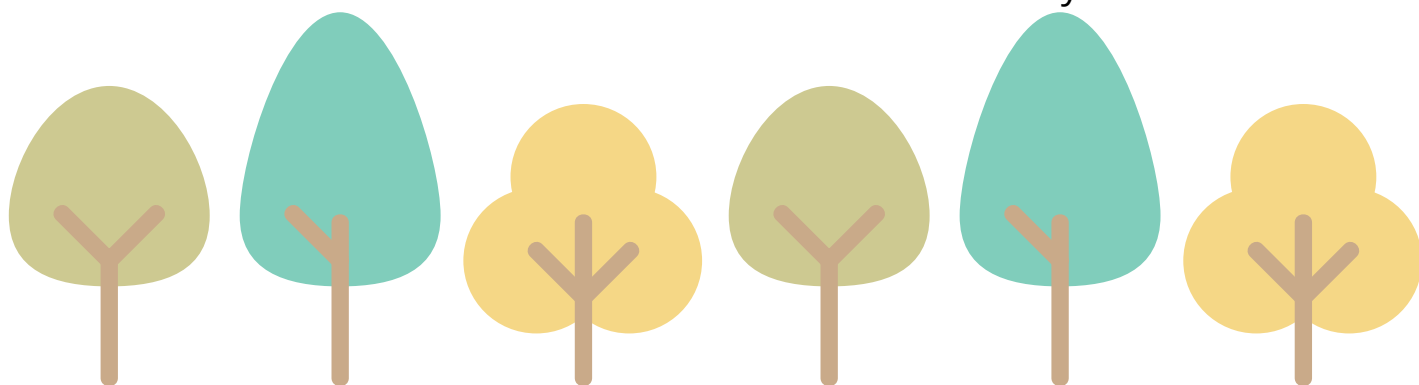
PRIMARY

Ms. Esperanza & Ms. Julia

Our Primary class continues to work with great enthusiasm. Some of our students are preparing to move up to Level 1 in the Lower Elementary classroom in August 2021. As part of the settling process, they will be visiting the LE classroom.

This month, we are exploring South America. As usual, we ask parents to help your children choose appropriate items for Show & Tell.

We will be having a field trip to the Parrotville Bird Park. More details will follow shortly.



LOWER ELEMENTARY

Ms. Shelly & Ms. Wendy

The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about composting when we visited SXM Fisheries last Friday, a short neighbourhood walk away. We harvested tomatoes and planted radishes, sweet potatoes, beets and turnips. Each child received one of these plants to plant at home or in the school garden.

Congratulations to all those who tried out for the Vita-Malt Interscholastic Run – 2.5 km for under-12s – slated for Sun., March 21. We congratulate the team of Adriaan, Mimi, Sebastian, Arhan and Chris and alternates Gabriel Am, Sahana, Femia and Amir. We encourage those interested in running to keep practicing, as next year's event is right around the corner!

After nearly a full year, we praise our children for their diligence in wearing their masks, washing hands and keeping distance. We continue to take Covid-19 seriously, and we keep our classrooms fully equipped with all hygienic supplies.

Our classroom is in full swing, with Level 3s completing their study calendars and mastering multiplication tables. Level 2s are completing more daily work from their study calendars and writing beautifully, and Level 1s are gaining fluency in reading and committing arithmetic facts to memory. The academic strides being made by all students are solid indeed. Students moving to Upper Elementary in August 2021 will have the chance to visit that classroom this week to become familiar with their new routines.

We anticipate a return to swim class next week. Please sign and return the swimming survey emailed to parents, as children will not be permitted to participate in swim lessons without it.

We will celebrate World Water Day (which highlights the importance of fresh water) on March 22. We await the experiments and current discussion on this year's theme.

We are preparing to work in our school garden again, and we will keep you informed about what plants we decide to grow this year. Again, we thank the team of parents who came together to make this a reality a year ago.

Our class will visit "Parrotville" this month, where we will study birds and local plants. More details will be sent home shortly.

HAPPY
Birthday

TO LYLA, FEMIA, MS.
MICHELE AND MS. WENDY!



UPPER ELEMENTARY

Ms. Marianne & Ms. Wendy

As we round the “third turn” on our way to the school yearend, the UE class surely exemplifies the seasonal adage, “March comes in like a lion!” Students are working hard from their daily study calendars – while continuing to take Life with Covid Protocols fully in stride.

At this time of year, we ask all students to “pick up the pace” with classroom tasks and homework to ensure mastery of key grade-level concepts and skills. For some students, this represents valuable review to keep skills fresh; for others, it is the moment to demonstrate readiness to advance to the next level in the year ahead. In short, your children may anticipate homework during all coming breaks, as we are “in session” straight through ‘til June 11th!

This month, we anticipate our return to the pool with weekly swim sessions with Coach Tanya. Please sign and return the Swimming Survey emailed to each family, as students will NOT be permitted to enter the pool without completion of this form.



Meanwhile, we're delighted to say that UE runners will anchor the Montessori team in the Vita-Malt Interscholastic 2.5-km Run on the Boardwalk in Philipsburg on Sun., March 21. Congratulations to Racing Team members Adriaan, Giselina (Mimi), Sebastian, Arhan and Chris and to our first-class Alternates, Gabriel Am., Sahana and LE runners Femia and Amir. Please feel free to join us at Walter Plantz Square at 4 p.m. that day to cheer on the team!

This month, we look forward to a field trip to the Parrotville Bird Park. Further details to come in the days ahead.

HAPPY MARCH
Birthday

DAAN, FRENCH TEACHER MS.
MICHELLE AND MS. WENDY!

