

THE EDITOR

Reporting Starting Point News

"We Are Educating Tomorrow's Leaders Today"

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Staff Updates

We have added new Montessori trained teachers to our growing staff!

Upcoming Events:

1/4 School Re-opens

1/11 Dad's Club Meeting
8:30 a.m.

1/18 SCHOOL CLOSED...
in honor of MLK Jr. Day

1/19 KPG Meeting 4:30 p.m.

1/15 MLK JR. Assembly
10:30 a.m.

1/21 Sesame Street Fieldtrip

1/26 Parent Education Night
Topic: Black History Project

1/29 KPG Fundraiser
Little Caesars Money Due!



From the Executive Director's Desk

Greetings,

When the weather outside is frightful, our children can still enjoy a safe, healthy winter. Keep these school reminders handy!

Fend off cold and flu all winter long

Now that winter is upon us, it is the time of year that can be challenging to keep our children healthy. A few proactive steps can help our SPM staff and parents work together to achieve a healthy school environment.

Keep germs at bay...

We disinfect tables and play surfaces several times a day. We always have the children wash their hands before eating and after toileting.

Experts cite two useful tips to help children avoid spreading germs:

- Wash your hands for the right amount of time, and in the right way, to help get rid of germs. Have your child rub his or her hands vigorously with soap and warm water for 20 seconds (about the time it takes to sing the "Birthday Song")
- Cover coughs. Because few people wash their hands after they cough into them, nurses suggest that children cough into their inner elbow instead of their hands.

What if your child is sick...

When your child goes home sick, you will be asked to sign our Sick Child Policy. As a reminder, this policy states the following:

- Each week we must report all contagious disease to the City of Detroit Health Department.
- Children sent home with a fever, vomiting, and/or diarrhea may not return the next day. They must be fever free and free from these symptoms for at least 24 hours.
- We cannot accept a child for care if he or she recently vomited, or has a fever or has profuse nasal discharge.

It's Field Trip Time!

Our next fieldtrip will be a journey to the Fox Theatre to enjoy Sesame Street Live on Thursday, January 21, 2016. Students must wear their ROYAL BLUE School T-shirt.

DO NOT PACK LUNCH!

Lunch sponsored by our Dad's Club!

Box Tops 4 Education

Box Tops Collection Sheet Due:

January 25, 2016

Incentive: The class that turns in the most box tops wins a Popcorn Party.

The Box Tops Incentive Winner will be announced on:

January 26, 2016



Student Birthdays!

Jan. 4th – Clifford & Nassir

Jan. 8th – Autumn

Jan. 18th – Madison T.

Jan. 19th – Oscar

We wish you all a healthy and happy birthday!!



We require staff members to stay at home when they are ill. Please do the same for your child, not only to avoid the spread of contagious illness but also to ensure a speedy recovery for your young patient!

We appreciate your cooperation during the cold and flu season!

SCHOOL CLOSING POLICY FOR SNOW DAYS!

When bad weather strikes, SPM makes every effort to keep the school open. Because weather conditions vary from city to city, the decision to come to school should be made at the discretion of the parent.

SPM will make the school closing decision by 5:30 a.m. to allow time to contact television stations and our staff. We will announce school closings by 6:30 a.m. through the following media:

- Email
- Our Website www.startingpointmontessori.com
- Our School App
- Television Channels, 2,4,7 and 50

The safety of our families and staff is our first priority, and we look forward to a safe winter at SPM.

-Mrs. Friday

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PARENT EDUCATION CLASSES:

This month's Parent Education Class will take place **Tuesday, January 26, 2016 from 4:30 p.m.** Come and learn how you and your child can get the best out of the *Starting Point Experience*. Students do not attend. Sign-up in the Main Office.

Meeting Topic: Students - Black History Project



OFFICE NOTES

- ✓ **January Tuition Due Dates: 01/04/2016 and 01/19/2016**
- ✓ **If tuition is not received on the above due dates a late fee of \$35.00 will be added.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

February

3 Wednesday KPG Little Caesars Fundraiser Orders Delivered – Pickup Time 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

8 Monday Dad’s Club Meeting 8:30 a.m.

16 Tuesday Kindergarten Parent Meeting 4:30 p.m.

12 Friday Valentine Card Exchange – All Levels – Students wear colors: red, white, and/or pink

13 Saturday Valentines Dinner Dance, 3:30 p.m. – Purchase your tickets today!
Adults \$8.00 / Children \$5.00

22 Monday Box Tops Collection Sheets Due

23 Tuesday Reading Logs Due

23 Tuesday Parent Education Class

26 Friday Black History Assembly, 9:00 a.m.

Starting Point Montessori Center, Inc. Website

Go to our website at
www.startingpointmontessori.com and read the monthly newsletter, check-out upcoming events,
learn what is new in the school, etc...

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“Education cannot be effective unless it helps a child open himself up to life.”

-Dr. Maria Montessori

