

The Montessori Schoolhouse

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Dear Montessori Families,

As we close out another successful year, we wish to thank all the parents, grandparents and staff for their tireless dedication to our school and to our students. We are so fortunate to have the community we have here at The Montessori Schoolhouse.

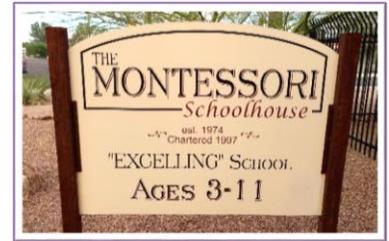
GRADUATION CEREMONIES

Both Lower Elementary and Upper Elementary classrooms hold small, elegant graduation ceremonies to honor the students moving up. These are heartfelt affairs *for students and teachers only*. Ask your student to tell you all about their ceremony.

CHOIR: A Midsummer Night's Dream

Upper Elementary's performance of their completely original opera based on William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was nothing short of spectacular. All original lyrics, music and script left us wide-eyed and speechless. The solos and duets were beautifully sung, and the Song of the Faeries was inspired. *Thank you, Perla and congratulations to all the actors and singers.*

And a shout-out to our amazing pianist, Chia Chun who arranged and played the original music effortlessly.



Upcoming Events & Information at Ft Lowell



GRADUATION CEREMONIES

Lower Elementary-Wed
Upper Elementary-Thurs

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Friday May 25th

Early Release Day

LE: 11:45 – 12pm

UE: 12 – 12:15pm

No Lunch, No Afterschool

School Closes at 12:15

Summer Art Camp

June 18th – July 6th

REGISTRATION DUE NOW

First Day of School

Wed, August 15th

POETRY AWARDS:

Our Montessori students love poetry. We submitted poems to two community contests this year, the Tucson Festival of Books and The Coati Kids Club: Sonoran Desert Museum's Earth Day Poetry Contest and *garnered a total of 9 awards!* Congratulations again to all the winners. Of course, there were many lovely, enchanting poems that were not selected.

Upper Elementary also recently held their popular Poetry Reading breakfast, showcasing everyone's lyrical imaginations.

CHESS ACHIEVEMENTS:

A note on our chess program from Coach Ken:

The chess players at The Montessori Schoolhouse were also very active in chess tournaments this year. Fully eight players competed in one or more events: Elliana Matthewson, Kyrie Knapp, Jack Tuell, Jack Humphreys, Daniyal Awais, Shivank Manga, Steve Wadsworth and Maeli Johnson. As individual competitors in these scholastic matches, our players took home a total of eight ribbons, two medals, and six trophies. The trophy awards went to Jack T. in the first League Match, Jack H. in the second, Shivank twice in League Match #2 and the Tucson Scholastics State Qualifier, and Daniyal twice as well. Dani's two awards were quite substantial: 1st place in the Tucson Scholastics, and 20th overall in the State Championships! *As a team, The Montessori Schoolhouse netted no less than five trophy awards, and one for 11th in the State!* Quite a strong year! We also held our own club tournaments. This year's club champions were Jack A., Viviana, Daniyal, Chiara and Nathalee. Congratulations to all our fine chess players!

SPECIAL YEAR END THANK YOUS!

Thank you, **Ellen**, for yoga instruction, **Bruce** for your music and singing, **Chia Chun & Shen** for teaching our students piano and violin and **Ken** for your chess instruction. Thank you, **John Callor**, (Zara's handy grandpa) for making more shelves for our new classroom and for repairing the tire swing. You all help make our school great!

Wishing you all a fun and relaxing Summer vacation,

*Regine, Olive, Judi, Perla, Maddy, Paige,
Gabriella, Lano & Rosemary*