

Principal Perspective

February 2021

Dear Monticello Families,

Monticello has been able to keep school open this year thanks to all our families' wonderful support for safety routines. Happily, Monticello continues to have no incidence of student to student Covid transmission. Thank you for your help in keeping school open! We believe that being in school learning with friends is happiest and healthiest for everyone, including parents and families.

Monticello Montessori's Ski-Board Club has one more trip to Kelly Canyon to go. Students and adults are enjoying the fresh air, exercise and friendship while learning new skills and strengthening self-confidence. Parents and students are also working together to raise Ski-Board Club Scholarship funds so everyone who wants to participate

Let's all applaud this year's Ski-Board Club Advisor, Ms. Dowling for all her persistence in shifting everyone to the new digital sign-up system. She has also faithfully masterminded the sale of frozen yogurt to support scholarships each week. Let's also thank our Ski-Board Club volunteer parents who are planning an online auction and are counting on you all bidding on their great items, also for scholarship fundraising. I hear that some local entertainment may be featured, just for fun.

Venturing out this month, several classes are scheduling the first field trips of the year. The outings will be to safe and sanitized locations, with group sizes limited. We are so grateful that Bonneville County mask restrictions have been lifted – at least for now.

Open enrollment is in progress. Now is the time for next year's kindergarten students to apply. Monticello conducts its Admission Lottery in April each year. To be eligible to enter Kindergarten, children must turn 5 years old on or before September 1st.

This fall Monticello Montessori classes each presented their Culture Fair virtually. Parents were able to view their class's projects. The class displays included family histories, holidays around the world, states and capitals, Native American dioramas and even spotlights on personal culture, all posted in the halls for students to also see.

In the coming weeks, classes will each be having an Art Fair, presented virtually and to fellow classes. We look forward to the time when students and parents can all gather again and celebrate our students' accomplishments in gala style alongside one another. How nice that will be!

We will also be introducing careers and colleges to kids in the coming weeks. Watch for more information on that and look for ways that you could spotlight your career and the training it took to share with your child's class. Maybe a 3-4 minute recording, or a live Zoom presentation?

Again, thank you to all our wonderful families for their support in keeping everyone safe and healthy. Let's keep working and playing hard, remaining safe, and enjoying in the day by day the little graces that come our way.

Hoping you all stay safe and well,

Ms. Kemery, Principal