

May 8, 2017

Principal Update

Time flies! We have had a very busy year! Here are some of the highlights from the past few weeks...

- The Sr. Elementary students created amazing experiences on their trips to Virginia and Oregon. Their trips helped make history come to life! See the wonderful pictures on the Private Parents Facebook Page POMA. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/260872724349336/>
- The Middle School students spent 4 days exploring New York City. One year they take a city trip and the next year they have an adventure trip. They hit all the major sites, museums, and still had time to visit Columbia University. Expanding their world is what it is all about in Middle School. Their pictures are also on the POMA Facebook site.
- Swimming lessons have resumed and continue throughout the summer and into October. In addition our partnership with Ultimate Dive and Travel is finally coming alive. We will be offering SCUBA classes throughout the summer and into October, as well. More information coming shortly.
- We have an amazing group of Parents who, in the spirit of collaboration and transformational leadership, are meeting Wednesday, May 10th, at 7:30am on campus. Join their Facebook page for more information!
 - We are in the process of confirming some of the event/activity chairs for next year....what's your pleasure?
 - Room Parent?
 - Event Chairperson?
 - Other volunteer opportunities.....email Juli.Newman@montessoriacademyaz.org
- **Sign up to be a Room Parent now.** Classroom lists will be out shortly, let your child's teacher know if you are interested in continuing to be the Room Parent, or are interested in becoming a Room Parent. Co-Room Parents have been popular. The Room Parents are going to be working much more closely with the Lead Teacher, the Principal, and our Community Liaison. We are planning a Teacher/Room Parent Breakfast in the summer, so we would like all Room Parents to be in place within the next 2 weeks.
- Standardized testing went smoothly. Since we opted in for the computer-based test this year, we will have some of the results back earlier than normal (typically June- could now be May). As soon as we are allowed to release the results we will!

Upcoming Events/Activities:

- The 8th grade graduation is on May 24th at 6:00p, on the sport court. Please arrive between 5:30 and 6:00, so we can start on time. Parking is on the back field. Both 7th and 8th grade students are required to attend.
- On May 25th we will start the day with preparation for Mercado, have a flag ceremony at 8:50 until 9:00, and begin Mercado at 9:00am. The Honor Council, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts will help with

the ceremony. Early Release is for all students. 11:30 for Toddler, Early Education, and Jr. Elementary; 11:45 for Sr. Elementary and Middle School.

- May 25th is the last day of school and a half-day for **all** students.
- There is no school May 26th – June 4th. SMART Camp for Toddlers and Early Education students begin June 5th. There is currently a wait list. See Ms. Reem for details.

Thank you,
Juli Newman, Principal ([Email Juli](#))