



dubuque **montessori** school

*Loving Children Since 1968*

# The Sandpaper Letter

December 2010



## Dates to Remember

### DECEMBER



Friday, December 3

Scholastic Book Orders Due

Wednesday, December 8  
and Thursday, December 9

Progress Reports Sent Home

Sunday, December 12

SCRIP Orders Due, 12:00pm

[www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)

Wednesday, December 22

1st Snow Make-Up Day if Needed  
OR Winter Break Begins, No School

Thursday, December 23 –  
Friday, December 31

Winter Break, No School

January 3, 2011

Classes Resume

*Please visit our school website for the  
complete 2010-2011 calendar.  
([www.dubuquemontessori.org](http://www.dubuquemontessori.org))*

## A Message from Our Director

December 2010

December Greetings,

Heartfelt wishes to all during this magical time of the year. I anticipate and plan all year long for these next few weeks, yet somehow I am surprised it is here!

At Dubuque Montessori School we believe in the importance of family traditions. We welcome and encourage all families to share their traditions now and throughout the year. Feel free to bring in artifacts, food, games, pictures and stories that reflect your heritage and family history.

We respect children as different from adults and as individuals different from each other. We are committed not only to helping them grow up with confidence in their own identity but equally important, to be respectful of others and aware of the rich diversity that surrounds us.

We continue our mission and strive daily to guide the children the way that Maria Montessori had imagined, advocating social justice and reaching out to others.

However you celebrate, above all we wish you quality time spent with the children. It is the time you spend with the children playing games, going for walks, singing, baking and reading bedtime stories, which create an environment of trust and unconditional love, gifts of a lifetime!

From our family to yours, we wish you peace and love and we thank you for giving us the gift of working with your children. We consider it a privilege.

With love and appreciation,

Beth Gilbreath  
Director

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Dubuque Montessori School is a not-for-profit parent-run organization. Our mission is to bring together children of all social, economic and cultural backgrounds in an atmosphere that encourages children to develop to their fullest potential, using proven, child-directed Montessori methods and materials in a warm, nurturing, safe and loving environment.



## SCRIP and Holiday Shopping



As you prepare for the upcoming holiday season and gift-giving, please keep the DMS Scrip program in mind.

Participating in the Scrip program is an easy way to help DMS and do your holiday shopping at the same time!

The next order date is December 12 and orders will be sent home in mailbags on Wednesday, December 15 (or for 2-day students on the 16th.)

To learn more about Scrip or to place an order, please contact Jami Slater at (563) 583-1330 or jami8523@aol.com or visit [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com).

The list at right shows just some of the many retailers (local and national chains) that offer multiple denominations of Scrip, perfect for stocking stuffers and gifts:

### Restaurants/Food

Applebee's  
Big Apple Bagels  
Carlos O'Kelly's  
Chammps Americana  
Culver's  
Dairy Queen/Kwik Stop  
Happy Joe's  
Hy-Vee  
McDonald's  
Panera Bread  
Pizza Hut  
Starbucks  
Subway

### Entertainment

AMC Theatres  
ITunes.com  
Jumpin' Jane's  
Mindframe Theater

### Retail

American Eagle Outfitters  
Bath & Body Works  
Best Buy  
Claire's  
Dick's Sporting Goods  
JC Penney  
Kohl's  
Michael's  
Old Navy/Gap  
Toys R Us  
Walgreens  
Walmart/Sam's Club  
Younkers

### Home Improvement/Décor

Menards  
Lowe's  
Pier One  
Pottery Barn



DMS Presents:

## 2nd Annual Trivia Night

Categories include: TV, Sports, Name that Tune, and More...

### **50/50 Raffle & Silent Auction**

Get together a team of 8 of your most clever, most fun, and of course, **smartest** friends for a fun-filled night of trivia!

Event site donated by and located at **Thunder Hills Country Club** on **Saturday, January 22, 2011. Doors open at 7:00 pm.**

Cash Bar and Free Popcorn  
\$10 per person

(Please return the form below in an envelope with your registration money.)

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### Trivia Night Registration (please print)

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$80 due for a team of 8 people)

There is a maximum of 8 people per team.

Please make checks payable to "Dubuque Montessori School".

Any questions, please call Amy Van Otterloo at (563) 557-1375.

### Team Members: (please print)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_



## Save the Date!

### 6th Annual DMS Golf Outing



*Saturday, May 14, 2011  
Shot-gun start at 3:00 pm  
The Meadows Golf Course*

9 holes with cart, 4 person best-shot  
Kalmes' Steak or Chicken Dinner  
Silent Auction and Raffle  
\$50 per person

**Volunteers are needed**, if you'd like to join the planning committee, please contact Trisha Hearn at (563) 582-2241 or trishamjh@gmail.com.

## Notes From the Office

### Items Needed

- \* Brown paper bags to use for our food scrap program.
- \* Gently used tea pots to use during the annual DMS Tea Party.

### DMS Family in Need

Dubuque Montessori School has a family experiencing serious financial need. If you are looking to brighten the Holidays for another family, please see Beth or Sherri in the office.

## Kids Care Club Update



Wow! Project Linus was a success!

The mission of Project Linus is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need. Thanks to our DMS families we were able to make 25 blankets to donate!

Special thanks to all of our families who contributed fabric for the DMS Kids Care Club and Project Linus.

Also thanks to Christine Ripperger and her family for preparing the fabric for our Saturday morning gathering and blanket making session.

Thanks to the following children and families who participated in making the blankets:

- \* Noah and Gabriel Blair with dad Brian
- \* Noah, Owen and Micah Ripperger (with dad and mom, Nathan and Christine)
- \* Anna and Joshua Van Otterloo (with dad and mom, Brad and Amy)
- \* J.P. and Jackson Weber (with mom, Marriann)
- \* Hector Quintana (with dad and mom, Hector and Christine)
- \* Kalyn Gilbreath (with mom Beth)



## Winter Music Jam!



Please join us for a winter concert for children sponsored by DMS!

Date: Sunday, December 19, 2010  
Time: 3:00 pm  
Location: Carnegie-Stout Public Library  
Cost: Free will donations accepted at the door

This family event will celebrate the magic of the season with singing, hands-on musical instruments and movement.  
Led by Music Therapist, Abbey Dvorak.

For more information please contact the DMS Office at (563) 556-5101.