



ALPINE MONTESSORI

"The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled"
— Plutarch

Notes from 908

DATES TO REMEMBER

5/2

Re-enrollment for 2022-23 begins

5/13

Re-enrollment forms deadline

5/16

Open enrollment begins for new students

5/24

Kindergarten graduation, 10:30AM

5/25

Elementary graduation and transition ceremony, 10:30 AM

5/26

Last day of school, early dismissal @ noon

Looking ahead...

6/6

Summer I begins

The end of the school year is finally upon us, and what a year it has been! We have experienced so much growth in the last 10 months, both in our classrooms and on the grounds. As we set our eyes towards the next year, we'd like to take a moment to thank the families and our incredible staff for all the hard work you put into making this a safe, loving, and enriching environment for the children. We hope to welcome you all back next year!

Re-enrollment for the 2022-23 school year will be Monday, May 2nd, and forms can be found in the office. It is important to sign your child up before open enrollment begins on May 13th. This is especially true for the elementary class as we already have a waiting list for next year's new comers.

This year's large kindergarten class will graduate on Tuesday, May 24th at 10:30 AM, and we encourage their parents to attend the ceremony! The elementary sixth graders will graduate on Wednesday, May 25th, at 10:30, and will assist in transitioning the current 3rd graders to Upper Elementary. Parents are welcome to this ceremony as well. These students have accomplished so much this year, some after not being in school at all the year before. We are incredibly proud of them. Graduation is a heartening ritual at AMS...we've learned to make tissues available at both ceremonies! :)

The last day of school will be Thursday, May 26th with an early release at noon. All classes will enjoy a morning of celebration. For those returning for our summer program, please look for the Summer I invoice around 5/20, and we'll see you on Monday, June 6th! We wish everyone a terrific summer!



From the Elementary



The ITBS has been administered and parent/teacher conferences have been held. That can only mean one thing: the last day of school is just around the corner! The students are very busy at work wrapping up their studies and projects in anticipation of the end of this school year. Sixth graders will present their *big* project on a subject of their choosing during the last week. Other students are focussing on finishing up Culturals before they are replaced next year.

During the last week of school every year, we celebrate the graduating sixth graders and those students transitioning from lower to upper elementary. This ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May

26th at 10:30. You're welcome to take your graduate out to lunch following the celebration as it will be a lax day of cubby cleaning and getting the classroom ready for its long summer's nap.

The following day we will have a last-day-of-school PARTY! The students will walk to Kokernot Park and are welcome to bring yard games/toys with them. There will be an early release at noon so no need to send a lunch. Any parent that can provide a special snack, i.e. a fruit tray, watermelon or freezer pops, is gratefully asked to please let one of the teachers know. We hope to see everyone back in the fall!

The Primary Side

May is a bittersweet month for us. We are so happy to honor the children and all they have accomplished this year, to graduate the amazing kindergarteners, and to wrap up the school year (mostly) mask-free. But we also are in the process of saying good-bye to Ms. Irene. During her tenure at our school she brought so much calm and sensitivity to the classroom. With her soft voice and understanding nature, she has been a gift to the students in her charge. We all will miss her so much and wish her the very best!

We will be celebrating the kindergarteners with a graduation ceremony on Tuesday, May 24th, at 10:30 AM. This is the moment when they receive their diplomas and officially become first graders! Parents of the graduates may choose to take their child out to lunch afterward. We will have a farewell party on Thursday, our last day of school. The school will release at noon, so no need to send a lunch. Special snack treats are welcome, though! Please let a teacher know if you can bring a fruit tray or cookies. Great job, kids!



Music and THEATRE

The after-school music and theatre programs are working on one final presentation before the end of the school year. Family of these students are invited to witness this production on Wednesday, May 25th, at 6PM in the Studio Theatre at Sul Ross State University. Please mark your calendars for this special program from your very talented children! Special thanks goes to Beverly Escuder and Marjie Scott for their work and dedication with the children this year. We are so fortunate to have their instruction at Alpine Montessori!

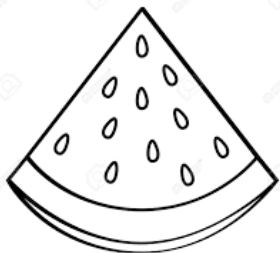


Around the AP



We have really enjoyed resurrecting the adolescent program this year and expanding the rigorous curriculum to include robotics, Lumber Club, and visual and performing arts. The students needed time to adjust to the expectations in their daily work but with perseverance they have excelled! This month they are finishing up the last of their academic work before beginning their internships with area workplaces. They will also spend a week in Marfa wrapping up their student-run business. Students and their families will gather on Tuesday, May 24th, for a combined robotics presentation and end-of-year pot luck.

We are looking forward to expanding the program next year to accommodate our rising 8th graders as well as new incoming 7th grade students. The last day of this school year will be a half-day on May 26th. The students will walk to Kokernot Park for a morning of fun and frolic!



We Thank YOU!

We get by with a LOT of help from our friends. We would like to thank the following people and businesses for their contributions to our school.

Ivan Santos Nuñez, Erin Williams, Paedric Rayburn, Allison Ofenstein, Da Costa Santos, Faith Melgaard, Benjamin Garcia, Mark Ofenstein, Kyle Melgaard, and Jim Thompson, *for ALL the sweat equity they invested in our school on the parent workday! Everything looks great and the students were thrilled with the playground improvements!*



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