

# Pleasant Valley Montessori School

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## Dates to Remember

January 16: No School - Martin Luther King Day

February 20: No School - President's Day



We hope that you all had an enjoyable Winter break and we are glad to welcome you all back to school. We would especially like to welcome some new students who are starting at PVMS this month:

Autumn Carabajal and Sara Hanson will be joining Miss Cheryl's class and Lukas Kahl will be joining Miss Skylynn's class. We are very excited to have them with us and expect that they will feel right at home in no time. The school year will be half over this month and we still have so much to look forward to this year. Please continue to watch the bulletin board in the hallway for upcoming activities.



## Reminders:

**\*\*Please dress your child for the weather!** If it is not raining after lunch we will take the children outside for some fresh air and exercise. Please make sure your child has a heavy coat, hat, mittens and boots everyday. Also, check your child's supply of extra clothes and make sure they are appropriate for the weather and that they still fit.

**\*\*Be sure to pack two napkins and appropriate eating utensils in your child's lunch every day.** Lunch is an important part of the Montessori Grace and Courtesy lessons and the children will be more successful if they have the right tools every day.

**\*\*Please keep your child home if they are showing any signs of communicable illness and notify a staff member so that we can alert the other families to watch for symptoms.** Oregon state law requires anyone with a fever, vomiting or diarrhea must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school. If your child becomes ill at school we will call you immediately so you can arrange to pick your child up. It is very important that we have current contact information in our files so please alert a staff member if your information has changed.

**\*\*Sharing will resume Thursday, January 5th; be sure to check the bulletin board for the "Sound of the Week".**

**\*\*Tumbling lessons with Miss Carol will resume Tuesday, January 3rd; be sure your child is dressed appropriately in loose fitting clothes like sweats and tee shirts - no jeans or dresses.**

## January Birthdays



*Jackson Liepold - Jan. 17*  
*Nathan Carpenter - Jan. 20*  
*Aiden Carabajal - Jan. 26*

Remember, on your child's birthday you may bring treats for the classroom. Homemade treats are fine however, we ask that you do not bring cupcakes or cookies with heavy frosting. We enjoy celebrating each child's birthday and would love for you to bring in pictures of your child on their birthday. Please include a photo from their birth and one for each birthday they have had. Also, we ask that you do not leave invitations or thank you cards in cubbies or sign in book. Exceptions will be made if all students are invited. If you need an address list, please ask a staff member.

Be sure to check out our website at [pymontessori.com](http://pymontessori.com)

Photos are available to view on our website however, they are password protected.  
The password is on the bulletin board in the hallway.

### SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO WEATHER

If weather conditions are hazardous due to snow or ice the school will be closed. We follow the GRESHAM-BARLOW school district for closures. Watch the news or listen to the radio to see if any schools in our area are closed. If it is a 2 hour late start then we will open at 10:30a.m. If you are not sure if the school is open, please call the school number at 503-658-6966. We will update the voice mail to notify you of school closures.

### THANK YOU!

...for supporting our book fair and craft bazaar last month. Thanks to your generosity we raised over \$400 for new books for the classrooms and close to \$300 from the bazaar!

...to Vickie and Brandi Cornell for organizing the bazaar. Watch for a Spring bazaar around Mother's Day!

...to the Trotter family for donating a small trampoline to be used in our tumbling lessons!



The teachers would like to say a huge "THANK YOU" to everyone for all of the sweet gifts you gave us for Christmas! You truly spoil us and we are delighted to be thought of at this special time of year.

### Classroom News:



This month we will begin our continent unit in both classrooms. The children will be learning about the geography, cultures and customs of the world. They will also be making maps and flags from each continent.



Also, this month in Practical Life we will be squeezing oranges to make fresh orange juice. Please have your child bring in one orange this month.



Science projects are always welcome if you did not get a chance to bring one last month you can do that any time. Just make sure your child has all necessary supplies for the experiment and has practiced at home before bringing it to school.



We will be making Valentine "mailboxes" next month so each student will need to bring in a shoebox to decorate. You may bring in any size shoebox to school this month, we would like everyone to have one by January 31st.

*"Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education." Martin Luther King, Jr.*