



## *Diamond Bar Montessori Academy* *January/February 2022*

### **Happy New Year!**

We hope our families had a wonderful time with loved ones during the holiday season, and we wish everyone a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2022!

We welcome our Montessori families back for another great year and look forward to working together to ensure our students continue to thrive in a well-rounded program of Montessori academics and enrichment programs.

On behalf of all our staff, we thank you for your thoughtful Christmas gifts and warm wishes. We truly appreciate the generosity and support from our Montessori community.

We are halfway through the school year! The resilience that our families and students have shown has been truly inspiring. We are grateful for the cooperation and support that the parents have shown during these times.

We continue to take all measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease in our schools and community. Our thoughts and prayers are with our families who have been affected by the virus.

To complement what the children are learning during this time, we have planned some fun activities. We will emphasize the importance of kindness, compassion, and appreciation for the bonds we share. We wish everyone a "Happy Day of Hearts!"



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# *A Look Back at December*

## **The Winter Program**

Our winter program was an exciting time for our students to showcase what they have practiced the last few weeks.

The children enjoyed performing the Christmas songs and dances before the other classes. We genuinely believe that music, dance, and art are essential parts of every child's education.



## **Secret Santa Gift Exchange and Luncheon**

The children enjoyed the delicious Christmas lunch and were very excited to open their gifts with the rest of the class.

Thank you to all the parents for understanding and supporting the changes to our gift exchange tradition.

## **Pajama and Movie Day**

Our pajama party was fun for our children as we settled in for entertainment-filled holiday activities by the Christmas tree with cookies and milk.



# February Dates to Remember...

## Celebrations/Holidays

February 1st: Chinese New Year Celebration  
February 14th: Valentine's Day Celebration  
February 21st: Presidents' Day – School Closed

## February 14th: Valentines Day Snack Party

Every February 14th, people exchange greeting cards, candy, flowers, and gifts, all in the name of St. Valentine. It is a beautiful opportunity for children to appreciate their friends and the people they love.

We will celebrate the occasion with a snack party, and the students are encouraged to dress in red, pink, or purple.

## Valentine's Day Card & Goody Bag Exchange

Our students will exchange Valentine's Day Cards and other treats on Monday, February 14, 2022.

## Suggested items for the goody bags

pencils, erasers, small toys, notepads, coloring books, crayons, and other creative materials.

Please ensure that anything your child is planning on exchanging is individually wrapped as we continue to take precautions against the coronavirus.



We discourage parents from sending any type of candies in the goody bags. Please contact your child's teacher to get more information.

*We look forward to a fun-filled Valentine's Day!*

## African American History Month

Our students will focus this February on learning about the lives of African Americans, their history, heritage, and contributions to our country.

We will celebrate their achievements by learning about their incredible journey.

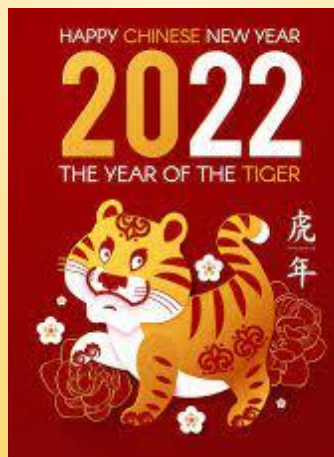
We hope that these American heroes' courage, strength, creativity, and talents will inspire our students to contribute towards a kinder and more tolerant society.

## February 1st: Chinese New Year Celebration

Chinese New Year is a traditional holiday celebrated at the turn of the Chinese calendar. It is an excellent opportunity for our students to expand their knowledge and embrace diversity.

We will celebrate this special occasion and learn more about China, especially its culture and traditions, people, geography, and other interesting facts.

Kindly dress your child in red and gold-colored festive attire on this day. We have planned a special lunch menu for this day.



## *A Few Friendly Reminders....*

### **February 21st: Presidents' Day**

Presidents' Day honors all the past presidents of the United States.

The third Monday of February has been fittingly selected to commemorate the birthdays of George Washington, the first President and Father of our country, and Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president. The latter dedicated his life to preserving the Union.

The school will be closed on Monday, February 21st in observance of Presidents' Day.

### **Covid-19 Updates**

We would like to thank the Montessori community for their continued cooperation in following the pandemic guidelines. Although we have learned about encouraging news regarding the vaccine, we are now facing the challenge of the highly contagious omicron variant. The general population is now affected by this virus.

We need to continue being vigilant about following the protocols, especially in the winter. The teachers and staff implement these guidelines vigilantly and help the children practice proper hygiene while at school.

We also request that the parents and guardians wear masks and practice social distancing while at school.

### **Donations**

We encourage all our parents to donate their children's outgrown and gently used uniforms.

Kindly remember that uniforms are mandatory!

We strongly encourage our parents to donate their child's used books to our class library.

Reading to children is one of the most effective ways for solid cognitive development. Our Montessori program includes a rigorous reading program, and our teachers are always in search of exciting books to read to the class.

Thank you, dear parents and family, for your generous donations of books, toys, and uniforms.

### **Like us on Facebook**

We have posted pictures and videos of our Winter Program, not to mention the beautiful images of children as they opened their gifts from Santa. These are sure to bring a smile to our families.



### **Cool Weather**

Please remember to send a coat or sweater with your children. It has been chilly these days, and we want to keep the children warm when they go out for playtime. Please don't forget to label your child's jackets with their name.



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