

# Montessori Magnet School Newsflash

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City School District of  
**ALBANY**

## Sign up for SNN

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## Mrs. Seward is Montessori



Mrs. Seward is a special education teacher of students in grades two and three.

**How long have you been at Montessori?**

*I just started my seventh year at MMS. I spent the majority of my public school years teaching at Eagle Point Elementary here in Albany.*

**What do you love about our school?**

*I love that at MMS, some of my students have been welcomed into general education settings for academic or special area classes and have developed special, lasting friendships with their play group partners. All my students, no matter the level of their needs, are shown kindness and caring by the greater Montessori community daily.*

**What makes you smile?**

*Life! It is meant to be enjoyed with others so why wouldn't I smile?*

## Principal's News

**Answer:** "It's been great! I have loved every moment!"

**Question:** What is the answer given by me to everyone who has asked about the start of the new school year?

The students, the teachers and the entire staff seem to have transitioned quite well from summer to school mode. As a community we have already gathered for three successful events which gave us all opportunities to learn more about programming, connect with friends and meet families new to our great Montessori Magnet School.

Each new year brings with it excitement, opportunity and the chance for a fresh start. The new school year also brings with it efforts aimed at increasing the growth of our students.

### I am personally excited about:

- Work being done collaboratively by our math and reading coaches with the classroom teachers
- The two new, computer-based programs available to all district students aimed at solidifying and growing understanding of key math and phonics concepts
- The Montessori training that will be coming to our school during the course of the school year which



includes professional development for all staff and two evenings specifically for parents (much more information to come on this exciting topic)

As always, please make sure to personally reach out to our teachers, staff, the main office and, of course, me with any questions, concerns or ideas you may have throughout the year. We are all here with the same goal in mind: to make your child's experience as authentically Montessori and as academically rewarding as possible. These goals become reality when we work closely together. Here's to a great 2019-20 school year!

Best Wishes,

*Mr. Powell*

## A.P.L. recognizes Montessori readers

Every summer, students throughout the city are invited to join the Albany Public Library's (A.P.L.) Summer Reading Challenge. Completing the program means reading for 10 hours.

For those who want to go beyond the 10 hours, the library offers a 'keep reading' challenge of 40 or more hours for a total of 50 hours.

Youth who completed 50 hours received an exclusive "Dinosaurs Didn't Read. Now, They're Extinct" tee-shirt.

So, if you see these shirts around Montessori, you will know that student likes to read a lot! Congrats to all our readers!





**Above:** Prekindergarten student Evan Baggott works on developing the practical life skill of pouring in Katie Light's class. Practical Life skills are purposeful activities that develop motor control and coordination. They also help to develop independence, concentration and a sense of responsibility.

For more on what a Montessori education entails, check out this link: [www.montessori.edu](http://www.montessori.edu).



**Bottom Center:** Third-grader Juan Rivera is excited to be welcomed by Ant-Man during Thursday's clap-in.

**Top Center:** Sarah Rose, the MMS school

psychologist, leads a guided tour intended to remind students of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) expectations.



**Above:** On Sept. 17, MMS dads enjoyed breakfast with their children during the national 'Dads Take Your Child to School Day.' Thanks to all who participated!



## Albany City School District MMS Events

- The **Falcon 5K Run/Walk and Fun Run** is slated for Sunday, Sept. 22 at 9:30 a.m. Register online at [albanyboosterclub.org](http://albanyboosterclub.org). Admission varies between \$10 and \$20.
- The first 2019/20 **MCC Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m.
- There will be **no school on Monday, Sept. 30, Wednesday, Oct. 9, and Monday, Oct. 14** in observation of holidays.
- **Picture Day** is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 16.

## Community Events

- From Friday, Sept. 20 through Sunday, Sept. 22, a **Hot Air Balloon Festival** will take place at Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport in Queensbury. Watch over one hundred hot air balloons take flight, enjoy kids activities, live music and more. Free!
- The **Celebrity STEM Back-to-School Expo** will be held at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 21. Kids ages 4-14 can get inspired with interactive exhibits and experiments. Admission is \$10.
- **Sensible Science** is a special time for visitors with Autism Spectrum Disorders to experience the miSci museum through hands-on exhibits and activities. The event will be held on Sunday, Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to noon.