

The Montessori Connection

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TMEMS Peace Education

Dr. Maria Montessori is a seminal figure in peace education and at TMEMS, we strive to continue her legacy by educating for peace. Our Peace Education curriculum is designed to create confident students, who will become peaceful members of their communities. Peace Education at TMEMS not only teaches peer mediation, conflict resolution skills and diversity, but also guides children toward developing the respect, empathy, collaborative spirit, self-awareness, kindness, curiosity, and sense of justice that is required to live in harmony with others. Maria Montessori said, "Education is the best weapon for peace" and at TMEMS, we will use that statement to educate students on the values of global citizenship, personal responsibility, and respect for diversity.

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for peace.

- Maria Montessori



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

NM Crisis Line

<https://nmcrisisline.com/>

If you or a loved one is experiencing any kind of emotional crisis, mental health or substance use concern, you can find help 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by calling the New Mexico Crisis and Access Line or Peer to Peer Warmline.

REACH NM

<https://cyfd.org/news/news/introducing-reach-nm>

A new way for youth to reach CYFD in NM. REACH NM allows young people to connect directly with CYFD workers for resources, help, and reporting potential abuse or neglect. The service is free to any New Mexican.

Every Kid Outdoors

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/learn/kids/everykid>

4th & 5th grade students, and their family, get free access to hundreds of parks, lands, and waters for an entire year at America's natural wonders and historic sites through the US Forest Service.

Family Art

<https://www.cabq.gov/culturalservices/albuquerque-museum/events/family-art-workshops>

Download a different art project each week from Albuquerque Museum. Try your hand working with a variety of art mediums that you have available at home. All ages.

TMMS students write about peace

7th grade collaborative statement about condemning violence:

"We all have different opinions and disagreements about many things. Reacting violently to those disagreements can cause more problems than solutions. Violence almost always leads to chaos and hatred because it is fueled by anger. This provokes people to act in painful and destructive ways. In order to work through our differences, we must listen to each other and work together peacefully to reach effective solutions. If we can work with each other instead of against each other, the world would be a much kinder, more compassionate place."

8th grade submission about the importance of peace:

"Peace is very important in so many ways because if you get into an argument everyone assumes it has to get violent but in reality you could just agree to disagree or compromise. People normally think it's about who yells the loudest who's taller who's stronger but the strongest guy in the world could be the man who only acknowledges peace and doesn't allow violence in his life. When you're not peaceful it leads to someone getting hurt. It could be their feelings or something physical and then you can never take back what you did but if it's peaceful you can look back and be proud that you handled it in a good way. "The importance of peace"- peace is something very enjoyable when you feel at peace you are happy, kind, and you feel at harmony with the world." Alexa Stafford, 8th grade

ENGAGE New Mexico

What is ENGAGE New Mexico?

For many students, going from a traditional classroom to learning from home can be a real challenge. New Mexico's Public Education Department has partnered with Graduation Alliance to provide an extra layer of support for students in grades k-12 and their families who might be struggling with these changes.

Students who choose to participate in the program will get an academic coach to work with them to answer questions, connect them with resources, and develop a plan to get on track and finish the school year strong.

How does it work?

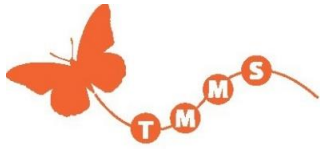
Graduation Alliance is reaching out to students through phone calls, emails, text messages and more to get students started.

What does it cost?

There is no cost for the student. ENGAGE New Mexico is completely free to students.

How do I enroll?

Go to ParentsNM.GraduationAlliance.com, call 505-340-3250, or email EngageNM@GraduationAlliance.com to get started.



The Montessori Middle School

TMMS Alumni Corner

One of the many special things about TMMS is the bonds that were formed in middle school carry on long afterwards. Our alumni have gone on to be very successful in their lives and we thought we would feature some alum to celebrate their successes. Enjoy!

TMMS Alum: Mikaela Ziegler

TMMS Class of 2017

Current School: V. Sue Cleveland High School

College(s) you hope to attend: The University of New Mexico or New Mexico State University

1) What is your favorite memory of your time as a student at TMMS?

My favorite memory at TMMS is probably going to Poland at the end of 8th grade. It was an amazing way to finish up middle school and spend time with my friends. I learned so much on that trip and the memories will stay with me for the rest of my life.

2) If there was a quote about TMMS, what would it be?

Probably "We didn't even realize we were making memories. We just knew we were having fun." – Winnie The Pooh

3) What skills learned at TMMS helped you the most after graduating?

The most important skill that I learned was conflict resolution and I continue to use it every single day.

4) How did the 8th grade Big Trip impact your life?

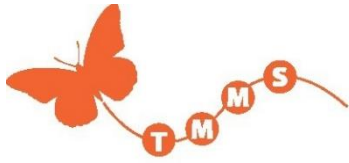
The big trip impacted my life in the most incredible way. It gave me a new perspective on life, and how precious it is. It has also made me want to pursue a career where I can help people and make a difference in their lives.

5) Time to brag! What are your current interests, goals, successes, etc. that you would like to share?

Currently I am in the top 10% of my class at V. Sue Cleveland High School. I will be graduating this year and heading off to college in the fall. I have also received multiple scholarships from different colleges because of my high grades.

6) Is there anything else you would like to add about TMMS, yourself, etc.?

TMMS really impacted my life in a very positive way and I will always look back on my time there fondly. I have so many incredible memories from middle school and I am so grateful for the friends that I made.



The Montessori Middle School

TMMS Alumni Corner

TMMS Alum: Joseph Sanchez

TMMS Class of 2017

Current School: Amy Biehl

College(s) you hope to attend: UNM, UCLA, Columbia are my top three choices

1) What is your favorite memory of your time as a student at TMMS?

My favorite memories as a student at TMMS were in eighth grade when we went on our Big Trip. The whole trip to Poland was very enjoyable and I hadn't experienced anything like that before. We had been working towards the trip for a long time and it was a nice trip before high school. We had a lot of freedom. I also enjoyed developing friendships with the people who I am still friends with to this day.

2) If there was a quote about TMMS, what would it be?

TMMS strives to create an environment of peace and kindness.

3) What skills learned at TMMS helped you the most after graduating?

The skills that I learned at TMMS that have helped me the most were through the internship. The internship taught me how to work independently, in unfamiliar environments; it also taught me how to write resumes, which I had to do later in high school. The internship presentations helped me with public-speaking skills. During high school I was part of multiple student groups where that skill benefited me as well as various school presentations throughout my high school years. Practicing public speaking in eighth grade helped me in high school.

4) How did the 8th grade Big Trip impact your life?

Again, that independence was appreciated. It was cool to experience an entirely different country for as long as we did. I feel like you can gain a lot from traveling and seeing different places. Also, the biggest part of the trip was going to the Auschwitz concentration camp. That was a very powerful experience that I will not ever forget and has stuck with me through the years; When visiting Auschwitz, we all saw and felt the consequences of the hatred that people are capable of. We learned more about the Holocaust in 8th grade and in high school, and the experience helped shape the way that I look at history and the world today.

5) Time to brag! What are your current interests, goals, successes, etc. that you would like to share?

I am currently interested in politics, social justice and the law. I participated in mock trial for three years (up until the pandemic) and was the team captain during my sophomore year and participated on the varsity team during my freshman and junior year. For my undergrad, I plan on majoring in Sociology and getting a minor in Political Science, then going to law school (probably at UNM).

Three easy ways to support our school!

TMEMS features a unique and creative curriculum, a strong community, and dynamic and dedicated teachers. Although we have not been able to be in the classroom physically this year, our school could still use some monetary support for our Educational Assistant (EA) Fund. EA's play a fundamental role in the classroom and make a huge impact on our students every day experience, at school and online. Our EAs are a vital addition to our school and without the generous donations from parents, family, friends and the community at large, we would not be able to provide EAs at our school. Thank you in advance for any way you choose to support our EA Fund!

Monetary Donations

Make a one time contribution, in any amount over \$10, by going to our fundraising website www.SupportTMES.com. We also accept checks through the mail at: 1730 Montano Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107. We appreciate every donation!

Smith's Inspiring Donations

To learn more or to register your card, go to <https://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/i/community/smiths-inspiring-donations>. Sign in to your Online Account, or create a free account. Then find and select "The Montessori Elementary School" (Organization #FE802) and click "Save". Have your Fresh Values Card number handy. Our 'Organization Number' is: FE802. We are listed under 'The Montessori Elementary School'. Anyone can sign up for our school! Please pass along the enrollment info to family and friends!

Box Tops for Education

There's an app for that! You can now use the Box Tops app to scan your receipt. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to our school's earnings online. You may go to www.btf.com for more information on the program. Our school is registered under 'Montessori Elementary School'.



EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

NO MORE CLIPPING. ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR SMARTPHONE.

The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

LOOK FOR THE NEW LABEL:



HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.



SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated at BTFE.com.

You do not need to clip or send Box Tops labels to school.

Student Art & Work



Blair Marcus- 3 year old group



Artist: Gianni Lugo- 4th grade



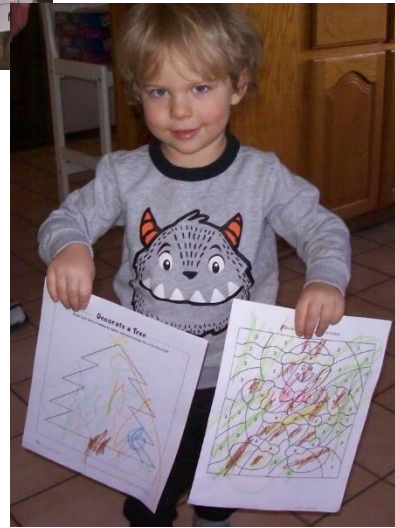
Kai Upton- 3 year old group



Artist: Aubryana Littles- 4th grade



Rio Layne- 3 year old group



Sagan Haworth- 3 year old group



Artist: Robbie Mays- 5th grade

TMEMS/Casita Community Submissions!



Pictured: Kathryn & Julius Conrad

Mom, Eva Angeli, writes: "At our house we're not the best bakers, but we love to get crafty, so we always get a gingerbread house kit. This year we went for a whole village :)"

Share with us!

Do you have a family submission you would like to share with us? Please send msams@tmesnm.com a submission with a picture and information we can possibly share in our next newsletter!