

# Millard Montessori Parent Education Association (MMPEA)

March 2017

*The greatest sign of success for a teacher... is to be able to say, 'The children are now working as if I did not exist.'*—  
Maria Montessori

## Community Night!

Thursday, March 30, 2017 (5-8)

Central Middle School (12801 "L" St.)

### What is Community night?

Way back in 1979, parents lobbied for school choice within the Millard District. Today, the Millard Montessori program is located at Montclair and Norris Elementary, as well as Central Middle School. The intent of Community night is to bring the Montessori families throughout the district together to share student achievement *and to raise money for the additional costs of a Montessori program.*

### What are the "additional costs?"

In the past 12 months, the MMPEA has paid for the following:

\$2000 to help defray costs for 2 administrators to attend the American Montessori Society (AMS) Conference in San Diego

3-\$500 scholarships and a \$500 table at Millard's "Hall of Fame" banquet.

\$900 for pull-drawer cabinets for supplemental math curriculum in Primary Montessori

Replacement Practical Life Supplies in Pre-primary

### What else?

The MMPEA has also committed to:

Field Trip support (Field Trips are a vital part of the Montessori program)

Substitute Teacher pay (\$140/day) for one para to help chaperone the annual 5-day 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade Adventure trip (other teacher costs are covered by the district).

Next MMPEA meeting:

Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.

Stony Brook Hy-Vee

Questions? Contact Melinda Oliver [mel@paultastic.com](mailto:mel@paultastic.com)

Central Middle School Representative

Order your meal/raffle tickets online at:  
[mmpea.org](http://mmpea.org) by Tuesday, March 28!



A limited amount of tickets will be available at the event.

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS!

EACH CHILD IN THE MONTESSORI PROGRAM  
CONTRIBUTES SOMETHING TO COMMUNITY NIGHT ...

### PRE-PRIMARY

TABLE DECORATIONS

### KINDERGARTEN

TABLE DECORATIONS

MUSIC (PROGRAM STARTS AT 6:30)

### PRIMARY (GRADES 1-3)

MUSIC (PROGRAM STARTS AT 6:30)

### INTERMEDIATE

MONTCLAIR GRADE 4-SCIENCE FAIR PROJECTS

MONTCLAIR GRADE 5-SCIENCE FAIR PROJECTS

NORRIS GRADE 4-AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH (IN CHARACTER) OF A FAMOUS NEBRASKAN (KNOWN AS THE "WAX MUSEUM")

NORRIS GRADE 5-SHOEBOX ECOSYSTEM

### CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### 6TH GRADE

"SELFIES"-ART USING BLOCKS OF COLOR

#### 7TH-8TH GRADE

SERVING FOOD

SELLING DESSERTS AND POP FOR \$1

SELLING T-SHIRTS (FUNDRAISING FOR THE ANNUAL 5-DAY ADVENTURE TRIP TO CHICAGO VIA AMTRAK IN MAY)

Both the t-shirt and sweatshirt are 100% cotton

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Canvas 3001C or Youth 3001Y  
Short Sleeve T-shirt  
Color: Black

\$15

Sizes: Youth Small – Youth XL  
Size: Adult Small – Adult 2XL  
**\*\*Add \$2 for 2XL\*\***

Gildan G185  
Hooded Sweatshirt  
Color: Black

\$35

Size: Adult Small – Adult 2XL  
**\*\*Add \$2 for 2XL\*\***

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The 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade will sell the above shirts on Community Night-another way to make \$ for their Chicago trip in May! If you are interested, please make your check out to Millard Central Middle School. Thanks!

**Did you know...?**

In 2015, the middle school Montessori program was studied (and ultimately saved) from a process called "selective abandonment." (Omaha World Herald, April 21, 2015)

Montessori teacher training is expensive -\$11,709 for a 4th-6th grade teacher.

(<http://www.montessoriaccredited.com/admissions/application.php>).

A current bill (LB 630) in the Nebraska Legislature would pave the way for charter schools... (<http://bit.ly/2nDKPkq>)

Since 2010-

The district has grown, on average, by 301 students per year, but-

41 teaching positions have been cut, and

3 administrative staff positions have been cut to help curtail expenses.

(<http://www.mpsomaha.org/departments/communications/millard-public-schools-financial-information>)

Millard Public Schools is looking for partners to help them provide a world-class education. Would you consider becoming a MMPEA booster?

### Community Night FAQ

#### Do I need to order a meal?

No. Although the MMPEA makes a small profit from each meal purchased, parents are welcome to bring their own food or eat at home. If the weather is nice, feel free to eat outside!

#### Do I have to attend?

No. We would love all of our families to attend this wonderful event. But, truth be told, it gets very crowded with our K-3 music program. Some families with pre-primary choose to stay home.

*Congratulations to our MMPEA  
\$500 Scholarship winners!*

*Hannah Janecek*

*Molina Otte*

*Gabrielle Ziegler*