

MILLARD MONTESSORI PARENT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Spring Newsletter

January 2017

Calling All Artists!

The MMPEA logo needs a new look and we need your help!

Here are the rules:

- Open to all ages
- Submissions due to classroom teacher by March 10th
- Submit logos on 8 1/2 by 11 paper
- Top 2 submissions receive \$25 gift card
- Winners announced at Community Night at Central Middle



Teacher Spotlight

Meet Ms. Edwards, a primary teacher at Montclair Elementary!

Where did you grow up?

I grew up here in Omaha and went to school in District 66.

What was your school experience like?

I had a great school experience especially at the elementary level. I had such wonderful teachers that inspired me to learn.

What are your interests outside of teaching?

When I'm not teaching, I enjoy watching my daughter play softball, golfing with my husband (or at least trying to), reading, baking, walking and spending time with family and friends.

How long have you been teaching?

I have been teaching for 24 years, all of which have been in Millard Montessori.

What inspired you to teach?

I've always wanted to be a teacher, but the real inspiration came from my elementary teachers. They were so kind, caring and made learning fun yet challenging. They believed in me. I want to instill a love for learning for my students and help them reach their fullest potential.

“Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment.”

Maria Montessori

Teacher Representatives Needed

MMPEA is looking for teachers to serve as school representatives. You will attend board meetings and help keep us connected to what is happening in the schools and the classroom.

What's New?

The MMPEA formed a committee to rewrite our bylaws. We were working off typewritten copies, so it was quite the task! To view our new bylaws click [here](#).



Attention Montclair Parents!

The MMPEA is in need of one or more parent representatives. You will attend board meetings once a month and report back to your school what is happening with the MMPEA. Visit the [MMPEA homepage](#) to volunteer.

How You Can Help?

There are lots of ways to help the MMPEA help Millard Montessori Schools.

- Donate to our silent auction at Community Night on March 30
 - ◆ Gift Cards
 - ◆ Gift Baskets
 - ◆ Homemade Gifts
- Volunteer to help at Community Night or on one of our committees. [Click Here](#)
- Cash Donations [Click Here](#)
- Amazon Smile: A portion of all sales go to the MMPEA when you have us selected as your chosen charity. [Click Here](#)

Where Do Your Donations Go?

This year we met with the district to determine what we can and cannot support with the funds that we raise. Below are some examples of what we can do with our donations:

- 3-\$500 Scholarships for former Montessori students
- Busses for field trips
- Teacher Education
- Practical Life Supplies
- Teacher Grants

Save the Dates!

Parent Meeting: January 31 at Montclair Elementary

Logo Submission Due: March 10

Community Night: March 30 at Central Middle School