

FCS Montessori

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Quick Facts about Maria Montessori (compiled from britannica.com)



1. Born 1870 near Ancona Italy, died 1952 in Noofdwijk aan Zee, Netherlands.
2. First woman in Italy to graduate with a degree in medicine from the University of Rome.
3. Worked as an assistant doctor of psychiatry in a clinic at the University of Rome.
4. It was at this psychiatric clinic that she first became interested in the educational problems of intellectually disabled children.
5. Applied her extremely successful psychiatric methods as director of the State Orthophrenic School of Rome.
6. Opened her first Casa dei Bambini in 1907, a preschool in a slum district of Rome.
7. Applied her pedagogy methods to children of normal intelligence at this preschool.
8. The success of this first preschool led to the establishment of Montessori based classrooms throughout Europe and the United States.
9. Montessori scorned conventional classrooms where, "children, like butterflies mounted on pins, are fastened each to his place".
10. Montessori's method puts a premium on freedom of movement and choice for students.
11. In 1922, Montessori was named government inspector of schools in Italy but left the country in 1934 to escape the Fascist government.
12. The most famous Maria Montessori quote is:

"Play is the work of the child"

People to Know at DTM

Mr. Frank Newlon

“Mr. Frank”, as students call him, is one of DTM’s security advocates. If you’ve been in the parking lot at DTM, you’ve seen Mr. Frank with his STOP sign working hard to make drop-off and pick-up work as smoothly as possible in our parking lot. Mr. Frank has been with Teachout Security Solutions for 16 years, before which he provided maintenance for a church for 40 years.. The kids are what Mr. Frank enjoys most about his job, he loves people. He asks adults coming to the school to work with him and his colleague. Their goal is to get everyone in and out safely while, most importantly, keeping the kids safe. Mr. Frank’s hobby is collecting old records. He has a little over 1000 in his collection! His favorites are Ella Fitzgerald, Motown, and R&B. He prefers music from the 50’s and 60’s.



Mrs. Katherine (Katie) Hathaway khathaway@flintschools.org

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Mrs. Hathaway is DTM’s behavior specialist for K-2nd grade. She came to FCS as an Ameri-Corps member and transitioned into her current position. Before joining FCS she was a preschool teacher. As a behavior specialist, Mrs. Hathaway serves as the first intervention for a student having behavior issues. Working with a tiered approach, she provides students with many services. She works closely with parents, teachers, and other support staff to keep students IN school. Her job brings her something different every day, which she enjoys. Her advice to caregivers is to be consistent. Being consistent with expectations and consistently following through is an important part of a student’s success. In her free time Mrs. Hathaway LOVES to sew. Right now she is into upcycling clothing. Her newest project is a SEVERAL THOUSAND PIECE quilt!!



Opportunities

Interested in being more involved?

There is a monthly Parent Advisory Meeting where we meet together to share information, ask questions, share ideas, and contribute our skills and talents for the benefit of the program

For more information
Email:

flintmontessori@gmail.com

Did you know....you can look up the breakfast and lunch menus using [Menus | School District \(nutrislice.com\)](http://Menus|SchoolDistrict(nutrislice.com))?



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January 11th: Flint School Board Meeting 6:30 @ Accelerated Learning Academy

January 12th: DTM Parent Meeting, @DTM, 9:30am, lhopkins@flintschools.org

January 13th: NO SCHOOL

January 16th: NO SCHOOL

January 18th: Flint School Board Meeting 6:30 @ Accelerated Learning Academy

January 24th: Donuts with dads, 8:00-8:45 @ DTM

February 7th: Muffins with moms, 8:00-8:45, @DTM

February 9th: ESSER funding community forum, 4:30pm, @Accelerated Learning Academy

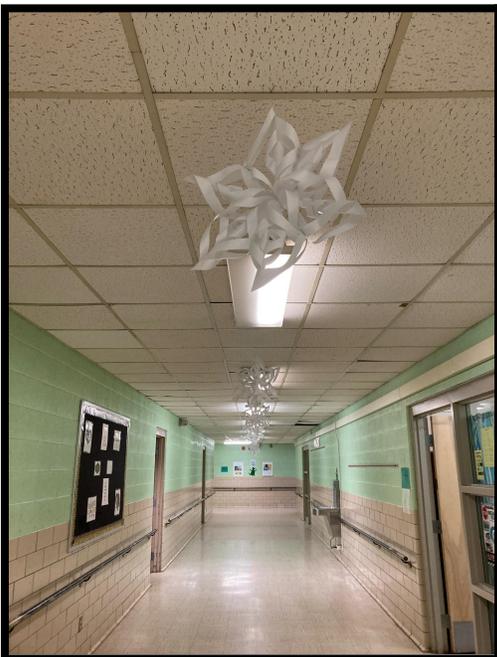


Mr. Dean (bdean@flintschools.org), our art teacher, is asking for donations of hot glue gun sticks and one or two more hot glue guns.

Thanks for volunteering!



A group of Montessori parents took the opportunity to volunteer their time and spent several days making over 60 large paper snowflakes to decorate the halls of DTM for the winter season. The snowflakes gave an extra festive feel to the school just in time for “Winter Fest” on December 14th. Thank you to Shaionna Beavers, Nicole Parker, Ran Schlosser, Sonia Sims-Aikins, Laurie Frost, Monica Medrano, Amanda Brousseau, Page Brousseau, Jill Gernand, Ms. Hopkins for use of her room, and Ms. Nadia for lending us her ladder!



Exact Path

At the December DTM parent meeting, Sherry Mockles smockles@flintschools.org, Curriculum Development Specialist for FCS, shared with parents the Exact Path digital platform. “Exact Path is an academic GROWTH tool that fills learning gaps and provides individualized intervention and enrichment in **Reading** and **Math**” - taken from *handout at parent meeting*. Available for FCS students K-12.

To access Exact Path from home:

1. www.clever.com/in/flintschools
2. Login using Student’s school gmail username and password (can get from teacher but should have from virtual school last year)
3. Scroll to bottom of the page and find



4. Click on Edmentum icon (pictured above) to launch Exact Path.

If you have questions email smockles@flintschools.org or flintmontessori@gmail.com

Winter Music Assembly

On December 15th, Mr. Pitts, DTM’s music teacher, hosted a school-wide



holiday music assembly. All of the students did an excellent job. It was a lot of fun to watch!



Ms. Josie’s Kindergarten class, along with Ms. Nadia’s 1st-3rd grade class, sang out loud and

clear with their performance of “Deck the Halls”.



Ms. Anna’s class played drums and rhythm sticks to keep the beat for Mr. Pitts as he played a jazzy rendition of “Deck the Halls” on the piano.

FCS Montessori Program

Located in Durant Tuuri Mott Elementary School
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