



# January Newsletter



## Dancing Pines Montessori

- **Monday, January 5th: Welcome back!**
  - School is back in session, normal schedules for all classrooms.
  - Re-enrollment begins for DPM families.
    - Families will be sent an email via Transparent Classroom containing the link for the DPM tuition and enrollment contracts for the 2026-2027 school year. Information relating to fees and due dates are in the contracts, and billed through Brightwheel.

Please do let me know by email if you are not planning to re-enroll your child. We have a withdrawal form in Transparent Classroom for this purpose.

2026-2027 school calendars will go out in the next few weeks, along with summer camp information.

### Inclement Weather Reminder:

As winter weather approaches, please remember to check your email before heading to school during inclement weather. If we have weather advisories or if snow or ice affects the Kent School District, DPM may announce a late arrival, where students will start at 11 a.m. for a two-hour delay, or school may be canceled entirely. In the case of a late start, only full-day students will attend; there will be no half-day primary classes.

We will adhere to the Kent School District's advisories, but please note that we also consider the Tahoma and Renton school districts, as many of our families and staff travel from surrounding areas, particularly on backroads that may not be cleared or treated.

Our decisions will take campus conditions into account to ensure the safety of both staff and students.

Rest assured, any schedule changes will be communicated as promptly as possible via email.

### NO SCHOOL:

January 19<sup>th</sup>: Observing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day



### SICK POLICY REMINDER

We have been away from campus for two weeks, enjoying a break from sharing germs. Please assist us in preventing illness by keeping your child at home if they are unwell. DPM does not have a pool of substitute teachers so your cooperation in keeping both students and staff healthy is greatly appreciated. Thank you!



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YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT



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### Volunteers:

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all our families who have generously contributed their time and energy to DPM! We truly appreciate your support. Many of you have even exceeded your volunteer hours for the school year—WOW, thank you! Whether it's serving as art docents, reading buddies, or helping with drop-off/pick-up, and recess duty, we cherish having parents on campus, and so do our students.

#### Friendly Reminder

Each family is expected to volunteer 15 hours for DPM per student. If you're interested in working on projects or materials from home, please don't hesitate to reach out to arrange that. Please schedule your on campus time ahead with classroom teachers and/or the office.

Thank you once again!

### Outdoor Gear:

We have seen a big improvement on students wearing their coats out to recess! Thank you! Winter wear is so important with this PNW weather. Feel free to pack and keep extra socks in their backpacks in case their feet get wet.

### Attendance:

Please, unless your child is experiencing any cold symptoms, arrive on time and attend school every day. Attendance is so important for students and teachers alike. It is really difficult to catch students up in lessons and devastating when they miss important class discussions and experiences. If you need any support please let us know. Thank you for your help!

### Transparent Classroom:

Just a reminder that our teachers are logging photos and student data into Transparent Classroom. Please login from a web browser (works best on a computer) to check out all the wonderful things your child is up to at DPM.

### Suggestions, questions, comments?

#### Please let us know!

[info@dancingpinesmontessori.com](mailto:info@dancingpinesmontessori.com)

A reminder that you can find our school survey at the link here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/IFAIpQLScyYGvMFVScrmFnSrUKD3YvOSgtOVBqhfufWWYhwy2maLnHMQ/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=106649305844384377585>

Thank you to those who have already responded! Please do write in comments, feedback is appreciated!