



MAY 2020

# ST. MAARTEN MONTESSORI SCHOOL

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



## PRIMARY

**Ms. Esperanza & Ms. Alverine**

We are quickly approaching the end of this school year and making the best of our unusual learning environment.

Everyone is now comfortable using Zoom for our daily lessons, and we are happy to see each other.

This month, Primary is taking part in a school-wide Tribute to Sint Maarten's Front-Line Workers. We ask each parent to make a video clip of your child saying the words "Thank you." If your child can't or won't say those words, we ask you to help him or her to make a sign with the words and hold that up for the camera. Please send in your clip by Wed., June 3. All tributes will be posted to our school website.

Thank you for your continuing co-operation and assistance during confinement. We look forward to seeing you and your family in the weeks ahead.

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HAPPY  
MAY  
BIRTHDAYS  
TO:



**Helena, Juliette and Philippine!**

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# LOWER ELEMENTARY

**Ms. Shelly & Ms. Wendy**

With the school yearend just around the corner, everyone is hard at work on Zoom School, participating eagerly and completing weekly assignments. A huge thank you to parents for your ongoing support of children's work. As your children complete their homework books, SRAs and novels, please drop off these materials in the Music Room in the basket labelled with my name.

LE is asked to join our school-wide end-of-year tribute to Front-Line & Emergency Workers. In our Zoom sessions, we've discussed the jobs done by these individuals in these challenging times. Students are asked to create a big thank-you card, a uniform/costume or hat of an emergency worker and take their photos with these items. Ideas will be discussed with children this week. Please email all photos to the school by Wed., June 3.

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Year-end Albanesi testing in Arithmetic and Language is slated for **June 1 to 5**. Information will be sent home this week so you can prepare in good time.

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At this time of year, we know that Level 3 students begin thinking about their move to Upper Elementary in the coming school year. We work closely with our UE colleagues to ensure that our students make a seamless move. Ms. Marianne, Ms. Ethlene and next year's Level 5 & 6 students already look forward to welcoming their new Level 4 classmates!

Students are wrapping up the school year with books by classroom favorite Roald Dahl. Please help your child download or listen to his books online.

We thank Ms. English for her energetic and enjoyable Physical Education classes. We look forward to the final class this week; however, Dutch, French, Music and Art continue in June. The final day of school is **Fri., June 12**.

Continue to stay safe and well.

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
**Talika!**



# UPPER ELEMENTARY

**Ms. Marianne & Ms. Ethlene**

This month, we enter the “last lap” of the school year, as we sprint toward the yearend!

With Montessori Albanesi 4.9, 5.9 and 6.9 achievement tests in view, all students are working hard during and after their Zoom sessions to keep their skills sharp. We look forward to sharing details of when and how tests will be written during the week of **June 1 to 5**.

Recently, I had the pleasure of submitting outstanding haiku, poems and letters to Beyond Kultura Foundation’s 2020 writing competition on the theme, How I’m Coping with the Coronavirus. As a poet and lyricist, I enjoyed an especially heart-warming moment with students who share my enthusiasm for writing.

Currently, our students are submitting thoughtful reflections on their experiences with Sint Maarten’s Essential Workers. Next, we’ll video-record our pieces as a tribute to local heroes and heroines in these dizzying times.

At this time of year, students may NOT be excused from class between **8:30 a.m. and 2:45 p.m.**, as we work through our year-end tests and into the work of the coming year. Please note that our school year ends on **Fri., June 12**.

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WE WISH  
HAPPY  
MAY  
BIRTHDAY TO:



**Arhan, who entered the “double digits,” and Stefanie, now a teenager – and we send a special shout-out to Mr. Fritz!!**

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