

Catch the Buzz: Big Picture Thinking

Friday, September 16

8:30 am, MSD Library

Come join Head of School, Stephanie Flanigan, for a chat about the big picture and learn more about our exciting partnership with the Denver Zoo and how we integrate Montessori philosophy and best educational practices with an eye toward global education. Come and find out more about our dynamic educational experiences!

MSD To Go: Bringing the Classroom Home

Wednesday, October 19

6:30 pm, MSD Library

We know that school lessons and life lessons go hand in hand. This is your chance to learn more about how you can bring the MSD mission home, from helping your child reach their “full potential” through good nutrition and yummy snacks to ideas on how you can extend MSD classroom lessons to keep your MSD child “empowered” on the home front. You will leave at the end of the evening with lots of great, easy ideas on packing up MSD to go.

Kindergarden 101*

Friday, November 4

8:30 am, MSD Library

Enjoy a cup of coffee as you learn more about MSD’s amazing Kindergarden program and how it builds on your child’s Primary success. We will discuss the rich and expansive Kindergarden curriculum, integration of topics, collaborative learning between peers, developmental milestones, the literacy focus, and also answer any questions you might have.

The Elementary Experience*

Friday, November 11

8:30 am, MSD Library

This is your chance to come and learn more about MSD’s Elementary program first hand. You will spend the morning with members of the Elementary Faculty learning about the core curriculum, immersion learning, curriculum integration, school day details, how the unique talents of individual students are nurtured within the classroom framework, as well as program hallmarks and experiences. By the end of the morning you will know how it is that we are able to have such amazing and well-rounded graduates!

Catch the Buzz: NurtureShock Book Discussion

Friday, November 18

8:30 am, MSD Library

Join us for a book group discussion on Po Bronson and Ashley Merryman’s groundbreaking book, *NurtureShock*, one of the MSD Faculty’s summer reads. The central premise of this book is that many of modern society’s strategies for nurturing children are in fact backfiring. *NurtureShock* has been featured on *Good Morning America*, *Nightline*, *All Things Considered*, *Fresh Air*, and in *Newsweek*. Come and join the discussion about this engaging book and how it applies to us as parents and educators.

Alumni Panel

Wednesday, December 7

6:30 pm, MSD Library

This is one of our favorite nights of the school year! Come and listen to MSD graduates and their parents talk about their experience moving to other schools (independent and public) and get a peek into the MSD process for transition from 6th grade to middle school. Come and find out what life is really like beyond MSD!

The Elementary Experience*

Thursday, January 12

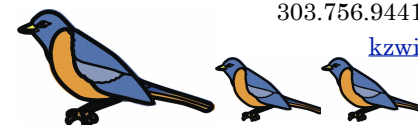
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This will be your second chance to come and learn more about MSD’s Elementary program from Lower Elementary through Upper Elementary.



***We welcome follow-up parent observations of the Kindergarden, Lower Elementary, or Upper Elementary programs during the week of November 14-18 or January 17-20. Please email kzweirkowski@msd-co.org to arrange.**

Childcare is available during all Parent Education evenings for \$7 per child. This cost includes pizza and must be paid directly to the assistant providing care when you drop off your child/children. Please make reservations for childcare with Kara at 303.756.9441 ext 10 or by email at kzwierkowski@msd-co.org



Let’s Get Technical

Thursday, February 2

6:30 pm, MSD Library

Come and learn more about MSD’s integration of technology in the classrooms from our use of SmartBoards, movie making and green screens, to data collection software and our media literacy curriculum. We will share tips on keeping your child safe on-line and some cool educational software that compliments the classroom lessons that you can use at home too. Come with your questions!

Catch the Buzz: Assessing the MSD Fundamentals

Friday, February 10

8:30 am, MSD Library

We test our curriculum and how students are learning every day in brilliantly non-testy ways from teacher observations and record-keeping to student projects, peer teaching, and informal assessments. We also use standardized testing to measure our students against other independent and public schools to ensure they are at the top nationally. Come and find out about all of the various diagnostics we use to assess student learning to ensure that each child is reaching his or her full potential.

Catch the Buzz: What’s the Buzz?

Friday, April 13

8:30 am, MSD Library

What’s the education buzz at the national level? We will have just returned from the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) conference and will be anxious to share what the buzz is all about at the conference and most importantly, where MSD fits into these meaningful discussions on how best to prepare students for the future.