

**Manhattan Academy**  
**2023-2024 Calendar**

# Mission Statement

Manhattan Academy's mission is to develop the unique abilities and potential of each child by offering an individualized, developmentally appropriate, and enriched educational program. Our focus is on "The Whole Child". We strive for excellence in all disciplines through a hands-on approach. Manhattan Academy's comprehensive design takes our students on a journey of cognitive, social, creative, physical, technological, and moral achievement. Rich traditions rooted in the Montessori philosophy and our innovative curriculum grows productive, caring, and intellectually curious citizens.

## Core Values

### **Vibrant Community:**

We are strengthened by diversity and the different backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives in our vibrant community. We cultivate open communication and positive relationships amongst our families, faculty, and administration.

### **Respectful Relationships:**

We see value in ourselves and those around us. We show respect by operating with integrity and being true to our word. We live by the Golden Rule: we should treat others as we would like others to treat us.

### **Lifelong Learning:**

We cultivate a love of learning in students that will help them experience a rich and meaningful life. We are a learning organization and innovate because we question the status quo and are open to new ideas. We put what we learn into action with a "can-do" approach and an entrepreneurial spirit.

### **Excellence in Education:**

We aspire to be the best and set high standards for ourselves. We are a magnet for talented, hardworking people and we invest in their continued development. We recognize that we are most effective when we work as a team. Most importantly, we stay focused on delivering the highest quality education to our students and excellent service to their families.

### **Love of Life:**

We appreciate life and the time we have together. We are thankful for the opportunity to learn about and explore our world. We enjoy learning, being with friends, and having fun!

## SCHOOL YEAR THEME 2023-2024: TIME

We are going to explore *TIME*. As defined, time is the continued sequence of existence and events in irreversible succession from the past, through the present, and into the future. We will explore time through history lessons and timelines. Students will explore their own timelines and life on the planet.

We will measure time. How long is a school day? How long is a week? How long is a month? A year? We will explore the seasons. We will learn about Einstein's Theory of Relativity. What are the four properties of time? Does time exist in space? There are so many questions and we will take the time to explore and learn.



# August 2023







*“We must use time as a tool, not as a couch.”  
-John F. Kennedy*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 <i>Last Day of Summer Camp</i>	25 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	26
27	28 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> <i>Teacher in-service</i>	29 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> <i>Teacher in-service</i>	30 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> <i>Teacher in-service</i>	31 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> <i>Teacher in-service</i>		



# September 2023

*“Yesterday’s the past,  
tomorrow’s the future,  
but today is a gift.  
That’s why it’s called  
the present.”*  
-Bill Keane

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> <i>Teacher in-service</i>	2
3	6 <b>No School</b> <i>Labor Day</i>	5 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> <i>Teacher in-service</i>	6 <i>First Day of School</i> 	7	8 <b>BACK TO SCHOOL</b> <b>BEACH PARTY</b> 	9
10	11 <i>Fall Enrichment begins</i>	12	13	14 <i>Back to School Night</i> 6:00 p.m. 	15 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	16
17	18	19 <i>Picture Day</i> <i>Toddler/PT</i> 	20 <i>Picture Day-</i> <i>1740/1808</i> 	21 <i>Picture Day</i> <i>Infant Center</i> 	22 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> <i>Staff Development Day</i>	23
24	25 <i>Yom Kippur</i>	26	27 <b>MAPTA CONNECT</b> <b>CHIPOTLE</b>	28	29	30



# October 2023

*“Time will not slow down when something unpleasant lies ahead.”  
-Harry Potter*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Free Dress Day</i>	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 <i>Book Fair begins</i> 	17 <i>Grab-a-Lunch Read-a-Bunch</i> 	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 <i>Picture Retakes</i> 	25 <b>MAPTA CONNECT PANDA EXPRESS</b>	26 <i>Montessori Night 6:00 p.m.</i>	27	28
29	30	31 <i>Halloween Celebrations School closes at 3:30 p.m.</i> 			<i>Community Service all month:  Personal Care and household items for Ronald McDonald House</i>	



# November 2023





*“You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.”*  
*-Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Food Drive all month (11/1-11/20) Benefiting the Long Beach Rescue Mission			1 <i>Elementary Late Start</i>	2	3 <i>Free Dress Day</i>	4 <b>Harvest Festival</b>
5 <i>Progress Reports given at conferences this week.</i>	6	7 <i>Parent/Teacher Conferences</i>	8 <i>Parent/Teacher Conferences</i>	9 <i>Parent/Teacher Conferences</i>	10 <b>No School Veterans' Day</b>	11
12	13 <i>Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser</i>	14 <i>Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser</i>	15 <i>Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser</i>	16 <i>Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser</i>	17 <i>Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser</i>	18
19	20	21 <i>Elementary Friendsgiving- 11:00</i> <b>School closes at noon</b>	22 <b>No School Thanksgiving Break</b>	23 <b>No School</b> 	24 <b>No School Thanksgiving Break</b>	25
26	27	28	29 <b>MAPTA CONNECT CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN</b>	30		



# December 2023


*“Your success will be in direct proportion to how you spend your free time.”*  
*-Mike Dunlap*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Free Dress Day</i> <i>Fall Enrichment ends</i>	2 <b>PARENT NIGHT OUT</b>
3	4 <i>TOYS 4 TOTS ALL WEEK</i>  →	5	6	7 <i>Hanukkah begins</i> 	8 <i>Holiday Show</i>  <b>NO AFTER CARE</b>	9
10	11 <i>Holiday Spirit Week</i>	12 <i>Holiday Spirit Week</i>	13 <i>Holiday Spirit Week</i>	14 <i>Holiday Spirit Week</i>	15 <i>Holiday Spirit Week</i>	16
17	18	19	20 <b>School closes at noon</b> <i>Free Dress Day</i>	21 <b>WINTER BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	22 <b>WINTER BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	23
24	25  <b>WINTER BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	26  <b>WINTER BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	27 <b>WINTER BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	28 <b>WINTER BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	29 <b>WINTER BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	30
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# January 2024

*"You may delay, but time will not."*  
*-Benjamin Franklin*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>WINTER BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	2 <b>WINTER BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	3 <b>WINTER BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	4 <b>WINTER BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	5 <b>WINTER BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED</b> <i>Staff In-Service</i>	6
7	8 <i>School Resumes Winter Enrichment begins</i>	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 <b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Campus Closed</b>	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 <i>Elementary Night 6:00 p.m.</i>	26 <i>Snow Day</i> 	27
28	29	30	31 <i>End of Semester 1 MAPTA MEETING 6:00 p.m. Gym</i>			





# February 2024






*"The shorter way to do many things is to only do one thing at a time."*  
*-Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Community Service: Heart Health Month Valentines for Vets				1	2 Free Dress Day Elementary Report Cards Sent Home	3
4	5 International Studies Week	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day 	15	16 School Closes at Noon 100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School 	17
18	19 Presidents' Day School Closed	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 MAPTA CONNECT Shake Shack	29		



# March 2024

*“Time is relative; it’s only worth depends upon what we do as it is passing.”  
-Albert Einstein*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Community Service: \$10 gift card collection for the nurses at Children’s Hospital LA					1 Summer School Registration Sent Home	2
3	4	5	6	7 Winter Enrichment Ends	8 <b>School Closed Montessori Conference</b>	9
10	11	12	13	14 Worlds’ Fair 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 	15 Donuts and Coffee 8:30 a.m. Gym	16 <b>Parents Night Out</b>
17	18 St. Patrick’s Day Celebrations  Spring Enrichment begins	19 Spring Photos IC/Toddler/PT 	20 Picture Day 1740/1808 	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 <b>MAPTA CONNECT LEMONADE</b>	28	29 Free Dress Day School Closes at Noon 	30
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# April 2024


*"Time is a game played  
beautifully by children."  
-Heraclitus*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Spring Break School Closed</i>	2 <i>Spring Break School Closed</i>	3 <i>Spring Break School Closed</i>	4 <i>Spring Break School Closed</i>	5 <i>Spring Break School Closed</i>	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Progress reports sent home this week.</i>	15	16 <i>Parent/Teacher Conferences</i>	17 <i>Parent/Teacher Conferences</i>	18 <i>Parent/Teacher Conferences</i>	19	20 <i>Beach Clean-Up Day</i>
21	22 <i>Earth Day</i> 	23	24 <b>MAPTA MEETING</b> <i>6:00 p.m. Gym</i>	25 <i>Special Treat Thursday</i> 	26	27
28	29	30				



# May 2024




*“Time flies over us but leaves its shadow behind.”  
-Nathaniel Hawthorne*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Elementary Late Start</i>	2	3 <i>Free Dress Day</i>	4
5	6	7	8	9 <i>Volunteer Tea 3:30 p.m.</i> 	10 <i>Summer School Registration Ends</i>	11
12 <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>	13	14	15	16	17 <i>School closes at 3:15 p.m. NO AFTER CARE</i>	18 <b>Spring Carnival</b> 
19	20	21	22	23 <i>Art Gala 5:30-7:00</i> 	24	25
26	27 <b>Memorial Day Campus Closed</b>	28	29 <b>MAPTA MEETING 6:00 p.m. Gym</b>	30	31 <i>Spring Enrichment ends</i>	



# June 2024

*"A treasured memory is the lasting gift of time well spent."  
-Tim Fargo*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <b>Parent Night Out</b>
2	3	4	5	6 <i>Spring Concert &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion</i> 	7 <i>Elementary Late Start &amp; Field Day</i> 	8
9	10	11	12 <i>Last Day of School Elementary Egg Drop &amp; Awards Report Cards Sent Home Noon Dismissal</i>	13 <b>NO SCHOOL Staff In-Service</b>	14 <b>NO SCHOOL Staff In-Service</b>	15
16 <i>Happy Father's Day</i>	17 <i>Summer School Begins</i> 	18	19 <i>Juneteenth No Summer Camp</i>	20	21	22
23 30	24	25	26	27	28	29

