2019 Montessori Film Festival
Alumni Permission Form

The 5th Chippewa Valley Montessori Film Festival will be held on **Thursday, May 23, 2019**. All alumni students are eligible to produce and submit an original and unique fictional short film. Alumni are encouraged to share their love of writing and filmmaking with new non-Montessori friends. Please consider expanding your team with students who did not attend our school. Each team must include at least one former Montessori student.

We believe that the best films from previous years began with great stories. These stories took meticulous planning and long-term effort to develop. However, alumni are no longer required to submit their (ridiculous) ideas to our staff or complete any required pre-writing, sticky-note posters, storyboards, or any of that other (boring) stuff. We believe you have the skills and have earned the right to create your own films independent of our direct supervision. Of course, we are always here to support your efforts and are willing to answer questions and help troubleshoot problems as they arise.

Our goal again this year is to include as many students in the festival as possible while also increasing the quality of our films. **New this year, all films must be completed by a team of 2 or more students. Solo films will no longer be accepted.** We are excited to see what you have to offer!

EVERYstudent on your team needs to submit a form signed by their parent/guardian.

Student First Name	Student Last Name	Grade	Phone/Email
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*Team Leader - main contact person

☐ I have read, and agree to, the rules attached to this form:

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Student Name *Date*

☐ I have read, and agree to, the rules attached to this form:

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Parent/Guardian Signature *Date*

Signing this form allows the Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School to publish my child's first name and film on the school website and potentially share his/her film at Micon Cinemas on Thursday, May 23, 2019.

Permission forms must be returned by 3:20pm on Thursday, February 7, 2019.

No exceptions! (Forms can be submitted to Ms. Amy or Mr. Jeremy.)

2019 Montessori Film Festival Alumni Rules
(Keep at home!)

All films and filmmakers will be recognized at the film festival at Micon Cinemas. Considering time constraints, as many completed films as possible will be shown at the festival, with preference given to the highest scoring films in an effort to provide a balanced event representative of all grade levels.

Rules:
- Students are expected to write and create an original and unique fiction story and film
- Students are permitted to register and participate in only one film
- Students may use any number of different apps to create and develop their film
- Students must submit their finished film **no later than 3:20 pm on Friday, March 15, 2019**
- All films must contain an introduction or title page containing the film's name
- All films must contain end credits including all participant first names (no last names)
- All films must have a total running time of less than four minutes (including title and credits)
- Films are not to include bloopers, gag reels, outtakes, or material outside of the credits and the film itself
- All films must be "G" rated and appropriate for school and audiences of all ages
- Staff and student meetings are highly recommended during the film editing process
- Films that comply with all rules and deadlines (completed films) will be eligible for juried screening and featured/recognized at the film festival on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at Micon Cinemas Chippewa Falls

Teams:
- *Students are required to form filmmaking teams of two or more students, solo films are no longer permitted*
- Teams must consist of at least one CVM alumni, and additional non-Montessori friends as desired
- Teams must designate a responsible team leader as the contact person for staff communication
- Teams may consist of students from multiple levels (E1, E2, and/or Alumni), but will be juried at the level of their oldest members

Assistance:
- *ALL films are expected to be fully student-created*
- Students are expected to be responsible for all areas of film production, including writing, planning, filming, acting, voicework, animation, editing, and submission of final films
- Staff members are dedicated to making this a fun and educational experience for all
- Staff members will support your efforts and are willing to answer questions and help troubleshoot problems

Film Submission:
- Film submission details can be picked up at Montessori or will be sent to your email at a later date.

Jury:
- Completed films will be juried prior to the festival
- All films and filmmakers will be recognized at the film festival. Considering time constraints, as many completed films as possible will be shown at the festival, with preference given to the highest scoring films.
- The top E1, E2, and Alumni films will be engraved on the Annual Film Festival Plaque which will be on permanent display at CVM

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Sponsors:
Micon Cinemas, Powertex, Jodi Stevens Design, Eau Claire Games and Arcade, SHIFT Cyclery & Coffee Bar, Ramone's Ice Cream Parlor, Eau Claire School Library Friends, Eau Claire Printing Company, and The Local Store are proud to sponsor the Fifth Annual Chippewa Valley Montessori Film Festival.

Additional Information:
Please contact Mr. Jeremy with questions or for additional information - jharrison@ecasd.us