

## **LOVE BLOSSOMS AT MONTESSORI: A WEEK OF LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP**

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*Booth where the students can buy (Photo credits: Ryan Tipon)*

Valentine's Day has always been a day of love. This year, we were lucky enough to be able to spend that with our dear schoolmates and teachers, but let's remember that Valentine's Day shouldn't be the only day that we show love — it should be every day! That's why, this year's Valentine's Day event was celebrated for four days in a week. The event started on Monday, February 12 and ended on Thursday, February 15.



*Student Council officers tending their booth at the assembly area (Photo credits: Ryan Tipon)*

The team behind this event were the students of the Student Council. The students surely looked forward to the Valentine's week celebrations as the students spread a week of love in our beloved school. The Student Council Department planned activities that the students can participate in for Valentine's Week. First were the two booths set up, which were the photo booth and the dedication booth. The photo booth had a Valentine's Day background and even accessories for students, parents, and even teachers to use in the photos. The photo booth offered three frames for only 35 pesos! The students enjoyed the photos they took with them, as they'll be memories for a lifetime.



*Preparing the photobooth backdrop (Photo credits: Ryan Tipon)*

The second booth was the dedication booth, in which students write a note or a letter for their special someone and will be recited by the Student Council officers for 25 pesos. The

students were fascinated and curious by all the letters they heard. Apart from the enjoyable booths they had, the student council also had three games to play for the students. The three games were “Ping pong Bounce”, “Ring Toss”, and “Pluck the Duck”, where you can play a game for only 20 pesos.

Last but not least was the stall the Student council officers set up for the students to buy chocolates, candies, flowers, and keychains for themselves or their loved ones. The stall had a very successful sale, as most of the Valentine's Day items were sold out every day of the event. The student council department truly made the event successful and enjoyable for everyone, and they hope to do even better in the next events they plan.

On February 14th, the auditorium of MIS was alive with the vibrant energy of Valentine’s Day with a much anticipated event occurring on that day. As students, parents, and teachers watched, the performers of the event prepared to show the best entertainment they could offer. The elementary students watched a play by the MIS Craft Clubs, along with the short films relating to Valentine’s Day. After the play that the elementary students very much enjoyed, The MIS Craft Clubs held a mini concert called “Music and Love”.

The audience was entertained to watch and listen to the talented students of the club perform in the hour-long concert. After their performance, brilliant elementary students performed several songs on the stage too, with some of the songs being requested to be performed again because of how fascinated the audience are with the performers’. The concert event was very successful for the audience and performers of the show.

As the festivities drew to a close, it was evident that this year's Valentine's celebration had left an unforgettable experience for everyone who participated. Memories were created, friendships were strengthened, and hearts were filled with happiness. It was a day to cherish and remember at Montessori.