



Montessori Matters



**Community Montessori School &
Montessori Middle School of Kentucky**

Week of September 22, 2006

**Special Note: Montessori Matters will be sent home every other week this year.
We send out one per family. Please read it carefully for important school
information.**

**Make sure to look at our website—Montessori Matters is always put on the site.
If you think you might have missed an issue, go to
Cmsmontessori.org**

A Note from Mrs. Ashby:

We could not have had a more beautiful evening for our Fun Fair this year. The staff could not continue to hold this event without the support from the parents. When you bake cakes, cookies, send soft drinks, caramel & apples, international foods, etc. it helps guarantee our success. Thank you!!

It feels so good to have an event that has helped so many through the years (through the Emergency Assistance Fund) and provides such fun for our students. I just love to watch the "little ones" and their excitement. It is so nice that they have a safe environment and freedom to go from booth to booth. All these small things help develop independence.

Just a reminder of several essential traffic and safety rules:

1. You must park on our side of the road, beyond our driveway. Do not park or use the opposite side of Crestwood Drive. No cars should be parking and letting out children or adults to cross the street, **EVEN MOMENTARILY!** We must follow this rule by request from the Fayette County Police Department.

**Important Reminder: * Please do not park on the Yellow lines in front of school on Crestwood.
*Please DO NOT TURN AROUND IN THE NEIGHBOR'S DRIVEWAY.**

We have parents who are doing this. We know that sometimes schedules are tight and mornings and afternoons can get very busy. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT SAFETY CONCERN. If you need to turn around, please go down to the cul-de-sac on Greenbriar to make your turn. Thank you very much. If you have any questions, feel free to call the office or to ask Mr. Hickner when he is down on the sidewalk.

Special Note: A very nice Mickey Mouse wristwatch was turned into the school office –it was found on the sidewalk. We hope to find its owner :)

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER CMS SCHOOL CALENDAR

September	27	Wednesday	CFE Committee Meeting at the White House	7:00 p.m.
	28	Thursday	Lower & Upper Elementary Parent Study Group	7:00 p.m.
			Physical Ed. Discussion with Mr. Hickner	6:30 p.m.
October	4	Wednesday	Transportation Committee Meeting at CMS	2:30 p.m.
	6	Friday	NO SCHOOL: Teachers Professional Visiting Day ALL DAY PROGRAM OFFERED IN THE GYM	
	16	Monday	Board of Directors Meeting	7:30 p.m.
	17	Tuesday	School Picture Day	
	19	Thursday	Primary Level Study Group: Extended Day PE Discussion	6:30 p.m.
			Classroom Topics	7:00 p.m.
	26	Thursday	Visiting Night: Lower Elementary Parent Study Group: Upper Elementary	6:00 – 7:00 p.m. 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

PRIMARY LEVEL – Franklin, Hughes, & Somsel:

The teachers were thrilled to have their first study group that discussed the Extended Day program and practical life in the classrooms.

Somsel: The Extended Day students studied shells, learned the names of several, made a shell book, and had our first “going out” to Headley Whitney Shell Grotto.

LOWER ELEMENTARY –Gray & Mason:

The 2nd years had a great time at Safety City. The 1st years are going on a leaf walk at Ashland, Henry Clay’s Estate, on Tuesday September 26th in connection with our study of Botany, the Seasons & Autumn leaves.

Remember our Study Group next Thursday, Sept. 28th at 6:30 with Mr. Hickner discussing the PE program. The teachers will discuss the Cosmic curriculum of the Montessori Elementary program.

UPPER ELEMENTARY -- Simpson & Spitz:

The 4th years went to Red River Gorge for an archaeology study & experience.

The students have all been settled in with map work, math, creative writing, book reports and personal projects. The 6th years are off and running with the Pizza Program and have also started the DARE program. **Remember the Parent Study Group next Thursday, Sept. 28th** at 6:30 p.m.

AFTERSCHOOL NEWS: New Before and Afterschool Phone Number is 333-0020!!

Class Updates:

Spanish Class can accept more students in Extended Day through 2nd grade.

Quilting Class can accept 8 more students.

Art Class with Mr. Frank Boyer will start October 5th. We still have special art projects in his absence.

Drum Class is Full.

Gymnastics Class can accept 6 more students in Group II – 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. &

Can accept 6 more students in Group I -- 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Whitney Crouch (Mrs. Jennifer Hughes oldest daughter) is now assisting in the gymnastics classes with Mrs. Geoghegan. Welcome Whitney!!

If you have any Afterschool questions, please call Miss Marlene.

***** Please remember to turn in your child’s enrollment forms with emergency information and phone numbers. The office has extra Afterschool Packets if you need one**

MONTESSORI MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS:

The middle school students and staff have settled into their classroom projects and their regular classes after returning from Grand Manan. Groups of students are working on the land every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Just yesterday a group of students were making their own maps of the land while another group was working with a guest expert in archeology. This group was actually learning how to set up their grids for their first dig. So exciting!!

The students are also participating in a Study Hall at the White House with Mrs. Ashby on Tuesday afternoons. They typically have a snack, read an article that pertains to either their science or humanities curriculum, and then have some free time to socialize and enjoy the land.

MONTESSORI SCHOOL BAND NEWS:

We have 40 students participating in 3 levels of band. Each group meets once a week for band and each student receives a private or small group lesson as well. We are looking forward to a great year with several performances.

Beginner band meets on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m..

Level II band meets on Thursdays 3:30 p.m.

Level III band meets on Fridays at 3:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE NOTES:

Celebration for Education Committee— *CFE Update*

Parent Packets were sent home by kiddie mail. If you did not receive yours, please call or come into the office so we can get yours to you.

The time is drawing near... Oh! What a night! As you start to mark your calendars for CFE, we need to let you know now that you will need a babysitter this year if you are accustomed to using the lock-in program. After a great deal of discussion it was decided to discontinue this option for many reasons. We apologize and hope this will not be too great an inconvenience.

CFE Tip of the Week: There are several ways to sell your CFE event tickets. Some people may choose to buy them all and give them to friends, while others may sell them to neighbors or coworkers. Here is another option: offer your guests the opportunity to BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE. With this method, you only pay for half of your CFE tickets.

The office is now collecting donations for CFE. Remember to complete the donation form and attach it to your auction contribution. If you have any questions, just ask in the office. If you need additional donation forms, you may get them in the office or go online to download a form.

CFE Quote of the Week:

“I think this is a wonderful night and I am proud to be part of it!”

--- Anonymous Response, Parent Survey 2005

Please remember to visit the newly updated CMS website: www.cmsmontessori.org! CFE updates will appear throughout the year on the website.

Library Committee—We had a wonderful Book Fair in conjunction with the annual Fun Fair. Thank you for all your support. The Book Fair helps supplement the books on our shelves plus teachers enjoy new material for their classes. We also make a cash profit which goes to help buy further books and supplies needed in the library.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>
Monday, 25 th	Linda Slagel	Karen Hilty
Tuesday, 26 th	Kushi Reddy	Katie O'Brien
Wednesday, 27 th	Lois Ward	Stephanie Schoff
Thursday, 28 th	Carmen Wampler-Collins	Julie McDaniel
Friday, 29 th	Jan Hellebusch	Philip Wahle
Monday, 2 nd	Sally Wahle	Keri Hayes
Tuesday, 3 rd	Stacey Pitt	Trena Thomas
Wednesday, 4 th	Kristi Lancianese	Mary Lamm
Thursday, 5 th	Ellen Downs	Ellen Demos
Friday, 6 th	Diana Martin	Patty Webb

FOR SALE:

Ping Pong table with net, paddles, and balls in excellent condition. \$100
Miscellaneous bicycles for sale, all sizes. Prices negotiable.
Call Mary Hagihara (Mrs. Spitz's assistant) at 266-7827.

Need a babysitter?

My name is Corrie van Gessel. I am almost thirteen years old, a former CMS student and currently a student at MMSK. I am an experienced babysitter and I really enjoy doing activities with kids of all ages. I know most of your children already from my years at CMS.
If you need my services or have any questions, please call me at 271-3966.

Alumni Notes:

Former CMS student Graham Fielder has a one man photography show now through the end of September at the Good Foods Co-op Cafe on Southland Drive. Take a moment to stop by and see it!



We need everyone's help to make our vision of the new school for our children a reality. Please put careful thought into what your family is capable of giving to the capital campaign. We also encourage everyone to think about contacts they may have - locally and beyond - from individuals and corporations. They may be an additional source of funding for the campaign.

The following is the list of CMS Board Members who will be assisting Katie Toffey and Kerry Hamblin with contacting returning families for their support for the Capital Campaign. These individuals will be calling to set up appointments to meet with families who have not previously pledged.

Phil Jeter	Rob Mudd
Nathan McConathy	Clyde Simmons
Linda Slagel	Kathy Waller
Dino Lancianese	Martha Tarrant
Joh Evans	

We are continuing our work with local foundations. Thank you to the parents that are helping us facilitate meetings with potential large donors!!! We have some very exciting prospects in the works.

Stay tuned for the next Montessori Matters which will have a complete listing of the parent-run businesses that are giving a percentage of the profits back to the Capital Campaign!

If you have any questions, please call Katie Toffey at school or on her cell phone at 608-2456. She can also be reached by e-mail at ktoffey@cmsmontessori.org.

Please make the following corrections to your Parent Handbook:

Add:

Palmer Farrar	273-8936	Somsel
Donna Farrar		
4623 Hickory Creek 40515		

Correct Address & Phone Number:

Blake Walters	699-8571
Connie Tevelson	
3533 Cave Hill Place 40513	

Special Thanks to Wilhite Company for the donation of their crane, time, labor and absolute patience with our MMSK students in placing the new truss bridge over the stream on our Stone Road Land!! The bridge building project has been an amazing undertaking by the students and staff of the middle school. With the help of Wilhite Co. & coordination by Rob Mudd with **Denham-Blythe**, we were able to move the bridge into place on Monday August 14! Be sure to stop by either school office to see the wonderful write up that was in the Lexington Herald-Leader earlier this summer.