



... a good start!

Montessori Matters



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

Week of October 20, 2006

A Note from Mrs. Ashby:

Celebration for Education is drawing near. I look around the office and I see so much happening to assure we have a grand event:

Donations are coming in; they are being registered in the computer base and prepared to be listed in our program.

Ads are coming in and phone calls are being made to those placing the ads to make sure their artwork is turned in to our program designer by the deadline.

Records are being meticulously kept with ticket money, ad money, corporate sponsorship monies, reserved table names and money.

Parents are coming into the office to sign up for their jobs.

Our Live Auction Committee people are out and about securing the large items that will be auctioned off during the Live Auction portion of the evening. They are excited about fur coats, wine coolers, jewelry, vacation homes, hot tubs, a tempur-pedic mattress, and on and on and on.

Each day someone is refining the floor plan, looking for all the gaming tables, wheels, cards, making a list of all the signs that need to be made, and always trying to come up with one more better idea.

Are you getting the picture? This event is a lot of work, but I guarantee that if this is your first time to attend you will be blown away by the spectacular job the parents of this school do for our children.

Wait till you see the decorations!!

Oh! What a Night!!

See you there,

Mrs. Ashby

CMS OCTOBER & NOVEMBER SCHOOL CALENDAR

October	20	Friday	CFE Donations and program advertisements due
	26	Thursday	Visiting Night: Lower Elementary 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
			Parent Study Group: Upper Elementary 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
November	1	Wednesday	Guest Preregistration Forms are Due!
	3	Friday	Celebration For Education—Oh What a Night!
	10	Friday	No School—Parent Teacher Conferences**
	17	Friday	No School—Parent Teacher Conferences**
			**All Day Program is available in the Gym from 7:20 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
			3 and 4 year olds may use the program during the ½ hour conference times.
	20	Monday	CMS/MMSK Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 p.m.
	23	Thursday	No School—Thanksgiving
	24	Friday	No School—Thanksgiving

PRIMARY LEVEL – Franklin, Hughes, & Somsel:

Franklin: The children are progressing wonderfully. We have enjoyed our tree study and study of Australia. Planning for the Parent Study Group has excited me about our Language Curriculum: much reading and moveable alphabet work is going on.

Hughes: We are continuing to study fish and have just started our study of leaves. The extended days thoroughly enjoyed the outing to Just Fish. It was so satisfying to see the fish we learned. Our trip to Evans Orchard was rained out, but has been rescheduled for next week. Our class is humming like a well-oiled machine :)

Somsel: Our study of trees took the extended day children to Evans orchard to watch how cider is made and an orchard grows. The class is settling in nicely and I am looking forward to the parents observing.

LOWER ELEMENTARY –Gray & Mason:

- Halloween biographies will be presented Tuesday October 31 starting at 8:55 a.m. in your child’s classroom. Parents are welcome, so mark your calendars. (2 guests per child, please, due to limited space in the classrooms)

UPPER ELEMENTARY -- Simpson & Spitz:

Our trip to the Falls of the Ohio was wonderful. Thank you to all the parents who drove. The students are currently choosing historical figures for “The Meeting of the Minds” event that is upcoming next week. Our history lessons are continuing from the Middle Ages onward. This week we studied Ferdinand and Isabella from Spain and the Monguls.

AFTERSCHOOL NEWS:

Class Updates:

- Spanish Class on Wednesday can accept more students.
- Quilting Class on Wednesday can accept a few more students.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS:

As the cold weather approaches and your children begin to feel the need to wear boots, please remember to send sneakers on P.E. days.

Box Tops for Education:

We are greatly appreciative of the time you take to clip box tops to bring to CMS. This program is a great way for us to keep our P.E. equipment in good supply. Each year new products are being included in the program. Keep an eye out for the bright pink emblem as you do your shopping. Thank you for sending the coupons in.

MONTESSORI MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS:

Last Tuesday, the 10th of October, I left school at noon and drove to Cave Run Lake, KY where our middle school students were camping for four days. When I arrived it was a gorgeous day. I drove up to see 60 students and MMSK staff members selecting tent sites and preparing to settle in for the duration.

This is my fourth annual trip to visit the students when this portion of their curriculum rolls around. It is amazing to watch how self-sufficient these students have become. Some of them were at CMS just last year as 6th year students. The growth that has occurred in these few short months is uncanny. They have matured in so many ways, most especially in their ability to cooperate and work as a community.

These groups of students were totally responsible for themselves during these four days. They had to plan all their meals, gather all their camping materials, utensils for cooking, the whole nine yards.

I don't know if you remember, but the beautiful weather turned on the students during the evening and the next three days. It got very wet and cold. We had thunderstorms and downpours. The students and our staff had to endure some pretty discouraging weather but....they never gave up. In fact some of the students told me that the weather was the best part!

I want to congratulate these students *and their parents* who worried through the nights. I'm quite sure some very special memories were made during this outdoor adventure.

I also want to add that in addition to all the students learned about cooperation and survival, they also were exposed to well-planned, well-chosen lessons during the daytime. Our MMSK staff is exceptional in their abilities to meet these students where they are. They keep them challenged and interested in their community and our larger world.

Mrs. Ashby
Administrator
CMS/MMSK

COMMITTEE NOTES:

Celebration for Education Committee:

- **The credit card machine is ready to use in the office if you would like to pay for your tickets in this way!!**
- **Geno's Formal Wear, *all locations*, is offering \$30 tux rental For Celebration For Education. Just mention CMS or Montessori Middle School of KY's fundraiser and you've got yourself a discount!!**

***There will be another meeting of the full CFE committee in October. This is very important. We need all committee members to attend. Please mark Wed. Oct. 25 on your calendars.

***Also, Leslie Bales' CFE team members will have their last Tuesday morning meeting at 8:30 am in Jock's Gym on October 24th.

***We need your ads today or Monday at the absolute latest!! Remind any friends, family, or frequently-used businesses that this program is seen by about 1000 guests!

***Next gaming training is Monday, October 23 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in Jock's Gym at CMS. You must attend a training session to work in gaming. Training will be conducted on a drop-in basis. You will be there for approximately 30 minutes.

CAT TAILS needed for CFE decorations. If you or anyone you know have access to real cattails, please bring them into CMS the week of Oct. 30th!! Call Alyson Jeter at 396-9877 if you can do this.

Ferns Ferns Ferns

Wondering what to do with your fall ferns now that the cold weather hits???

Donate them to CFE!

Please call Cameron Shoaf 576-8371 or email shoaf8@peoplepc.com
to offer ferns.

I will pick them up at 8:30 a.m. drop off or 3:00 p.m. dismissal

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS!!!!

YOUR CHANCE FOR A HOT TUB OR A POOL TABLE

Dream gifts at the Celebration For Education

Have you thought about purchasing a hot tub or a beautiful pool table?

Well, now is your chance!!!

You can purchase a hot tub or pool table for just over wholesale cost at the Celebration For Education. In fact, you will be able to select from several tables or tubs if the one at CFE does not meet your needs. You will never find a deal like this anywhere else.

Just e-mail Bob Bradley at rbrad@email.uky.edu and let him know you are interested. He will provide you with the details. All you have to do then is get ready to bid at CFE!

Grounds & Landscaping Committee—We had a great Saturday work session last week-end to spread mulch on the primary level playground.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>
Monday, 23 rd	Linda Slagel	Karen Hilty
Tuesday, 24 th	Stacey Pitt	Mary Lamm
Wednesday, 25 th	Lois Ward	Stephanie Schoff
Thursday, 26 th	Carmen Wampler-Collins	Julie McDaniel
Friday, 27 th	Jan Hellebusch	Patty Webb
Monday, 30 th	Sally Wahle	Keri Hayes
Tuesday, 31 st	Kushi Reddy	Trena Thomas
Wednesday, 1 st	Kristi Lancianese	Katie O'Brien
Thursday, 2 nd	Ellen Downs	Ellen Demos
Friday, 3 rd	Dick & Diana Martin	Philip Wahle

Please make the following corrections to your Parent Handbook:

Correct Address:

White, Kelly
Don & Cathy White
347 Sheridan Drive
Lexington, KY 40503

FOR SALE:

2005 Honda Odyssey, 31,000 miles, excellent condition. Please call 533-7322 or 224-8487 and talk with Lisa Powell.

Needed:

Our family is in need is in need of a reasonably –priced 2 – 3 bedroom house or apartment. Any info or leads are greatly appreciated. Call: Carmen or Shannon Wampler-Collins at 859-523-6000.

Lost:

Aidan McDaniel lost a winter jacket last week—a blue hooded coat with a UK emblem on the front lined with gray—it does have his name in it on the label. Please check at home to see if it may have come with one of your children by mistake and send it into the CMS office. Thanks!!



Observations from the Campaign Team...

1. The school has been registered with goodsearch.com (operated by Yahoo). Goodsearch is a search engine similar to Google. The difference is that the Capital Campaign receives a penny for every search performed. If you would like to help us in this way,

Go to www.goodsearch.com.

In the box titled, *Who do you GoodSearch for*, type **Community Montessori School**.

Click *Verify*.

From this point on, every time you use GoodSearch, you should see CMS pup up as the beneficiary.

Let’s see those pennies rolling in!!

2. **Dream Dinners** has extended their parent promotion from a 4 week fundraiser to last the whole year!! Now when you go to make your dinners, just mention CMS/MMSK and 10% of the sale will be donated to the Capital Campaign. THANK YOU!!

Katie Toffey
Campaign Manager

Remember to check our website for news and information @ Cmsmontessori.org