



... a good start!

Montessori Matters



Community Montessori School & Montessori Middle School of Kentucky **Week of November 16, 2006**

A Note from Mrs. Ashby:

Dear Parents,

This is the first of several reminders you will receive regarding our Holiday Party. The party is held in the school library and Jock’s Gym. **The hours are from 9:15 – 11:00 a.m.** The social committee will plan and set up the event, however, each family is asked to bring a dish to share. We have had everything from breakfast casseroles to cookies and everything in between.

Please be aware that **an adult must accompany all children.** Grandparents and relatives are invited. **There are no classes and no all day after school program.**

The students really enjoy this get-together to start our holidays. We will have a small presentation by the 9-12 students at approximately 10:30 a.m. in Jock’s Gym.

Please feel free to call the office if you have any questions about our party. Don’t hesitate to call about anything you find confusing—we are here to keep you informed and make you comfortable—so just call!!

Fondly,
Mrs. Ashby

CMS NOVEMBER & DECEMBER SCHOOL CALENDAR

November

- 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 parents’ 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

December

- 15 Friday Holiday Party 9:15 – 11:15 a.m.
All students must be accompanied by an adult

The Celebration for Education committee and our treasurer are working hard on finalizing our total revenue for our fund raising event. We have gotten a lot of positive feedback on the evening. Thanks to all you parents who showed up and worked your shifts, bought your tickets, and made a donation. As much work as the committee does, we cannot have an event this successful without your efforts. **A BIG THANK YOU!!!**

Also, please note that Carolyn Singh's name was inadvertently left off of the Auction Donors list in our program. We are very sorry for this omission. She donated several ceramic bowls and beautiful pieces of jewelry. We appreciate her donations to our cause!

The following guests at CFE have won items in one of our auctions. We are trying to contact these guests to let them know they won the final bid. If you were the host to any of the following people, please contact them and have them call the school office or contact the office to let us know how to get in touch with them by Monday November 27th so we can close out the items. Thank you!

Patrick Behrens
Jeanne Bramer
Rene Branham
Karie Caudill & Debbie Cliff
Tim & Shannon Cobb
Don & Jan Collins
Pat Duncan
Joe Flynn
Candace James
Sarah Katzenmaier
Mary & Nancy Jackson
Rebecca Miller

Jeff Sherrow
Matthew Siracky
Stephanie Skinner
Martha Rosenburg
Carroll & Eric Ruschman
Chris Refitt
Joe Villaflor
Peggy Wilson

PRIMARY LEVEL – Franklin, Hughes, & Somsel:

Franklin: The extended day enjoyed a great trip to the Henry Clay estate to study trees. We are now studying Native American cultures.

Hughes: Our class is also studying Native American Indians. The children love the lessons and stories of their lives.

Somsel: Our class is studying the North American Indian, how they lived, what they ate, and their crafts.

LOWER ELEMENTARY –Gray & Mason:

The classrooms have been filled with purposeful activity and big work. The students enjoy being able to share their projects with students in other classes and the office. We enjoy being hosts to our observers!

UPPER ELEMENTARY -- Simpson & Spitz:

The 6th year students again visited Mrs. Alexander's sheep farm and enjoyed following up on their studies of breeding and genetics. Also, the 6th years are beginning their research papers—4th & 5th years will do theirs starting in January.

AFTERSCHOOL NEWS:

Class Updates:

- No Spanish Class or Quilting Class on next Wednesday November 22nd.

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.**

MMSK students are preparing for a performance of "Please Mr. Postman" for their Thanksgiving celebration next Wednesday, November 22. Several students have learned to play new instruments and some of the students will dance as well.

MONTESSORI MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS:

IMPORTANT SERVICE PROJECT –WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Ten of the students at the Montessori Middle School of KY have chosen to work with the Men's and Women's Hope Centers of Lexington as their service project for this academic year. Towards that end, they have started **collecting travel-sized shampoos, soaps, lotions, deodorants and other personal care products.** The students will be creating gift bags for each of the residents to be passed out the week after Thanksgiving. There will be a collection bucket for these items at CMS that you could donate to help make their service project a success. Thank you for your time and effort as we try to help the 280 residents of the Men's and Women's Hope Centers!! **We will be collecting from today to the day before Thanksgiving.**

COMMITTEE NOTES:

Social Committee:

There will be a meeting on Monday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the CMS Library. You should have gotten a notice with the details. Please call the office if you have any questions.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>
Monday, 20 th	Linda Slagel	Karen Hilty
Tuesday, 21 st	Stacey Pitt	Mary Lamm
Wednesday, 22 nd	Lois Ward	Stephanie Schoff
Thursday, 23 rd		NO SCHOOL
Friday, 24 th		NO SCHOOL
Monday, 27 th	Sally Wahle	- VOLUNTEER NEEDED-
Tuesday, 28 th	Kushi Reddy	Trena Thomas
Wednesday, 29 th	Kristi Lancianese	Katie O'Brien
Thursday, 30 th	Ellen Downs	Ellen Demos
Friday, 1 st	Dick & Diana Martin	Philip Wahle

Please make the following corrections to your Parent Handbook:

Please Correct Father's first name:

Myers, Grace

Aric and Sheila Myers

Please Delete:
Kaitlyn & Hunter Hayes

FOR SALE:

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

Needed:

We can use any *high top car seats*, that your child may have outgrown, for our field trips and going out experiences with our students. If you have a high top seat that you no longer need, please bring it into the school office or give it to one of our morning & afternoon arrival/dismissal assistants. Thanks!!

Lost:

Men's Oakley Sunglasses—Brown @ Keene Barn last Thursday afternoon—Nov. 2. Please call Shannon McDaniel 223-0339.



Exciting news from the Capital Campaign... The Pink Tower thermometer is about to grow again! We currently have \$1,196,000 in commitments (\$4,000.00 short of placing the next strip on the tower). Thank you to the parents, grandparents and friends of CMS & MMSK that have made commitments and donations this fall.

If you are a family that is new to CMS this year please watch your mail for the Capital Campaign brochure that will be mailed out next week. Informational meetings for these families will at Mrs. Ashby's home on the land – 727 Stone Road on the following dates:

Sunday, January 28, 2007	3:30 pm
Sunday, February 10, 2007	3:30 pm

Child care will be available in the CMS gym beginning at 3:00. The meeting should last for 1 hour. Please make plans to attend one of these crucial meetings regarding the exciting future of CMS and MMSK. We also encourage any family who would like more information regarding the capital campaign to attend!

We are preparing several grant applications this winter to submit to local organizations and foundations for their support.

Don't forget to sign up for Goodsearch.com as your search engine. School will receive 1 cent for every click—we are already at \$22.00 raised for one month of use!!!!