



... a good start!

Montessori Matters



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

Week of December 8, 2006

Celebration For Education 2006 made a profit of \$95,000 PLUS dollars!!!!

This is an incredible accomplishment for a school our size. You all worked hard and the numbers prove that without a doubt. And, we had an amazing night of which to be proud!! If you see committee members during your day, give them a big “thank you” for the hard work they do throughout the year. And for *all* our parents, you did great—Oh, What a Night!

A Note from Mrs. Ashby:

Dear Parents,

The holidays are upon us. I wish all of you happy holidays. If you are traveling, please be careful and bring these precious ones back to us safely on January 3, 2007.

Please make every effort to attend the holiday party next Friday—December 15th. It is a warm and wonderful way to start the holidays. The students do need to be accompanied by an adult. There are no classes that morning. The party starts at 9:15 a.m. and ends at 11:00 a.m.

The social committee will set up the tables and decorations. They will provide the drinks. Each Family is asked to bring a dish to share. We have everything from cookies to breakfast foods.

There is no before school or after school on Friday December 15th.

Fondly,
Mrs. Ashby

Notes from the office:

1. We now have twenty \$5.00 Kroger Gift Cards available for purchase in the CMS Office. These are great stocking stuffers!
2. Starting this month we will now have a credit card machine available year ‘round for taking care of school business. Stop in or call Diana Davis for more information.

CMS DECEMBER & JANUARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

December

11 Monday CMS Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 p.m. CMS Library
****Note Change of date from the regular 3rd Monday Meeting

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

18-29 Mon/Fri NO SCHOOL—HOLIDAY BREAK

January

1-2 Mon/Tue NO SCHOOL—HOLIDAY BREAK

3 Wednesday **School Resumes**

15 Monday NO SCHOOL—Martin Luther King Day
NO ALL DAY PROGRAM AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY

25 Thursday Combined Study Group—Primary, Lower & Upper Elementary &
Middle School

PRIMARY LEVEL – Franklin, Hughes, & Somsel:

Franklin: The extended days are planning a “Going Out” to view animals at the pet shop in connection with our study of mammals.

Hughes: The class is learning about many of the different celebrations going on this time of year: Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Los Pasados, Christmas, for example. The children love hearing about the different customs and traditions.

Somsel: Our class is studying Native Americans and the different holidays this time of year. The extended day children decorated a tree for the birds at the Arboretum. All the children made decorations for it. If you have an opportunity to see it—please do!!

LOWER ELEMENTARY –Gray & Mason:

1. Both classes are requesting jigsaw puzzle pieces for an art project.
2. We are also requesting info or items about Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Dwali, or Ramadan.
3. Don't forget to send small items in with your child for the Salvation Army Stocking Stuffers Program.
4. We are looking forward to getting together for our Holiday sing-along next week with Mr. Hickner and ...
5. Of course, we look forward to seeing you all at the Holiday Party on Friday, December 15th!!

UPPER ELEMENTARY--Simpson & Spitz:

Both classes are busy with research papers for the 6th years, reports, the culmination of nutrition study and holiday gift making. Thank you for all your support!!

AFTERSCHOOL NEWS:

Just a reminder that pick-up time is 6:00 p.m. for the Afterschool Program.

If for some reason you will be delayed, please call us as soon as you know so that we may let your child know you will be unavoidably delayed.

The AFSP phone number is 333-0020. Thank you for your consideration!

****We would like to thank Mr. Bob Bradley for bringing the University of Kentucky Athletes to the Afterschool Program and for sharing their time and experience on team work, friendship, and responsible behaviors in school and society. Our students always love this visit!**

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS:

1. The 9-12 students are creating “Survival” style events in PE. We are enjoying the challenges!
2. The bands are preparing for our school assembly concert next week.

MONTESSORI MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS:

The Middle school scholars have embarked on a small town study that then segues into the city study of Lexington. The students, in small groups, went on local, small town visits to Richmond, Berea, & Danville (for example), with faculty members early this week and looked at how the towns evolved, what style of government they use, etc. In January, the city study of Lexington will deepen with intense class work and an overnight stay in downtown Lexington and visits to many Lexington historical and governmental sites. Scholars will complete this study with an individually picked topic of interest explored through all areas of study: math, science & the humanities.

COMMITTEE NOTES:

Grounds and Maintenance:

The school grounds are looking very neat and tidy after several leaf raking and general work sessions. The staff is grateful for the trench that was dug this week in the circle island of our arrival area for 100 bulbs that the older students will be planting in honor of the 100 year Celebration of Montessori Education. We cannot wait to see all the blooms this Spring!

Social Committee:

All Parents please bring a dish to share for our Holiday Open House! *Committee Members:* Please call Michelle Radtke at 859-420-8477 or email mrادتke@alltel.net if you have any questions about how you can help with our annual Holiday Party on Friday December 15th 9:15-11:00 a.m

Transportation Committee:

Thank you to the drivers who make our field trips and “going outs” possible for the students. Mrs. Davis appreciates the cooperative spirit and can-do attitude that these drivers give to the school. If you would be able to help the school in this way, even on a limited basis, please call Diana Davis in the office to sign up to help. Thank you for your consideration.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>
Monday, 11 th	Sally Wahle	Liz Pinion
Tuesday, 12 th	Kushi Reddy	Trena Thomas
Wednesday, 13 th	Kristi Lancianese	Katie O’Brien
Thursday, 14 th	Ellen Downs	Ellen Demos
Friday, 15 th	NO SCHOOL—HOLIDAY PARTY	

Please make the following corrections to your Parent Handbook:

Please Correct Address:

Mandal, Roshni 264-7839
3050 Helmsdale Place
Lexington, KY 40509

THANK YOU:

To the parents and families that donated *high top car seats* to the school office for our going outs and field trips. We now have 5 spare seats to use and they are wonderful. Thanks!!



***Watch the Pink Tower Thermometer grow!
We have reached \$1.2 Million in gifts and pledges!***

We currently have \$1,203,175.00 committed to the Capital Campaign!!!!

I am always amazed at the unexpected gifts that come across my desk – and this week and last I had many! The first surprise gift was a past parent (who receives Montessori Matters) calling to ask if we had reached the \$1.2 million dollar mark. When I said I was still \$4,000.00 short she said she would like to “bridge that gap” for us and immediately drove to school with a check for the campaign in that amount. On Monday afternoon Mrs. Ashby handed me a \$500 check – not from someone who has been solicited in any way yet - but from a past family who has been receiving the alumni newsletter and wanted to give a gift to the school. The gifts continued to come in yesterday with another unexpected check and a letter of intent! It is such a great feeling to know that people are reading and listening to our mission and are thrilled to give back to the school which gave their families (especially the children) so much!

Thank you to Andrea Robinson and Premier Jewelry; the campaign received \$150.00 from jewelry parties last month.

A few foundation proposals have been submitted in the past weeks and tax letters are being sent to many individuals that may be looking for year end tax gifts. We received \$3,000 through this solicitation last year.

Dates for New Parent Campaign Information Meetings at Mrs. Ashby’s home (727 Stone Road):

Sunday, January 28, 2007	3:30 pm
Sunday, February 11, 2007	3:30 pm

All new families – please make plans to attend one of the above meetings!

P.S. Please keep the Capital Campaign in mind if you need to make a tax donation at the end of the year!

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

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!!!!