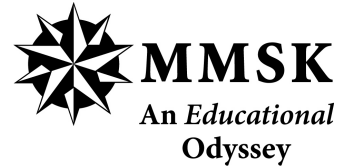




... a good start!

# Montessori Matters



**Community Montessori School**

**Week of January 12, 2007**

**NO SCHOOL MONDAY –JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
**IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**

**\*\*THERE WILL BE NO BEFORE/AFTERSCHOOL OR ALL DAY PROGRAM MONDAY!!**

**A Note from Mrs. Ashby:**

Welcome back to school! I had a very restful holiday and the students are telling me that they had a good break.

I am looking forward to the coming months. We are starting interviews with new three year olds for this coming September. The office is preparing next year's contracts for returning students.

I want to encourage you to make every effort to attend the study group scheduled for Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. This is the only study group during the school year that introduces all our staff, pre-school through middle school, to the parents. This year our topic will be "The Flexibility of the Montessori child." The staff spends several hours preparing for this study time with the parents. We have received very positive feedback from the parents who have attended in the past. I have been attending Montessori study groups for 37 years and I always enjoy the presentations our teachers prepare on this phenomenal method of education.

Are you aware that Maria Montessori opened her first Children's House on January 6, 1907? This is Montessori's centennial celebration. Many of our staff members will be attending the Association Montessori International Refresher Course in San Francisco over the 4 day break we have in February. (Feb. 16, 17, 18, & 19) There are special events planned to celebrate the centennial during the refresher course. Stay posted for activities our school will be doing in connection with the centennial as well.

**Notes from the office:**

- 1.** We now have several **\$5.00 Kroger Gift Cards** available for purchase in the CMS Office. These are a great way to help your school if you are a regular Kroger shopper!
- 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. This will be an option for tuition payments if you pay tuition in one complete payment.

## NOTES OF HELP:

1. We have a new family staying in Lexington for UK's winter semester. **If anyone has a vacuum that they aren't using**, please call the CMS office. They would greatly appreciate it. Thank you.
2. We still have some **servicing dishes left over from the holiday party in the teacher's lounge**. If you are missing anything, please come in and check.
3. **The library needs to have chairs reupholstered**—Deborah Todd, our librarian, has the necessary material. **If you would be able to supply your labor and expertise**, please call the office. Thank you so much!!

## CMS JANUARY-FEBRUARY CALENDAR

### January

15	Monday	NO SCHOOL --Martin Luther King, Jr. Day NO All Day Program Available
22	Monday	Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 p.m. CMS Library (Change in date from our regular 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday due to MLK holiday)
25	Thursday	Combined Parent Study Group 7:00 p.m. Jock's Gym Primary Level/Junior Level/MMSK Study Group Childcare available
28	Thursday	New Parent Meeting on the Land 3:30 p.m.

### February

11	Sunday	New Parent Meeting on the Land 3:30 p.m
16	Friday	NO SCHOOL--Teacher Professional Day All Day Program Available
19	Monday	NO SCHOOL--President's Day Holiday NO All Day Program Available
22	Thursday	Primary Level Study Group

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS—VERY IMPORTANT STUDY GROUP FOR ALL PARENTS

Thursday January 25

7:00 p.m.

Study group combining all Montessori levels:

Primary, Lower & Upper Elementary, MMSK

Childcare will be available. \$1.00 per hour per child payable that night.

### PRIMARY LEVEL – Downs, Oldham, & Somsel:

- All extended day students: please remember to bring tennis shoes for PE!!

**Franklin:** Our children returned from the winter break full of joy and enthusiasm. We are continuing our study of mammals and are completing a short study of Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Hughes:** The children have settled back in beautifully. They are very excited about our study of mammals. We are also talking about wildlife and how they live during the winter.

**Somsel:** Right now fish are being studied—different ones are so interesting. The children are settling back into their routine.

**LOWER ELEMENTARY –Gray & Mason:**

We are excited about starting to work on our plays. Ms. Mason’s class will perform “Romeo and Juliet” and Mrs. Gray’s class will perform “Frog and Toad”. Further details will be sent home with the children.

- Please let Mrs. Gray know if you can help with scenery, stage set-up, tear down, etc.

**UPPER ELEMENTARY -- Simpson & Spitz:**

The students have been practicing geography questions for the Geography Bee this Friday. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years are working on their research papers. 6<sup>th</sup> years are learning Latin and working on their sheep study and mastery list.

**NEWS FROM MR. HICKNER:**

- In PE we have begun basketball and hockey. Fun!!
- The bands performed a wonderful assembly for the school in December. We will be playing at the annual Spring General Parent Meeting/Board Election in April.

**AFTERSCHOOL NEWS:**

- Quilting class will start up again Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007.
- Art Classes with Frank Boyer will start up again Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

**LIBRARY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:**

	<b><u>Morning</u></b>	<b><u>Afternoon</u></b>
Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No School---Martin Luther King Day Holiday</b>	
Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup>	Stacey Pitt	Mary Lamm
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup>	Lois Ward	Stephanie Schoff
Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup>	Carmen W.-Collins	Julie McDaniel
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup>	Jan Hellebusch	Patty Webb



## **MEETINGS ON THE LAND FOR NEW FAMILIES TO CMS & MMSK**

The Capital Campaign team has scheduled information meetings regarding the Bridge to the Future Capital Campaign for the following dates:

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

**We strongly encourage all families who are new to the school this 2006-2007 school year to attend. Mrs. Ashby will talk about the decision-making process that has led us to start the capital campaign, architects from Ross-Tarrant Architects will be there to lead us through the vision of what lies ahead on the new campus, and Katie Toffey will discuss how far we have come and what is still needed to make this vision a reality. Because we are a parent-run school, it is of the utmost importance that our families be fully informed and aware of the projects that are taking place, especially one of this magnitude.**

All meetings will be held at the White House (Mrs. Ashby's home) on the new property at 727 Stone Road. Childcare will be available in the gym at CMS beginning at 3:00 pm the afternoon of the meetings.

Returning families are welcome to attend if they were unable to attend the meetings held last year or would like any additional information regarding the campaign.

**We have \$1,218,000.00 in commitments!!**

### **THANKS:**

Many thanks to Graham Fielder – a former CMS student – who landscaped a wonderful courtyard area for us behind our school building, on the junior level playground. He did this project as part of his Eagle Scout work. Our students and faculty are enjoying this space every day.