



Montessori Matters



Community Montessori School

Week of January 26, 2007



Important Notes from Mrs. Ashby:

Dear Parents, We are into the busy month of January. Please watch for your next school year's contract in the mail. They are due back Friday, Feb. 2nd. Please contact me if you cannot meet this deadline.

- ❑ You have the option this year of using your credit card on a monthly or quarterly basis with the SMART Program. We also, because of parent request, now have a credit card machine in the office. You may use this to pay the total tuition. If you want to do a monthly or quarterly charge, you must use the SMART Program.
- ❑ The Primary teachers and I are interviewing new three year olds for this coming school year. We come in on Saturday mornings and meet with the sweet little ones and their parents.
- ❑ **There is a meeting at the White House on the land this coming Sunday at 3:30 p.m. for the new 2006-2007 parents.** Please come and hear first-hand about all our future plans for the school. I urge you to come casual. Just stay in your Sunday afternoon sweats, etc. and join us for an informative and interesting presentation. Babysitting will be available in the Jock's Gym on the CMS campus starting at 3:00 p.m. for those of you who need childcare. The Montessori Middle School of Kentucky students who are trying to earn money for their trip and presentation at the United Nations in New York City this March will manage the supervision of the students. Montessori Middle School parents will also be present. Any interested returning parents are welcome to attend. The address is 727 Stone Road.
- ❑ One last thing: we are attaching a form for parents who have their own business. Many parents have asked for this directory so they can support fellow parents with their business. Just fill out the form and we will include you in the directory. A copy of the directory will be sent home with all parents when it is completed. This is certainly your choice, so don't feel a need to send in the form if you do not wish to participate.

As always, give me a call if you have questions or comments. I am pleased when parents take time from their busy schedules to visit in the office or observe the classes.

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.

Please make the following corrections to your Parent Handbook:

Please Add Phone Number:

Holt-Hoskins, Mia	330-844-1027	Somsel
Holt-Hoskins, Sammy		Franklin

Please Add Apartment Number:

Mandal, Roshni	Apt. 2204
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New Student:

Abban, Malick	963-5031	Franklin
Ghazala Abnazza & Amer Abban		
2569 Sunseeker Court		
Lexington, KY 40503		

Please Delete:

Thompson, Payton

CMS JANUARY-FEBRUARY CALENDAR

January 28	Sunday	New Parent Meeting on the Land 3:30 p.m. Childcare available at CMS starting at 3:00 p.m.
February		
11	Sunday	New Parent Meeting on the Land 3:30 p.m Childcare available at CMS starting at 3:00 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 7:00 p.m.
26	Monday	CMS/MMSK Board of Directors meeting 7:30 p.m. at CMS

SPECIAL WINTER NOTE:

Please make sure you send your child to school with a winter coat, hat, and mittens/gloves. We do go outside regularly with the students and we do not want a child to have to stay inside because they don't have the proper attire.

PRIMARY LEVEL – Franklin, Hughes, & Somsel:

Franklin: We’re studying fish and the extended days are getting ready for a trip to Just Fish.

Hughes: We are continuing our winter study of animals and are enjoying watching the birds and squirrels at our new feeders!!

Somsel: We are enjoying the winter and studying amphibians.

LOWER ELEMENTARY –Gray & Mason:

We are gearing up with our play rehearsals and preparations. There is much excitement!!

Ms. Mason’s Play Performances: Wed. Jan 31 & Thurs. Feb. 1

Times:10:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. both days

During these times the 1st years are presenting “The Life of William Shakespeare” and the 2nd & 3rd years are presenting “Romeo and Juliet”.

Mrs. Gray’s Play Performances: Thurs. Feb. 8 & Friday Feb. 9

Times: 10:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. both days

All students are performing vignettes of “Frog and Toad”

UPPER ELEMENTARY -- Simpson & Spitz:

The 4th and 5th years are continuing working on their research papers. The 6th years had a great trip to LanMark Wool Factory seeing how wool is made into fabric and felt. We enjoyed hearing about Costa Rica from Nathan Spitz--the students were particularly interested in lizards and monkeys!

NEWS FROM MR. HICKNER:

If your child wears “Crocs” to school, please send in tennis shoes for PE classes. The crocs do not stay on the children’s feet in PE class as we are doing our activities. Thank you so much!

AFTERSCHOOL NEWS:

Hand Drumming Adult Classes with Tripp Bratton!!

Find your groove & explore traditions & techniques of African & Latin Drumming

*Begins Tuesday Feb. 6th thru March 27th 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

*Bring your own drum if you have one or use one of Tripp’s.

*12 drums are available. We can accommodate more people if you bring your own drum.

(These are the same drums the children play in the AfterSchool Class with Tripp.)

*You do not need to read music to attend this class.

*Cost is \$10 per class—you will not be charged for classes you cannot attend—payment at the end of each class.

*There is no childcare available.

*Call AFSP 333-0020 after 4:00 p.m. and Marlene will sign you up.

We have 8 people signed up—2 have their own drums. COME JOIN US!!!!

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>
Monday, 29 th	Linda Slagel	Karen Hilty
Tuesday, 30 th	Stacey Pitt	Mary Lamm
Wednesday, 31 st	Lois Ward	Stephanie Schoff
Thursday, 1 st	Carmen W.-Collins	Julie McDaniel
Friday, 2 nd	Jan Hellebusch	Patty Webb

NOTES:

1. One of our parents has notified us of a new group that is forming for children in Lexington.

Youth GreenCorps is an exciting new grass-roots initiative that engages youth in local environmental, horticultural and artistic hands-on projects.

The Youth GreenCorps will provide youth opportunities to be of service to their communities. Youth from all ages will do hands-on work to:

- ❑ Support existing urban gardens & create new urban gardens
- ❑ Plant trees, create natural habitats & rain gardens
- ❑ Other work to beautify or green-ify the community

The 1st YGC session is Sat. Feb. 3, 2007 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month.

Spring schedule: Feb. 3, 17; March 3, 17; April 7, 21, 28; May 5, 19.

2. On **Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 6:00 PM in the CMS library, there will be a presentation of Gwynn Valley, a summer camp** for children ages 6-14. The children of Debra Todd (librarian), Winni van Gessel (CMS parent/MMSK teacher) and several other CMS students have attended this camp. The philosophy is very much in tune with the Montessori spirit, as the camp is non-competitive. Gwynn Valley has a farm and a waterwheel with a working corn mill and a fishpond, to provide activities that are nature-oriented and offer real work. The camp offers horseback riding, water sports, fine arts and numerous counselors from around the world give the summer a unique international atmosphere.

Come and watch a slide show, talk to the director and to past campers and parents. We'll provide pizza so you don't have to worry about dinner. Please call Winni at 271-3966 to RSVP.

For more information: [visit www.gwynnvalley.com](http://www.gwynnvalley.com).



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.

**Directions from CMS: From Nicholasville Rd. turn right on Pasadena (at the BP station). Follow Pasadena thru the stop light and turn left onto Stone Road. Follow Stone Road around the corner until you see The White House!!