



Montessori Matters



Community Montessori School

Week of February 23, 2007



Important Notes from Mrs. Ashby:

As part of Montessori Education Week 2007, Montessori Schools around the world will stop for a moment of silence for World Peace at 12:00 Noon(local time) on Friday, March 2, 2007 and then sing:

Let there be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me
Let there be peace on Earth, the Peace that was meant to be.
With Earth as our Mother, we are family,
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, Let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me.

One moment of silence and a song for peace that travels around the world from time zone to time zone is a wonderful “Montessori Moment”! Our students and staff will be participating. We hope you do to if you are able. Thank you.

- Be sure to listen to NPR’s Morning Edition next week to hear ads sponsored by CMS in celebration of Montessori Education Week and the Centennial of Montessori Education.
- Thank you to our parents and the Board of Directors for making funds available for our teaching staff and administrator to attend the annual AMI Refresher Course—this year it was held in San Francisco and led off with a wonderful celebration of the Montessori Centennial! These annual seminars in February are invaluable to our staff. Every year we return rejuvenated both physically and spiritually and filled with renewed energy and commitment to our Montessori Method. ***One of the pieces that we brought back with us this time was to make the commitment to use the correct Montessori term of “guide” when we refer to our teachers according to AMI guidelines. You will notice on upcoming conference forms, etc. that we will start to use that nomenclature.

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. Please remember to turn in your information for the Parent Services Directory if you have a business that you would like to share with our parent body. Any questions, feel free to call the office.

CMS FEBRUARY- MARCH CALENDAR

February

26 **Monday** **CMS/MMSK Board of Directors meeting 7:30 p.m. at CMS**

March

1 **Thursday** **Visiting Night Lower Elementary (Gray/Mason) 6-7:00 p.m.**

2 **Friday** **Montessori Moment of Peace followed by song 12:00 Noon**

9 **Friday** **Parent/Montessori Guide Conferences**

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24 **Saturday** **Science Discovery Fair in Jock's Gym**

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. All Families & Friends Welcome!

PRIMARY LEVEL – Franklin, Hughes, & Somsel:

Franklin: We have completed our fish study with the extended days visit to “Just Fish” and are now beginning to study amphibians. The extended days participation in “Read Your Heart Out” was fun!

Hughes: The children really enjoyed our Valentine’s Day celebration. Katy and I thought it was so sweet. The extended day students visited Salato Wildlife Center last Thursday in connection with our study of mammals and reptiles. A good time was had by all. The extended days will be visiting Dr. Rebecca Wheeler’s dental office today to learn about proper dental health.

Somsel: Valentine’s Day was very sweet—children filled their bags with their cards. The children have settled into the work cycle—it is very exciting and calming for them. We have enjoyed our study of African Americans.

LOWER ELEMENTARY –Gray & Mason:

1. “Read Your Heart Out” was a bit success!!
2. Mark your calendars: **Visiting Night next Thursday, March 1st 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

UPPER ELEMENTARY -- Simpson & Spitz:

Science Fair Kick-Off was wonderful Thursday morning! Many thanks to Anne Frances Miller (Shankar and Ananth’s mom) for coming in and giving a fantastic chemistry demonstration. 9-12 will be choosing their science fair projects this week. We are such squares: we are doing squaring and square roots galore!! We are also working on Renaissance reports.

NEWS FROM MR. HICKNER:

1. We will soon begin our “March Madness” basketball extravaganza! Upper Elementary students meet in the gym during recess and play friendly games with timers, referees, and play-by-play announcers. Students perform all the duties.
2. the bands are all working hard and learning much new music. Encourage your students to practice and play for you and their relatives.

AFTERSCHOOL NEWS:

Adult Drum Class with Tripp Bratton has begun. ☺ No Adult Class on Tues. March 6th!!

We meet on Tuesdays from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The cost is \$10 per class—there is no charge for any class that you do not attend.

The next class is Tuesday February 27th. No Class on Tues. March 6th!

There is room for 4 more people, more if you have your own drum.

This is a fun class!! Please join us!

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>
Monday, 26 th	Linda Slagel	Karen Hilty
Tuesday, 27 th	Stacey Pitt	Mary Lamm
Wednesday, 28 th	Lois Ward	Stephanie Schoff
Thursday, Mar 1 st	Carmen Wampler-Collins	Julie McDaniel
Friday, 2 nd	Jan Hellebusch	Patty Webb
Monday, 3 rd	Sally Wahle	**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Tuesday, 4 th	Kushi Reddy	Trena Thomas
Wednesday, 5 th	Kristi Lancianese	Katie O’Brien
Thursday, 6 th	Ellen Downs	Ellen Demos
Friday, 7 th	Diana/Dick Martin	Philip Wahle

NOTES:

1. Little Lamb’s Closet Children’s Consignment Sale

Friday March 2 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday March 2 8:00 a.m. to Noon
 Centenary Methodist Church @ Tates Creek Road
 Thousands of kids’ items, clothing, toys, equipment, etc.

2. Wanted to go to a good home: William the Rabbit

- ❑ With complete cedar hutch and start up supplies
- ❑ William’s mom is heading off to University of Kentucky and needs a new home for William.
- ❑ If you are interested in having a bunny for your roommate, talk with Ann Evans at arrival, dismissal, or in the CMS office.

3. **Invitation to Graham Fielder's Eagle Scout Ceremony**

Graham Fielder, a former CMS student will be recognized as an Eagle Scout on Sunday, March 4th, 2007. Graham started in Boy Scouts in CMS Cub Scout Pack 95. He is one of the first Scouts from the CMS Pack to achieve the rank of Eagle. Graham and his parents, Tom and Elizabeth Fielder, along with Troop 382 would like to invite all of our friends from the CMS family to the ceremony Sunday, March 4th, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of Crestwood Christian Church with a reception following the ceremony.



**IS THIS YOUR FIRST YEAR AT CMS?
If So, Mark Your Calendars for March 6, 2007
Capital Campaign Informational Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 6, 2007
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Jock's Gym**

Thank you to the families that attended the informational meetings held at Mrs. Ashby's home. We have scheduled two additional meetings for those families that were unable to attend the earlier meetings. We have tried to make this as convenient as possible to coordinate with drop-off and pick-up times. These meetings should last approximately 30 minutes.

******It is critical that all of our families know the steps that are being taken with the campaign, the history of the school that has brought us to this point, and the exciting educational opportunities that will be available to our children in the future.***

2. Non-binding letters of intent are available in the office and on our website www.cmsmontessori.org.

3. Pledge payments and campaign donations can now be made using your Visa or Mastercard. Please speak with Katie Toffey if you are interested in using this new payment option!
