



# MONTESSORI MATTERS



Community Montessori School

Week of February 20, 2009



The CMS "Hoods"

## February & March CMS 2009 SCHOOL CALENDAR

<b>February</b>	23,24,25	Mon-Wed	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Space Camp
	26	Thursday	Lower Elementary Visiting Night 6:00 – 7:00 p.m
<b>March</b>	6	Friday	<b>No School—Parent/Guide Conference Day</b> <b>All Day/Drop-In Program available in the Gym</b>
	13	Friday	<b>No School—Parent/Guide Conference Day</b> <b>All Day/Drop-In Program available in the Gym</b>
	21	Saturday	Science Discovery Fair—Jock's Gym 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
	27,30,31	Fri, Mon,Tues	<b>No School—Spring Break</b>

## Thoughts on our Carpool Line from a Concerned Parent

One of the lessons we teach our kids is to learn the rules and follow them. If you are playing a game, it's best when everyone understands and follows the same set of rules so feelings don't get hurt. If you are driving a car, it's good to know the rules of the road so everyone stays safe and there aren't accidents.

At the beginning of the school year, we are instructed on how to pick up our children in the car line. There is a set of "rules" for lining up, and we all agree to abide by them for the safety of our children, courtesy to our school's neighbors, and the flow of traffic on our city streets. Periodically, we are given reminders by the school.

Lately, as I arrive to school, driving down Crestwood preparing to turn left into the school drive, I am faced with people turning right into the parking lot. Also, on a several occasions, there has been a line waiting to turn left, only to have a car pull up to turn right and cut in front of the several people who were following the rules. Listen, we all get lax. We all have places to be. We all get in a rush. But *please*, if you pick your child up in the car line, follow the rules the school has established for turning left into the parking lot. And, if you have family/friends who pick your children up, make sure you go over the car line etiquette, and where they can safely park to walk up to the school. We want everyone to stay safe and to be good neighbors as well. Thanks!

### PRIMARY LEVEL – Franklin, Hughes, Somsel:

**\*\*\*We are in need of girls underwear sizes 3 to 6 for our emergency clothes. If you have any that you can donate, please send them into school in a bag marked “Emergency Clothes”. Thank you!**

### LOWER ELEMENTARY - Gray & Mason

**Mason:** Our class will be performing “Hamlet” March 4 & 5  
Wed. 3/4/09: 10:00 a.m. Cast 1  
1:15 p.m. Cast 2  
Thurs.3/5/09: 10:00 a.m. Cast 2  
1:15 p.m. Cast 1  
Space is limited, so please—only 2 guests per child.  
Video cameras always welcome! ☺

### UPPER ELEMENTARY - Simpson & Spitz

Several student groups are writing and performing plays and skits and loving every minute of it! Anne Frances Miller prepared a scientific presentation for our Science Fair Kick-Off this afternoon, always a crowd pleaser ☺ Get ready for a flurry of activity and questions at home! We also enjoyed wishing Mrs. Ashby “Happy Birthday” on Wednesday. **LOOK FOR A NOTE CONCERNING RESEARCH PAPERS IN YOUR CHILD’S BELONGINGS—PLEASE SIGN NOTE AND RETURN TO YOUR TEACHER.**

### PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**1) Dragonfly Children’s Clothing Store is relocating as of March 2.**

**The New address is: 120 Clay Avenue**

Also, join us for the Oilily Trunk Show March 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Both the women’s and children’s collections will be available for order.

2) **Attention Ladies of CMS/MMSK Space is still available**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Margarita Mama**  
**Tomorrow Night 7:00 p.m.**  
**Come join us for a fun-filled fiesta**  
**At the home of Cameron & Frank Shoaf 2568 Sungale Court**

**Food catered by Abuela's**  
**Purchase your ticket in the CMS Office-----\$120 tax deductible contribution**

3) **Please make the following corrections to your parent handbook:**

**New Address:** Cristina and Ignacio Garcia 617-314-9599  
Hector & Yndira Garcia  
2529 Cannock Drive 40509



Mrs. Ashby was surprised today with a gift from the CMS Girl Scout Troop from last year. From their cookie sales, they have made a \$400 donation to the Capital Campaign! Thank you girls for all of your hard work and your generous support of the building project!

**Important information for the families new to CMS this school year:**

A Campaign Informational Meeting for newly enrolled families has been scheduled for Thursday, March 12th at 8:45 am in Jock's Gym. This is for the new families who were not able to attend the meeting with Mrs. Ashby during the study group last month.

Once you have dropped your children off, please park and join us in the gym's art room for coffee and donuts. Mrs. Ashby, Katie Toffey, our Development Officer, and Kerry Hamblin, Board Member and Campaign Vice Chair, will present the history of CMS and speak about the progress and specifics regarding the capital campaign.

Because we are a parent run school it is vital that all parents understand the importance of the Capital Campaign and what it means to the future of our school. The Capital Campaign committee takes the role of keeping our families as informed as possible very seriously. It is essential that each and every parent hear the presentation about the history of our school, the Capital Campaign and our plans for the future.

Please complete the form below and turn into the office by Thursday, March 5, 2009.

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\_\_\_\_\_ I/we will be able to attend the meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we will not be able to attend on that date. Please contact me to set up a time to meet.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_