



MONTESSORI MATTERS



Community Montessori School

Week of March 26, 2009

Note from Mrs. Ashby

Can you believe we are ready for Spring Break? When we return we will be all set for our last two months of school. We have a couple of important events coming up in April.

We will have our Annual Parent Meeting on April 23. The first part of the meeting will be a business section where we get a report from our Treasurer, report from the Capital Campaign Chair, and we will hold our election for two new members to our Board of Directors. The remaining portion of the evening will be a performance from our bands. The CMS Band, conducted by Mr. Hickner, will entertain the parents and staff members attending the meeting.

April 28th is the After School Program Open House. The program starts at 4:00 pm and ends at 5:00 pm. Ms. Marlene and the other After School instructors will proudly lead the students in various exhibitions of the programs that have been ongoing throughout the year. This is a delightful hour.

As always, feel free to call me if you have questions, comments or concerns.

If you are traveling, be safe and come back refreshed and ready to finish our school year. See you on April 6.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ashby

SPRING CMS 2009 SCHOOL CALENDAR

March	27,30,31	Fri, Mon, Tues	No School—Spring Break
April	1-3	Wed – Fri	No School—Spring Break
	6	Monday	School Resumes
	23	Thursday	Board of Directors Meeting at 7:30 p.m. CMS Library General Parent Meeting/Board Elections & Student Band Performances
	28	Tuesday	After School Program Open House 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
May	25	Monday	No School—Memorial Day
	29	Friday	Last day of school—No Extended Day All Primary Level students leave at 11:35 dismissal 6 th Grade Graduation—1:30 p.m.
June	1	Monday	6 th Grade Year End Trip
	2	Tuesday	Primary & Junior Level Guides In-Service Day

PARENTS: IF YOU HAVE A MICROWAVE THAT YOU ARE NOT USING, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE OR DROP IT BY AT YOUR CONVENIENCE. ONE OF OUR CLASSES HAS THE NEED FOR ONE. THANK YOU!

PRIMARY LEVEL – Franklin, Hughes, Somsel:

****Thank you so much for the donations of underwear—we have been able to restock our supply!!**

Franklin: We are beginning our study of Australia and have begun looking at amphibians.

Hughes: The children have really enjoyed the warm weather. We are studying birds, learning the different types and identifying their songs.

Somsel: Rocks, rocks, rocks, rocks there are 3 kinds....we have been enjoying this song and dance, St. Patrick's Day, and the end of winter.

LOWER ELEMENTARY - Gray & Mason

We really enjoyed Visiting Night last month. Thanks to all who attended and participated. We will start our in-depth studies of Ancient Greece & Rome after Spring Break.

Gray: Our special focus has been on the artist/inventor/scientist Leonardo da Vinci; musician YoYo Ma; and Kentucky author George Ella Lyon.

Mason: Putting on “Hamlet” was an exciting venture enjoyed by all. Now we are exploring life with early humans, the “great inventors”. Remember to sign up for Ms. Mason’s & Mrs. Spitz’s summer Shakespeare Camp!

UPPER ELEMENTARY - Simpson & Spitz

There was wonderful science presented at the Science Discovery Fair!
Students are currently engaged in botany and zoology studies, and the 6th year students are preparing presentations for the rest of the class.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION – Hickner:

All levels of band students are preparing for our concert on Thursday, April 23rd. This is the night of the General Parent Meeting. Please reserve that date to support our program.

PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Mandy Gonty would like to invite all CMS/MMSK parents to the Color Bar Salon.
Call and schedule an appointment and you will receive 25% off any service.
Bring a friend and receive an additional 10% off.

2) **Need childcare for Spring Break or any other time?** Please call Charlie and Ellen Downs at 859-806-9957 or 502-316-3161. Arts and crafts, games, and food provided!

3) **Bunnies: free to great home**

Tilda, Huon, Bec and Marsh are returning home to Australia in June. Sadly, Australian Customs will not allow their pet rabbits to join them.

Pancake and Velvet are medium sized bunnies looking for a home without dogs. They come with a hutch but will need somewhere to run. They always use their litter tray, but do love to chew (especially power cords!).

If interested please call Bec at 494-2697. All questions welcomed.

4) **Going to be in town this spring break? You might want to check out the following:**

Fundraiser for CASA called “Stompapalooza”

Where: Singletary Center, UK Campus

When: Tuesday March 31st at 6:00 PM

Admission: \$6

A brief description: All UK sororities and fraternities were invited to participate and currently there are 18 signed up to stomp during the competition. Each member of Alpha Phi has a team to help coach and make up a stomp routine. There will be a first place winner in both the sorority and fraternity divisions. All of UK's campus, and the public at large, are invited to attend the event. Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Theta will perform a routine during intermission at the event.

5) I am looking for someone who is interested in being an occasional (2-6 times a month) morning sitter for my daughter Madeleine. This would involve coming to the house between 6 and 7 am, shepherding her through the morning routine, and then bringing her to school at 8:15. Please contact me at tomstone@insightbb.com or 272-3809 if interested.



Capital Campaign News

The campaign has received two new gifts of \$500 each! Thank you to our new donors for their support! This brings our total commitments to \$1,953,865.00!

For those of you that have selected CMS as the designated school for your Target Visa or Red Card – we have just received our Spring contribution from Target in the amount of \$238.00!

Thank you to the new families who attended our Campaign Informational Meetings. We always enjoy this opportunity to share the history of CMS and the events that have led to the launch of the “Bridge to the Future Capital Campaign.”

FROM THE STREETS TO A HOME
With Caring+Accountability+Connection

In partnership with the Lexington Housing Authority and the Shelter Plus Program from HUD, the Catholic Action Center is excited to announce that the week of March 30, 2009 two-bedroom apartments will be made available for 44 of our guests who have been chronically homeless. These men and women will have the opportunity to live in dignity, receive medical and mental health care, life skill training, opportunities for job training, work and continued support as they journey from homelessness to becoming contributing members of our community .

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:

Furnishings and household items are needed for the apartments!

The most critical needs are: 50 twin or double beds and mattresses, linens for the 50 beds, 25 couches, 50 end tables, 25 kitchen tables and chairs, 50 dressers, 50 lamps, kitchen items: 100 sets of silverware, 100 glasses, 100 plates, 100 cups, 100 bowls, 100 pots and pans, 25 skillets, 25 baking dishes, 25 can openers, 50 garbage cans, 100 kitchen and 100 bath towels, 100 washclothes, 25 bathmats, and all other household items suitable, including TV's and stands. **THESE ARE NEEDED BY MARCH 27!!!**

Mentors are needed for the men and women who will be in this program; people who will walk with the participants through the transition of living on our streets to having a home of their own and the opportunity for wholeness. If you can give **2 hours a week to a Care+Accountability+Connection Team** get in touch with us and we will provide you with the training and support needed.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED ON MARCH 28 9-4 PM &
MARCH 29 1-4PM FOR APARTMENT SET UP:**

Call or email Catholic Action Center for location and more information.

Call: (859) 514-7210 or email: caclexky@Insightbb.com

BUT THAT IS NOT ALL.....50-70 more apartments will be available in the **next 45 days:** furnishings will be needed for them as another **80-150 homeless are housed.**

Please Visit Our website: WWW.godsnet.info for more information on the *From the Streets to a Home Program* and help be a part of this effort that will change the lives our marginalized brothers and sisters!

Your help will make a difference!

Catholic Action Center Warehouse
614 E. 7th Street
Drop-Off
M-F 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.