



# MONTESSORI MATTERS



Community Montessori School

Week of September 11, 2009

## Special Note:

**Montessori Matters will be sent home every other week usually on Fridays.**  
**Please read it carefully for important school information**

### A Note from Board President Dean Capello:

Dear Parents, Students & Staff:

By now we're all fairly well settled into the "back to school" routine and at our house we're happy to be back (and we haven't been late even once yet). I forgot to tell you at the initial parents' meeting about a selfish habit I have that I strongly suggest you try: Drop by "our little school" (as I like to call it) and step inside the doorway. Just be quiet and stand or sit in the Library area and listen to the learning. Listen to the forging of citizen students our staff does so wonderfully while at the same time delivering our children a first rate education. (You don't even need to go into a classroom though I strongly suggest it if you can plan ahead to arrange that). It's awe inspiring and recuperative to take in all the energy and particularly when I'm having a tough day this is a recipe for getting me back on track. Try it. I can't wait to go to MMSK and stand in the Community Room and do the same thing!

And how about the new digs MMSK has out on Stone Road?!?!?! WOW!!!! If you haven't been there you need to stop by, see the building, and feel the excitement of this beautiful facility that will become even more beautiful when Phase II is constructed right beside it and all our children are on a single campus.

When in the car lines during drop off and dismissal, please be mindful of the neighboring properties; don't block their driveways and stay off the grass as best you can. We hope you enjoy the Fun Fair and don't forget the fast approaching Parent Study Groups; they are important for us all to attend.

Thanks,

Dean

PS: If you haven't put the Celebration for Education on your (and your friends') calendars make sure you do so now: Friday November 6 is the Date! If you're new to CFE or haven't tried this method before, and you don't know how to dispense the tickets you're responsible for you might try this: give the tickets to your best friends and family. Next year and each year after that they'll ask you to buy them. They'll want to know the CFE date far in advance in order to hold it on their calendars and they'll tell their friends how much fun it is who will likewise want tickets. Like our little school is, consider it an investment in our children.

\*\*\*\*\*REMINDER: ARRIVAL IS 8:15 AM – 8:35 AM\*\*\*\*\*

## **SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER CMS 2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

### **September**

11 Friday	<b>CMS Fun Fair 5:00 – 8:00 pm</b>
14 Monday	Primary Level Extended Day Classes begin
17 Thursday	Upper Elementary Study Group 7:00 p.m. Primary Level Study Group Discussion of Ext. Day begins 6:15 pm Regular Study Group begins 7:00
21 Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> Fazoli's Lunch for Elementary Students CMS Board of Directors Meeting – 7:30 pm CMS Library
23,24,25	6 <sup>th</sup> Graders Trip to Birmingham, Alabama
24 Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> Pizza Day for Elementary Students Lower Elementary Parent Study Group Physical Ed. Discussion with Mr. Hickner 6:15 pm Regular Study Group begins at 7:00 pm

### **October**

5 Monday	CMS Board of Director's Meeting - 7:30 pm in CMS Library
9 Friday	NO SCHOOL – Guides Professional Day All Day/Drop-In Program Available in the gym
15 Thursday	Primary Level Parents Study Group Ext. Day Physical Ed. Discussion with Mr. Hickner 6:15 pm Regular Study Group begins at 7:00 pm
20 Tuesday	School Picture Day
22 Thursday	Lower & Upper Elementary Parent Study Group 6:30 pm

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS: SCHOOL PICTURE DAY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

### **Dear CMS Parents:**

On August 30, 2009 Sophie's Playground was dedicated at Breckinridge Elementary. After many, many years of wishing and hoping our dream came true due to the kind support of so many in Lexington. I wish to thank those people at CMS who donated so generously to one of our many fundraisers, the yard sale. Your giving spirit helped turn this dream into a reality for Breckinridge students and staff.

With sincere appreciation,  
Dee Bailey  
(Former CMS/MMSK Parent)

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION – Hickner:**

1. **Please send your child to school in sneakers or tennis shoes on PE days!!** Crocs and sandals tend to fall off or not offer enough support. Extended Day students will have PE everyday.
2. **Box Tops for Education!!**  
Just a reminder of our "General Mills Box Tops for Education" program. The school earns money for each logo we collect. Logos are found on a variety of products such as cereal, snack items, frozen items, and baking items. We have a large container in our library for you to drop your box tops in. We send them in several times throughout the school year. This money is one of the primary fundings for our PE program. If you have any questions, call the school office or talk with Mr. Hickner. THANK YOU!!

## **AFTERSCHOOL NEWS: Before and Afterschool Phone Number is 333-0020!!**

The Afterschool Program is a drop-in program for Extended Day through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. The emergency form in your Afterschool packet needs to be sent back into the office ASAP. If there have been no changes since you filled one out last year, just let Mrs. Owens (Miss Marlene) know. **It is critical that we have any new telephone, cell phone, beepers, etc. numbers AND any changes to information about people that will be able to pick up your student.**

**\*\*If you *have* sent in forms to sign your child up for a class, *they are now in that class.***

**\*\*If you *have not* sent your forms for the classes you have chosen, *please send them in ASAP.***  
We have not completely filled any classes yet, so spaces are still available.

**\*\*Class sign up forms are included in your Afterschool packets.**  
The CMS office has extra Afterschool Packets if you need one.

## **IMPORTANT UPDATES:**

- 1) Our former Spanish teacher is not available to do our classes this year. We are in the process of finding a replacement. We will let you know when classes are going to begin
- 2) Chess Class will begin Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) We can use old magazines for our art class and skeins of yarn for finger knitting. Any and all donations are welcome. THANKS!!

## **Adult Drumming Class with Tripp Bratton starts Tuesday, September 22nd!!**

6:30 – 7:30 pm each Tuesday evening

\$10.00 per class/held in Jock's Gym

Drums are provided or you may bring your own

No Experience Necessary—A Fun Time for sure!!

Talk with Miss Marlene if you are interested/if you have any questions.

## **COMMITTEE NOTES:**

Our committees are forming! If you have not yet signed up, please call the office (277-4805) immediately and let Mrs. Ashby or Mrs. Evans know where you want to work this year. Spots are available on Alumni, CFE, Carpentry & Maintenance, Grounds & Landscaping, and Transportation.

### ***Chairs for the Committees are:***

Alumni—Alyson Jeter

Capital Campaign—Katie Toffey

Carpentry/Maintenance—Charlie Downs

Celebration For Education—Kristi Lancianese

Curricular Enhancement—Linda Gearon

Grounds/Landscaping—Greg Padgett, Oliver Wright, James Keith

Library—Deborah Todd, Librarian

Social—Annette Fischer

Transportation—Marla Ross, School Secretary

**CFE UPDATE:**

**1)** Be looking for your parent packet to arrive via “kiddie mail” Monday! If you don’t get it, please come to the office. You want to open it and get started right away...CFE will be here before we know it!!! Additional forms are always available in the office if you need them.

**2)** The Parent Scheduling notebook (with CFE work shifts) will be available next week also. Please come into the CMS office soon to get the “job” you want!

**3)** We need Live Auction Items!!! Do you have access to a vacation home or other large ticket items? Please let the CFE Committee know if you have ideas for Live Auction--it is an important piece of the money we make with CFE!!!

\*\*\*\*\*We already have donations, parent requests for work shifts, & Corporate sponsorships.

Keep it coming—we are only weeks away from the BIG DAY—CFE IS COMING!!!

**LIBRARY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:**

	<b><u>Morning</u></b>	<b><u>Afternoon</u></b>
Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Slagel	Jane Samuel
Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup>	Stephanie Schoff	Jan Durham
Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup>	Stacey Pitt	Julie McDaniel
Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup>	Elizabeth Robbins	Jennifer Salsman
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup>	Shreya Buch	Tabitha Hillard
Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sally Wahle	Robin Curless
Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jennifer Attkisson	Katie O’Brien
Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Lois Ward	Kushi Reddy
Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup>	Wanda Delaplane	Lisa Allen
Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff Dabbelt	Vicki Sword

**PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1) 9 sets/6 lockers per set of metal double-tiered lockers for sale. Very good condition. \$150 per set or \$1000 for all 9 sets—54 lockers total. Photos available in the school office. Call with questions.

2) Hello everyone! My name is Kristi Fouts, mother to 5 yr old Kaileigh in Mr. Franklin's class. We are new this year and are so excited to have finally started the school year. **I am a stay-at-home mom offering child care in my home for your little ones.** I provide a clean, safe and secure home environment where every child is treated as if they were my own. Please contact me for more information at 230-0933 or kris@kriscake.net

3) **Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 pm (at the Carnegie Center, 251 West 2nd St):**

**The Morris Book Shop** presents the worldwide book launch for **Silas House's** new novel! Join us at the **Carnegie Center** as Silas reads and signs *Eli the Good*, his first young adult novel, set in 1976 Kentucky. A young man, his family, his community, and his country struggle with the aftermath of the Vietnam War.

Special musical guest Ben Sollee!

4) Oh so easy, easy, easy! **Special request recipes from the kitchen of Ginny Johnson**  
(Mitchell, Natalie, Sydney & Virginia's mom)

**Peanut-butter kiss cookies**

1 can sweetened condensed milk  
3/4-1 c. creamy peanut butter  
1 egg  
1 tsp. vanilla  
2 c. biscuit mix (bisquick, or similar biscuit mix)  
Hershey's Kisses - unwrapped

**Directions:**

Mix first five ingredients together until smooth. Refrigerate dough for about an hour or longer. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Roll dough into balls, about a tablespoon size or more. Place on cookie sheets about two inches apart. Bake for 7-9 minutes, until top of dough balls begin to show cracks. Remove from oven and immediately place kisses on top of cookies, pressing slightly.

Warning: Kisses melt completely and then resolidify. Do not attempt to stack cookies for at least a day! Also, best time to eat them is about 5 minutes after they are out of oven (still warm, and kiss is melted), with a big glass of milk!

**ALTERNATIVE DIRECTIONS!!!**

**Since these are my kids' favorite cookies, and they can't bring them to school due to the peanut butter, I tried to find an alternate way to make them.**

**Cheesecake kiss cookies**

1 can sweetened condensed milk  
1 brick cream cheese (8 oz.)  
1 egg  
1 tsp. vanilla  
2 1/2-3 c. biscuit mix  
Hershey's kisses

Directions: Same as above, except for the following: The dough is slightly different consistency, so I used a cookie scoop instead of shaping into balls. The surface of the cookies did not crack, but will lose its shiny appearance, and the edges may start to turn golden.

Healthy options: the condensed milk, cream cheese and biscuit mixes can all be found in lower fat or fat free varieties. I haven't noticed a discernable difference in the outcome when using these options.

5) Creative Day Out A Creative play day for kids Karyn Combs, Director 223-5594

Program includes: Dance: creative movement

Music: instruments, singing, rhythm

Art: painting, art projects

Creative Playtime: dress-up, play acting, etc.

Classes meet Monday-Friday, 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

For 2-year-olds and up

\$20.00 per day

6) Girls on the Run Lexington is a nonprofit, 12-week program focused on educating and preparing girls for a lifetime of self-respect & healthy living. Girls meet twice a week and do a character building exercise and run. This program is for grades 3rd through 8th.

GOTR Lexington Fall 2009 Registration is currently open.

Please check out our website for site locations and registration forms!

Groups start the week of September 20th

<http://www.gotrlexington.org/locations.html>

**Please make the following corrections to your Parent Handbook:**

Escaloni, Kaylen                      492-6495  
James and Amanda Escaloni  
2351 Stonewood Lane  
Lexington, KY 40509

Florer, Haley  
Mother is Sarah Brown

Hillard, Liam      new phone # 321-5290

Lancianese, Christian  
Mail to address: 3735 Palomar Cntr. Dr. Ste. 150 # 27  
Lexington, KY 40513

Lancianese, Nathan  
(Same as above)

Lyons, Katie      Julie – 553-4397      Rob – 553-4762

Todd, Bonika  
Mail to address:  
P.O. Box 23088  
Lexington, KY 40523

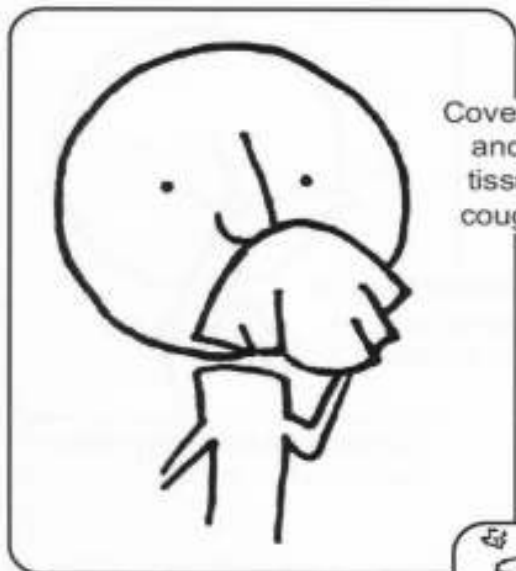
**Please Add:**

Tackett, Emilie  
Joseph Tackett & Ilona Szekely                      684-8691                      Hughes  
827 Brookhill Drive  
Lexington, KY 40502



**Stop the spread of germs this flu season!**

# Cover your Cough



Cover your mouth  
and nose with a  
tissue when you  
cough or sneeze

or  
cough or sneeze into  
your upper sleeve,  
not your hands.



Stay home if you are sick.

Put your used tissue in  
the waste basket.



For more information, call the  
Lexington-Fayette County Health Department's  
flu hotline:

## (859) 288-7529

## Clean your Hands

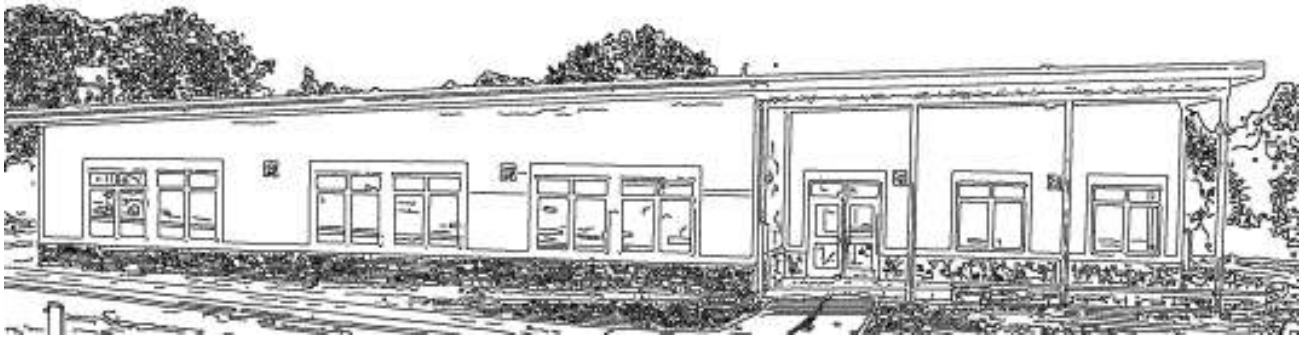
after coughing or sneezing.



Wash hands  
with soap and  
warm water  
for 20 seconds

or  
clean with  
alcohol-based  
hand cleaner.





Community Montessori School, Inc.  
proudly announces the completion of the first phase of  
Bridge to the Future Capital Campaign

Please join us for an Open House to celebrate the new  
Montessori Middle School of Kentucky (MMSK) building  
Sunday, September 27, 2009  
1:30—3:00 pm  
725 Stone Road  
Lexington, KY 40503

Welcome Address at 2:00 pm

Questions, please call CMS office at 277-4805