



MONTESSORI MATTERS



Community Montessori School

Week of October 23, 2009

Weather Related Notes:

1. CMS & MMSK do not follow Fayette County Snow Days. We rarely close school. Please listen to the radio or TV. We try to notify all the major TV and radio stations. They will announce that we are closed. If you do not hear a closing announcement, then you can assume we are open. We are more likely to close school if there is a considerable amount of ice.
2. CMS & MMSK always start school at the regular time. Delaying our schedule inconveniences more of our parents than it helps.
3. If CMS & MMSK do close, the decision is made in the early A.M. Weather conditions can change drastically overnight and we can make good decisions only on the morning in question.
4. Mrs. Ashby is up early and does not mind your calls to her home if you are confused. Home phone is 224-8760. Cell phone is 338-8767.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS:

**THE COLD WEATHER IS UPON US. PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILD REMEMBER TO
BRING COATS, HATS, AND GLOVES/MITTENS.**

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING SO WE CAN KEEP ITEMS WITH THEIR OWNERS!

**WE DO GO OUT EVERY DAY THAT WEATHER PERMITS, SO OUTER WEAR IS
ESSENTIAL.**

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Dear Parents,

The office is abuzz with all the activity of our upcoming CFE. Parents are signing up for jobs, turning in their ticket money, guest registrations and donations. I have been asked "What do you wear to CFE?" by many of our new parents. This is an upscale and exciting event with over 1000 parents and guests. We suggest, if you feel inclined, to wear evening classy to quite fancy with tuxedos and long dressy gowns. You cannot be too dressed up for this great evening. This is the chance to pull out your little black dress from the back of your closet!! Guys—don't forget we have that deal with Geno's on Southland Drive. Please just take this as information—in the end wear what you want. There will be some people more casual than others!

If you have any questions, feel free to call me, talk to me in the morning, or come into the office.

Thanks for all you do,

Mrs. Ashby

Parents...

CFE is right around the corner – it always seems to get here before you know it after school has started. We have had and ARE having a wonderful response from you in regard to fulfilling your parent requirements! Thank you to everyone who has gotten everything done at this point! This is shaping up to be a FABULOUS Celebration this year – it's going to be a FUN, EXCITING, SPECTACULAR event!

WE REALLY NEED ANOTHER GOLD, ANOTHER SILVER, OR ADDITIONAL BRONZE SPONSORS FOR OUR EVENT. Please don't leave any stones unturned! If you know anyone you can ask or that we can call for you, please let us know ASAP. We can still get them in the program and on the banners as long as we have everything turned in by October 28th. There is still time!! If you can get them, we still need them and would greatly appreciate it!

Just want to send a reminder, however, that Monday (October 19th) was our "duty" deadline. We want to be sure that every family has:

- 1) Turned in their \$50 auction item donation **(if you have any "extra" donations, please bring them in any time through next week, we need all you can get to make our auctions do well!);**
 - 2) Paid for both their event tickets (8 tickets for \$360) and their raffle tickets (5 tickets for \$25), and;
 - 3) That each parent has signed up for a "job" for CFE – this last two weeks up through the night of the event will require LOTS of effort and MANY, many HOURS of work, but with a parent body our size, if everyone does their part and works a shift, we will be able to pull it off beautifully! This is where we really, really count on each of you, however – CFE will not be possible without everyone working their "shift."
- Please also remember, that signing up for a job is only half of the requirement. Please be sure to report for your shift promptly on your scheduled day and at your scheduled time at the appropriate location. We ask that if you're working the night of the event, you please report to the worker check-in table 5 to 10 minutes early.

If you have NOT been able to take care of these requirements yet, please come in to do so as soon as possible!

In addition, please be getting your guest list in order so that you can get your guest pre-registered. This must be done by November 2nd. If you have not pre-registered your guests by November 2nd, they will register at the door the night of the event.



NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY CMS 2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

November

6	Friday	Celebration For Education
13	Friday	NO SCHOOL – Parent/Guide Conferences All Day/Drop-In Program Available in the gym
18	Wed.	Board of Directors’ Meeting—7:30 p.m.
20	Friday	NO SCHOOL – Parent/Guide Conferences All Day/Drop-In Program Available in the gym
26	Thursday	No School-- Thanksgiving No All Day/Drop-In Program
27	Friday	No School-- Thanksgiving No All Day/Drop-In Program

December

16	Wed.	Board of Directors’ Meeting—7:30 p.m.
18	Friday	Holiday Party 9:15 – 11:15 a.m. Students must be accompanied by an adult!
21-31		No School—Holiday Break

January

1	Friday	No School—Holiday Break
4	Monday	School Resumes
18	Monday	No School—Martin Luther King Day—No All Day/Drop-In Program
20	Wed.	Board of Directors’ Meeting—7:30 p.m.
21	Thursday	Combined Study Group Primary, Lower, Upper, and Middle School

KROGER CARDS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE CMS OFFICE

Once again, for your convenience, Kroger gift cards are available in the office. Kroger cards are sold in \$5.00 denominations. This is not an official fundraiser, but it is a great way to earn money for the school without costing anyone any money. CMS receives 5% of total money spent. We know not everyone shops at Kroger, but if you do shop there, we appreciate your use of the gift card which helps out the school and we all benefit. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the CMS office.

PRIMARY LEVEL – Franklin, Hughes, Somsel:

Franklin: We are working hard on Grace and Courtesy lessons and enjoying a deeper level of work and concentration throughout the mornings. Extended Day enjoyed a visit to a Lafayette High School marching band practice.

Hughes: We are enjoying the beautiful autumn. The Extended Days went to Reed Valley Orchard and are making apple crisp today.

Somsel: We are working on leaves—various shapes and names—rubbing leaves on paper—enjoying the autumn.

LOWER ELEMENTARY – Cencia & Gray:

Thanks for attending Study Group, it is very exciting to be able to share our amazing curriculum and materials with our wonderful parents. Mrs. Gray's class is collecting seeds and leaves for art and Botany work. We are measuring everything, doing lots of Grammar and Math Fact work. Our artist focus for now is Georgia O'Keefe and Composer Antonio Vivaldi. Remember the Halloween Biographies are on for next Friday!

UPPER ELEMENTARY - O'Loughlin & Simpson:

We are having fun with descriptions of all kinds and are beginning our Halloween stories. Some students have given history and biology presentations to the class. The 4th years had a great time at Fort Harrod, adding to our knowledge of Kentucky history.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM: Afterschool Phone Number is 333-0020!!

NO CHESS CLASS WITH MR. FIERO FRIDAY OCT. 23 & 30. He will return in November.

Gymnastics class is full for the first group—Primary level thru 1st year students.
Drum class is full.

****** If you are running late to pick up your student, please call Afterschool and let them know your situation—traffic, etc. so they know what is happening and can tell your child if necessary.**

We need you!!! Adult Drumming Class with Tripp Bratton

6:00 – 7:00 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.

PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1) **Holiday Shopping?** I know that some of you are so organized that you've already started your holiday shopping. And some of you have already asked me about winter holiday gifts for the CMS staff this year..... So, I wanted to let you know that we ARE going to do a major gift for the school and staff again this year. I will not be collecting for a while yet, but just wanted to let you know in case you wanted to participate and therefore can forego your personal holiday shopping for the teachers. For those who are new to the school, here is a brief explanation. As a parent group, we collect money and do some major shopping for the school. Instead of giving small individual gifts to each teacher as separate families, we make a large group gift to the school. Last year we bought a substantial TV cart, a DVD player, classroom chalkboards, golf umbrellas for use in the carpool line, and silverware for use in the teachers lounge. Among this year's wish list items from the staff:

a sturdy outdoor bike rack--- leaf blower---a vertical chair rack---blinds for one classroom.

If you have questions, feel free to contact me at 859.266.0099 or jane.bennington@mac.com. Thanks!
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