



# MONTESSORI MATTERS



Community Montessori School

Week of November 12, 2009

## Celebration for Education 2009

### **A Huge THANK YOU to our Parents!!**

Our 30<sup>th</sup> Celebration for Education was an amazing evening. I think we had an attendance of well over 1000 people. The hundreds of hours of work do pay off for us in the end. It is no small task planning and implementing an event of this size. The Celebration for Education Committee works for months and weeks before the event. This year we only had two families who signed up for a work shift that did not meet their commitment and that was because of sickness in the family. That speaks so loudly of the support our families have for CMS/MMSK. We had incredible donations for both the silent and live auctions. They were both successful. We are quite sure that we made at least \$100,000 in profit and most likely when all the tallies have been done that figure will increase. As many of our guests comment "that is phenomenal for a school of this size". This event is the cornerstone/base of our Capital Campaign and without the money from the event we would never have been able to kick off our campaign or meet our goals for our new campus. We always have a portion of the profit in our yearly operating budget so it will help to reduce operation cost and therefore tuition; it also supports a scholarship student. The remainder is used for our Capital Campaign.

Just saying thank you is surely not sufficient but please know how much the staff and the board appreciates all the hard work.



[celebrationforeducation.com](http://celebrationforeducation.com)



## **NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY CMS 2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

### **November**

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. CMS Library
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. CMS Library
18	Friday	<b>Holiday Party 9:15 – 11:15 a.m.</b> <b>Students must be accompanied by an adult!</b>
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.

### **IMPORTANT PEANUT FREE INFORMATION**

Walmart has a section in their bakery with peanut-free items. You may want to check this out when you are looking for birthday treats for the class. There is a nut with a red line through it on the label to help identify these items.

**Also, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT CHICK-FIL-A USES PEANUT OIL—PLEASE DO NOT SEND FOOD FROM CHICK-FIL-A WITH YOUR CHILD FOR LUNCH! THANKS.**

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

**Somsel:** We planted bulbs, harvested our flower bed, collected leaves, pressed leaves and made cards, made pumpkin cookies and pumpkin soup and pumpkin pudding—all to celebrate autumn.

### **LOWER ELEMENTARY – Cencia & Gray:**

**Gray:** The class is bulb planting and other work tidying garden; enjoying our weekly trips to Central library; working with 1<sup>st</sup> timeline of Human Beings and researching Early Humans—Fundamental Needs of Human Beings...Amazing how unique we all are but we have these basic needs in common. Artist: Vincent Van Gogh; Composer/Musician: Miles Davis.

### **UPPER ELEMENTARY - O’Loughlin & Simpson:**

The week after Halloween!! Our “Meeting of the Minds” was a great success with important personages of the past dramatizing their intellectual encounters. This was so exciting that with the increased sugar intake over the week-end, it took us a couple of days to settle back to work! ☺

### **CMS Landscape Committee**

If available, please attend a CMS Landscape Committee work party on Saturday, November 14th with a rain date of Sunday, November 15th. The main priority is going to be raking up the leaves so please bring your favorite rake/blower and any extra paper collection bags that you have.

If you were not a member of this committee last year we usually get started about 9:00 AM (some come earlier so feel free to get going by raking) by posting a "to do list" and sign in sheet on the front door of the school. Come and go as you please that day. As each item on the task list is completed please check it off so some one coming later in the day will know if it is complete.

Again, our main goal is going to be getting up all of the leaves and tree debris so please bring a rake and any paper collection bags you might have. We will also be cleaning out the trash can area, blowing off the roof and blowing off all of the hard surfaces. The CMS blower was stolen in the past few months so please bring a gas blower if you have one to blow off the hard surfaces.

Thanks.

Greg Padgett  
cell- 333-1495 (call me with any questions)

**PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1) We are always looking for ways to save money. Any help we get with overhead costs helps all families in the long run. Blitz is our cleaning company and they have offered the following:

**BlitzLink is a commercial cleaning service with an innovative network marketing program that is designed to reward our clients for helping us grow, and we're dedicated to changing the way the cleaning business works. We're investing our marketing budget in our clients and associates, not in expensive and uncertain advertising programs. With over 17 years of experience in cleaning all types of commercial, industrial, educational and retail properties, BlitzLink can provide reliable, eco-friendly service on any scale. We invite you to join our network by sending in a new account referral to benefit Community Montessori School, Inc. [www.blitzlinknetwork.com](http://www.blitzlinknetwork.com)**

Please know that this is an opportunity that is totally optional. Although a referral could help the school, please do not feel any obligation.

Mrs. Ashby

2) Dear CMS Families,

We have been collecting pink lids from Yoplait yogurt containers to benefit Breast Cancer research. They are worth ten cents each. Please help us by sending your Yoplait yogurt pink lids to CMS with your child before the end of December.

Gabi Dubilier & Kate Samuel  
6<sup>th</sup> year students

**Please make the following corrections to your handbook:**

New mailing address:

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Hector & Yndira Garcia  
P.O. Box 34172  
Lexington, KY 40517