



MONTESSORI MATTERS



Community Montessori School

Week of December 4, 2009

Dear Parents,

This is the first of several reminders you will receive regarding our Holiday Party the last day of school before our holiday break. The party will be Friday, December 18th in the school library and Jock's Gym. The hours are from **9:15a.m.-11:00a.m.** The social committee will plan and set up the event, however, each family is asked to bring a dish to share. We have had everything from breakfast casseroles to cookies and everything in between. (Please remember no peanuts or tree nuts in your food items for the party.)
Thanks so much!!

Please be aware **that an adult must accompany all children.** Grandparents. Siblings, and relatives are invited. There are no classes and no all day after school program.

The students really enjoy this get together to start our holidays. We will have a small presentation by the 9-12 students at approximately 10:30 a.m. in Jock's Gym.

Please feel free to call the office if you have any questions about our party. Don't hesitate to call about anything you find confusing – we are here to keep you informed and make you comfortable – so just call!!

Fondly,
Mrs. Ashby

A Request From Mrs. Ashby

Many of our staff members and our students are avid animal lovers and it is sometimes a treat when we see dogs walking up the side walk with their families at arrival and dismissal. However, there are many of our "little ones" who are frightened of dogs. As always, our first concern is for the child and making sure they feel safe on this campus.

I think it would be better for our students and their comfort level if the dogs could stay in the car while you walk your child up the sidewalk.

Thank you so much for understanding.

DECEMBER & JANUARY CMS 2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

December

16	Wed.	Board of Directors' Meeting—7:30 p.m. CMS Library
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

PRIMARY LEVEL – Franklin, Hughes, Somsel:

Franklin: We enjoyed our study of Thanksgiving. We are continuing to learn about the countries of Europe and we are also studying fish. Mr. Hickner and Roan Sanders visited to play trumpet and cornet.

Hughes: We are studying mammals and Native American Indians. The Extended Day students are going to the Fire Station next week. We are going to my mother's home to see her holiday village display the last week of school.

Somsel: We made pumpkin ice cream and pumpkin pie with the Extended Day children. We are enjoying fish and Native Americans. Parents are beginning to observe and see the Montessori Method in person. Be sure to schedule!!

LOWER ELEMENTARY – Cencia & Gray:

Gray: You should have received a note about our upcoming play. We are so excited about it and rest assured our "Think Tank" is already hard at work! If anyone could lend us an old wooden sled for the play, please let us know. Further details concerning play times will follow soon.

Cencia: The students are diving into the Time Line of Life—trilobites, crinoids, early mammals...Fascinating!!

UPPER ELEMENTARY - O'Loughlin & Simpson:

We enjoyed cooking our own pre-Thanksgiving meals this year. Thanks to those who contributed ingredients and to those awesome bread and brownie bakers! We are currently studying microscopic organisms, vertebrates, and crayfish anatomy. We are continuing the work of air.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM: Afterschool Phone Number is 333-0020

Our Art Class is in need of lots and lots of drinking cup holders from fast food places for a future art project. Please send in all you can. We will use all we can get.

Any yarn that we can get will come in handy as well.

THANKS!!

BAND NEWS—Mr. Hickner:

Band students are preparing diligently for the December school assembly. Please encourage your band student to practice at home.

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

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) **Jan Durham** (Kevin Hutcheson's mom) will be having a trunk show and sale of her hand-made knitted items the week of December 14-17. She will have hand-made items in the trunk of her car for anyone to see and purchase. You can call for an appointment or see her out on Greenbriar away from traffic at drop-off and pick-up times. If you would like to call for an appointment her number is (859) 619-6393 or e-mail her at kyjad@insightbb.com. Thanks!!

3) The YMCA of Central Kentucky's fourth annual **Reindeer Ramble 5K Run/ Walk** will be held on Saturday, December 12 at 9 a.m. at Keeneland. Proceeds to benefit a scholarship fund for summer camps through the YMCA of Central Kentucky. **We are looking for a few more runners/walkers/joggers to form a team.** For more information [http:// www.ymcaofcentralky.org/](http://www.ymcaofcentralky.org/)
Please contact Kristi or Chuck Fouts 230-0933 to form a team.