



MONTESSORI MATTERS



Community Montessori School

Week of January 15, 2010

Note from Mrs. Ashby

We want to thank the Social Committee for a fantastic job setting up before and cleaning up after the Holiday Party on our last day of school in December. Our community looks forward each year to that happy event and we appreciate the time and effort that goes into organizing the school the night before and doing all the clean up.

I hope you enjoyed the “chant” performed by our students as much as I did!

Please be on the look-out for next year’s contracts. If you have not received one, please call the CMS office.

Fondly,
Mrs. Ashby

P.S. **If you have any old coats (child or adult) or blankets that you haven’t had a chance to donate yet, we will have a box in the library next week to collect items and our staff will take them to an appropriate organization. Thank you!

JANUARY & FEBRUARY CMS 2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

January

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 Childcare Available \$1.00 per child per hour payable that night <i>Topic: “How the Montessori Curriculum Was Developed”</i>

February

12	Friday	No School—Montessori Guides Professional Day All Day/Drop-In Program Available in the Gym
15	Monday	No School—President’s Day—No All Day/Drop-In Program
18	Thursday	Primary Level Study Group 6:30 p.m.
25	Thursday	Lower Elementary Visiting Night 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

PRIMARY LEVEL – Franklin, Hughes, Somsel:

Franklin: We are enjoying the snow and are involved with learning about Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, and the Civil Rights Movement. We are also learning about countries in Africa and about ancestors and pyramids, and geography.

Hughes: The children are very excited to be back to school. They are enjoying the snow, so please remember hats and mittens. We have been studying the behavior and habits of animals in winter and talking about food chains.

Somsel: We are enjoying the snow and our study of fish. The children are settling in with their various activities.

LOWER ELEMENTARY – Cencia & Gray:

Parents: If anyone has extra sweat pants that their child has outgrown, we would greatly appreciate if you could send them into school for us to use as emergency clothing. Sweat pants work well because they easily fit a variety of sizes. Thank you!

Gray: We are exploring how temperature effects water and our Earth in general and starting to learn about the Scientific Method. Also, we are researching the Arctic and Inuits. We are studying the artist: M.C. Escher and the composer: Beethoven.

Cencia: Shaking hands with Shakespeare! We are learning about the Renaissance and getting ready for our play!

UPPER ELEMENTARY - O'Loughlin & Simpson:

Happy New Year! It didn't take long to get back in the groove. Students are hard at work on taking notes for their research papers. (Remember, they may need to make a trip to the library for more books—Thanks for your help!)

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM: Afterschool Phone Number is 333-0020

PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Hello All!

I am looking for a little extra work during the winter.

So, to sell myself, i must say, that.....

1. Painting comes very easy to me. I am fast, neat, and have a steady hand. I have done work for CMS and Mrs. Ashby if you need a referral.
2. I can clean. Not only am I a stickler for detail, those of you who know my mother, know that I was "trained by the best" ☺
3. I am also able to help you organize, whether it be a room, office, files, closet, etc.....

Thanks for keeping me in mind.

Happy New Year

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Celebration for Education (CFE)

It can't be said enough how much we appreciate and thank the entire parent body for making our 2009 Celebration such a HUGE success! The event went off without a hitch and again, we made over \$100,000 for our efforts. This is an AMAZING achievement for any group/organization and every parent and staff member should feel extremely proud of this event and the way in which our community works together to host such a fabulous and successful evening!

CFE has become a crucial part of the success of CMS, Inc. (CMS/MMSK) and we truly depend on the revenue raised each year to help meet our budget and minimize our tuition increases. So, as we start the new year, we will be working to get a "leg up" on the 2010 event and try to accomplish as much as we can prior to the end of the school year – this should make a huge difference for 2010.

We just received pictures of our 2009 CFE yesterday from Nigel Soult - who so generously donated his time to help "capture" the evening for us - and we will be updating the website soon to include some of those. The website and these pictures can be used as a great tool this year, not only for new parents to "see" the event and know what to expect, but to help "sell" our event to the public (for sponsorships, advertisements, etc.).

Here are a few things to be thinking about **NOW** in order to prepare for this year's event:

- ✓ **Sponsorship** – our sponsors keep growing every year! We had 19 Corporate Sponsors for our 2009 CFE. Phenomenal! That's 3 over the previous year – can we do 5 more in 2010? **We can with your help!** The single best way to increase our revenue from year to year is to increase our Corporate Sponsors.
 - **This is the PERFECT time to ask a business to become a sponsor for 2010 or to provide us with the name of a business that we can contact for you to ask them about sponsorship – they have just allocated their 2010 funds!**
 - If you are a parent business owner, especially if you purchased a table at the 2009 event, please consider sponsorship! For a few hundred additional dollars, you can become a Bronze Sponsor and receive the other "perks" of sponsorship.
 - **PLEASE** thank our Corporate Sponsors by using/referring their business or service any way you can – they deserve our support for supporting us! Our sponsors are listed on our CFE website (www.celebrationforeducation.com) and we will try to get the names of our sponsors in front of you as much as possible to remind you to think of them!
- ✓ **Advertising** – as with sponsorship, this is an easy way to increase our revenue and the best time to ask is **NOW** – the first of the year while they still have money in their advertising budget!
 - **PLEASE think of anyone you do business with this year – ANYONE – and ask them for an ad.** We have garnered numerous ads from businesses that have helped members of our parent body with home repair, car repair, medical/dental/veterinary services, banking/loans/mortgages, etc. So, as you support them, ask them for their support!

Look for more CFE news and information in each Montessori Matters – it is a major effort that we need to be thinking about all year in order to achieve our potential! Thank you in advance for anything you can do now to help us in this regard! We already have a few auction items turned in for the 2010 event!

Mark your calendars now – November 5, 2010 – celebrating 40 years of CMS! Please contact Kristi Boyatt Lancianese at 825-8669 with questions or concerns about anything CFE.

A note to CFE Committee members: we will be sending an email next week regarding a brief business meeting (to discuss 2009 and kick-off 2010) and celebration of your efforts! Hope to see everyone there!



This Spring we are scheduling Capital Campaign gatherings for our families where we will present our exciting designs for the next and final phase of the Capital Campaign: the all important gym, office space and CMS classrooms. It is important not to miss this great opportunity for you to come and learn about the 40 year history of CMS, what we have accomplished over the years, why the decision was made to embark on a Capital Campaign and what we need to do to complete the CMS Campus on the Stone Road property.

Several dates will be available to help accommodate peoples' schedules. More information will be sent home regarding these meetings when the dates are finalized. Mrs. Ashby and Mrs. Toffey will look forward to seeing you at one of these meetings! Pick your date, come and be informed!

The Capital Campaign received \$465 from the Joseph-Beth and Morris Book Shop gift card promotions. Thank you for your support!



“If help and salvation are to come, they can only come from the children,
for the children are the makers of men.”

Maria Montessori