



# MONTESSORI MATTERS



**Community Montessori School**

**Week of January 29, 2010**

## Note from Mrs. Ashby

Dear Parents,

As you know, we had our Combined Study Group last Thursday night, and we are always looking for responses to our presentations. The following is a letter we received in our office:

Mrs. Ashby and Staff,

I want to thank you for the combined study group presentation last Thursday evening. I always ask individuals "how did you get involved in Montessori?" And it was nice to hear the stories I did not already know. It was even more interesting to hear about the commitment to the philosophy and the training. It was very apparent from each of you it was a life changing experience!

I came home that night to find my first grade son looking at a Renaissance book I had checked out of the library for a paper my middle school son had been doing. He was looking at a page with the Renaissance Theater on it and he began to tell me all about Shakespeare, his plays, why people went to the theater and if you had money (a quarter he said) you didn't have to stand in the rain! I thought to myself, this is Montessori education at work that a seven year old can glean information from a source much more advanced than he.

Thank-you all for your dedication to the Montessori philosophy of education and the children!

### **Just a quick note about our school phones:**

Over the summer we had work done on our school phone lines. Since then, we have been experiencing several issues with our two lines. The issue that is effecting our parents the most is that if a line is busy, it is not rolling over to our second line-- so if you call and we are already on the line with someone, you will not get through and the phone will ring and ring as if no one is here nor will it go to the answering machine. Trust us, we are here! The office is not unattended...school is in session, it's just that the phone is not forwarding for us! If you call during the day and the phone rings, rings, rings, and you cannot get through, please try us again in just a few minutes. We continue to do everything in our power to try and resolve this problem and we hope to have it working correctly as soon as possible. Thank you.

**\*Enrollment Contracts for next year were due Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>. Please turn them in ASAP!!**

## **FEBRUARY & MARCH CMS 2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

### **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.

### **March**

5	Friday	No School Parent/Guide Conferences – All Day/Drop in Program in Gym
12	Friday	No School Parent/Guide Conferences – All Day/Drop in Program in Gym
26	Friday	No School - Spring Break
29, 30, 31	M-T-W	No School - Spring Break

**PLEASE REMEMBER: We go out in cold weather, so please encourage your child to take responsibility for bringing warm coats, hats, and gloves. Thanks!!!**

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

The work continues on research papers—the goal is to finish up next week!

### **PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **1. We have been notified of a Wonderful Dinosaur Exhibit In Danville, KY**

**If your child loves dinosaurs, you don’t want to miss this!**

**Community Arts Center  
401 W. Main St.  
Danville, KY**

**[www.communityartscenter.net](http://www.communityartscenter.net)**

**This exhibit will be in Danville thru Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**2. On Thursday, February 18, at 6:00 PM there will be a presentation of Gwynn Valley, a summer camp for younger children, in the library of CMS.** The children of Debra Todd (librarian), Winni van Gessel (MMSK) and many other CMS students have attended this camp. The philosophy is very much in tune with the Montessori spirit, as the camp is non-competitive. Gwynn Valley has a farm and a waterwheel with a working corn mill and a fishpond, to provide activities that are nature-oriented and offer real work. The camp offers horseback riding, water sports, fine arts and numerous counselors from around the world give the summer a unique international atmosphere.

Come watch a slide show and talk to the director, past campers and parents. We’ll provide pizza so you don’t have to worry about dinner.

**For more information: visit [www.gwynnvalley.com](http://www.gwynnvalley.com)**



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Please don't forget that we are underway in preparation for 2010 – we are ready for our first sponsorship and advertising commitments! **Please let us know if you are ready to commit for 2010 or know of a business that we can contact.**

All forms are in the process of revision and should be ready soon for you to take to merchants for donations – it's certainly not too early to start turning in items for the 2010 event. **Let's see how much we can have done by the end of the school year – it will be less we have to worry about come August!**

We already have our first Live Auction item for 2010 – a two bedroom, two bath villa on the Turtle Point Golf Course on the gorgeous Kiawah Island in South Carolina! **Start making plans to bid!!**

**CFE Committee Members:** Please don't forget to RSVP for the meeting/celebration on Friday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm at MMSK. Contact Kristi Lancianese: 825-8669/kristicfemail@insightbb.com

**Mark your calendar now: 2010 Celebration for Education, Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. – Celebrating 40 years of Community Montessori School!**