



MONTESSORI MATTERS



Community Montessori School

Week of February 11, 2010

Note from Mrs. Ashby

An oldie but goodie that I wanted to share with you. It's one of my favorites.

Children Learn What They Live

By Dorothy Law Norte

- If children live with criticism,
they learn to condemn.
- If children live with hostility,
they learn to fight.
- If children live with ridicule,
they learn to be shy.
- If children live with shame,
they learn to feel guilty.
- If children live with encouragement,
they learn confidence.
- If children live with tolerance,
they learn to be patient.
- If children live with praise,
they learn to appreciate.
- If children live with acceptance,
they learn to love.
- If children live with approval,
they learn to like themselves.
- If children live with honesty,
they learn truthfulness.
- If children live with security,
they learn to have faith in themselves and others.
- If children live with friendliness,
they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.

Just a quick reminder about school arrival and dismissal times:

Morning arrival times: 8:15 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.

Primary dismissal: 11:35 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.

Afternoon dismissal: 3:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

All contracts must be turned in to the CMS Office by Tuesday, February 16th.

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

THANK YOU FROM NEW HOPE HAITI MISSION!

With money donated from the compassionate hearts of CMS students (a whopping \$362!), food, water, and other supplies have been provided to 22 children who are without a home in Port-au-Prince after the earthquake struck on January 12th. Specifically, Macken, Ricardo, Marie-Carmel, Sheila, Anel, Daniella, Alexandra, Rosemita, Joel, Rony, Ronaldo, Isaac, Wislande, Phara, Erline, KC, Diedrot, Mano, Websterson, Jameson, Nehemie, and Amos are alive another week because of your generosity!

In 2003, my daughter Emma, who is a 6th year student in Mrs. Simpson's class, and I came to know of the children living at New Hope Haiti Mission (NHHM) through the founder of the children's home when she spoke at our church. We have been ardent supporters ever since knowing that our financial contributions are going directly to care for these 22 children, ages 5-14, in a home-like environment. Before the earthquake struck, the children attended school every day; however, their days and nights are spent outdoors now since everyone there is terrified of the aftershocks and fearful of returning inside any of the dwellings. Unfortunately, the hundreds of small NGOs (non-government organizations) are having to fend for themselves with little to no aid from the huge relief agencies. NHHM has taken in 20 other children from a nearby orphanage that was destroyed by the earthquake, and all 42 children have been taken up the mountain to the countryside away from the chaos of the capital city. The Haitian child care staff at NHHM survived the earthquake, although most of their homes did not. The well-being of one of their teachers is still unknown.

New Hope Haiti Mission is just one of many non-profit organizations providing care to children who have lost one or both parents in Haiti, one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere. On a shoestring budget before the earthquake, NHHM was able to meet the children's basic necessities; however, the financial need is so much greater now just for the day-to-day care of the 40+ children, along with some of their birth families and child care workers who are homeless. Also, NHHM is desperately trying to maintain its feeding program that was in place before the earthquake for 2,500 people in nearby Balan, which remains pretty much unchanged - there is no fresh water, no electricity, sparse agriculture, no jobs, no school, no hospital, and no roads in Balan.

NHHM is administered by volunteers here in the US with all charitable donations directly benefiting those in Haiti trying to make sense of the "new normal" in their country. If you would like more information about NHHM, please visit NewHopeHaitiMission.org where donations may be made via PayPal. Contributions may also be sent to New Hope Haiti Mission, Post Office Box 2635, Mechanicsville, VA 23116.

From my heart to yours, thank you for keeping these children in your thoughts & prayers, Linda Gearon

Parents & Children:

Come to AmeriSport Gymnastics for Play For Haiti night. You can drop the kids off or stay and play with them. Bring the neighbors, too!

Friday, February 26th from 4 – 7 p.m. To play, it's \$10.00 per child or adult.

100% of the proceeds will go directly to The United States Foundation for the Children of Haiti to benefit the Haiti Home for Children.

Check them out at www.USFCH.org

Questions? Call Angie Nuti at 859-983-7878.

PRIMARY LEVEL – Franklin, Hughes, Somsel:

Franklin: We finished our study of Africa with an Extended Day trip to University of KY's Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Center. We are beginning an Asia study (we have 8 children with Asian ancestry). We are also studying amphibians and are looking forward to a visit of salamanders with Michael Downs.

Hughes: We are studying reptiles and amphibians. The children are enjoying learning about them. We are also enjoying identifying types of birds that are visiting our bird feeder.

Somsel: Our study of reptiles is quite exciting—crocodilian, turtles, lizards, and snakes. Valentine Day starts the study of our mail service. Thanks for all your support in sending your child in with boots, extra shoes, mittens, and hats. Happy snow!!

LOWER ELEMENTARY – Cencia & Gray:

Cencia: Gearing up for our performance of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" next week.

Gray: Artist: Claude Monet Composer: Frederick Chopin

We are continuing our study of the Arctic; enjoying reading Julie of the Wolves, and ready for *more outdoor recess!!* Does anyone have Inuit art or artifacts??? Please share ☺

UPPER ELEMENTARY - O'Loughlin & Simpson:

Work on research papers has shifted into high gear as students finished collecting information (note cards) and outlines. The next step will be done at home (homework)—the first draft. Then it's back to the classroom for revisions. We enjoyed the MMSK students' presentations on hygiene. The children loved our annual Valentine Day Celebration: Read Your Heart Out!!

PE & BAND NEWS—Mr. Hickner:

We have been discussing the upcoming Winter Olympics. We are creating ways to mimic some of the events using scooters and other materials. Next week the 9-12 years will bring in skates and skateboards. We are having a great time!

PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1) Type of Camp: Weekly Day Camp

Name of Camp: Camp SHALOM and Camp GESHER

Dates: July 26th – August 6th, 2010

Times: 8:30-9:00 am drop off

3:00 pm regular pick up

5:45 extended day pick up

On Fridays, camp ends at 3pm with no extended day

Address: 7463 Athens-Boonesboro Road, Lexington, KY 40509

Ages: 4-10 and 11-13 **Grades:** Pre-school - 5th and 6th-8th

Registration Deadline: June 2nd, 2010

Cost: \$150.00 per week regular camp (9-3)

\$190.00 per week extended day (9-5:45)

(Discounts given for early registration, first time campers and referrals.)

Camp Registration: Jana LaZur

Phone Number: (859)268-0672

Email: campshalom@jewishlexington.org

Website: www.jewishlexington.org

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.

3. The McTeggart Irish Dancers invite you to a Celtic Friendship Ceili

Saturday, Feb. 13th 7:00 – 10:00 p.m .

Learn How to Irish Dance!!

Arts Place, Downtown Lexington 161 N. Mill St.

Public Welcome!!

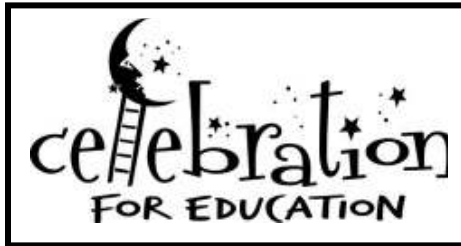
Adults: \$10, Students/Children 8 & Over: \$7.50

Children under 8: Free

Ticket Price includes light refreshments & 2 beverages (limited bar)

225-0370, lexarts.tix.com

4. **MMSK needs a washer/dryer. Do you have a used set or know of any washer/dryers available for a good deal? Please call the CMS Office at 277-4805 and speak with Janet.**



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**Did you notice anything exciting listed above?
We already have 2 Corporate Sponsors for our 2010 CFE!!!**

A GREAT BIG thank you to Shane O'Keeffe, MD, committing as a brand new Bronze Sponsor and to Neace Lukens Insurance (Dino Lancianese and Kurt Netherton) re-committing as Bronze Sponsors! WOW!!

Again, we are working on getting all of these businesses listed on our website with links to their company/practice so you can learn more about what they have to offer. Please try to support our Sponsors whenever possible! **There's lots of space to fill in that 2010 column, so if you are ready to commit for 2010 or know of someone who may be willing to support us, please contact Kristi Lancianese (kristicfemail@insightbb.com or 825-8669)!**

Not only are we off to a fantastic start on our 2010 event, with the Corporate Sponsor commitments and the villa on Kiawah Island for our Live Auction (remember, as the winning bidder, this villa is available most anytime you would want to book – including spring break!), the CFE Committee had a fantastic Celebration (of the success of 2009)/Kick-off of our 2010 event last Friday evening (Feb. 5th). Thanks to all who attended and for all the great feedback about the 2009 event and ideas for our 2010 CFE. **If you have any feedback about our 2009 CFE or suggestions/ideas for 2010, please let Kristi know (or you may turn anything in to the office anonymously). We would love to hear anything you have to say about continuing to improve our event – our ONE fundraiser!**

Lastly, we have already had several items (the required parent donation) turned in for 2010 and are logging those as they come in. **It's not too early!** This is an easy thing to get checked off your list now for 2010! Go ahead and ask now as you are out there buying – it will make the fall a bit less stressful where your preparation for CFE is concerned!