

Dear Families,

September 1, 2009

The year has gotten off to a great start with only a few tears in the mornings and lots of people glad to see other!

Here are a few announcements of upcoming events!

PARENT NIGHTS

Parent Night here is time to get to know your child's teachers a bit better, to hear about Montessori theory for your child's plane of development and to learn about the daily schedules. Please come, you will feel more connected to the school and what goes on here and that in turn will help your child to feel more connected too.

This night is for parents only (and babes in arms) as it is a lecture format. We will hand out the school calendar, ask you to check the class roster to make sure all information is correct, have a little dessert and even hand out door prizes!

Trailblazer and Stargazer Parent Night - Tuesday, September 8, 2009 6 to 7:30PM

Explorer and Philosopher Parent Night - Wednesday, September 9, 2009 6 to 7:30PM

FUNDRAISERS

Fundraisers at the Montessori Children's School are totally optional. We know that paying tuition is huge and provide the fundraisers as optional ways to help the school. We sometimes use the funds for specific things such as sending the teachers to the National Montessori Conference, or a special field trip, and sometimes use them to help out our general budget. Feel free to participate or not as you feel comfortable. Some people love the rummage sale and some do not! Some parents love to come to our annual auction and some do not- we encourage you to participate when you want! Our projected events for this year include:

October 3, 2009 - Rummage Sale-in our parking lot

November 30, 2009-December 4- Scholastic Book Fair in our library (we get new books for our school from this event)

February 6, 2010 - Annual Auction Extravaganza!

We may throw in a bake sale or plant sale or two as the need arises! We will also be sending home a Montessori Children's School t-shirt/sweatshirt form in case anyone in your family would like to order one-but it is really not a fundraiser-just an opportunity!

RUMMAGE SALE!

Our famous rummage sale will be happening soon. Starting on Monday, September 21 you can clean out your garages and closets and bring your stuff to us! We will have 2 horse trailers parked in our lot and you can stack your things in there. If you have clothes, books or movies they come into the library. We then have many of you fabulous volunteers come in to fold clothes, sort and stack! THE ONLY

THINGS WE DO NOT TAKE ARE COMPUTERS, PRINTERS, COMPUTER PARTS AND SHOES! In the past these items have not sold and are left needing to relocate them somewhere! So start purging, if you are so inclined! We use the proceeds of this sale to send the teachers to the national Montessori Conference in Los Angeles! Please sign up on the attached sign up sheet if you can come in and help. Thank you so very much!

LAUNDRY!

Every week our school generates about 2 loads of laundry, mostly dish cloths and towels. It is a wonderful gift that for the past many years families have signed up to take this laundry home on a Friday and wash and fold it and return it to us on Monday!! If you can help out please let us know by signing up below. I will make a schedule and let you know your dates to collect the basket. It usually winds up being once or twice during the school year. Thank you in advance for this wonderful service. As I often say, it is the seemingly small things in life that make a big difference. Thank you.

PHILOSOPHER CAMPING TRIP

The Philosopher class will be going on their beginning of the year one-night camping trip to Star Farms on Thursday, September 17 to Friday the 18th. Details will be coming home soon on what to bring, times to leave and pick up etc.

PICTURE DAY

John Alden of JA Photography will once again be here to take school photos of our children. The date is WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2009. You are not obligated to purchase any photos but he does take a picture of each child to put on our class composite. I will send home photo information and envelopes, as the date gets closer.

WEB SITE AND E-MAIL

It is our hope to give you all school information via our web site or e-mail verses papers in your school folder. Please check our web-site montessoriofslo for the latest newsletters, school calendar, etc. Our wonderful parent, Wayne Terry, (Sofia and Bennet's Dad) is maintaining our site for us! We do have some families' e-mail addresses and have started sending information to them in this form. PLEASE E-MAIL ME AT kernzoo@aol.com TO ADD YOUR FAMILY TO THE E-MAIL LIST AND SOON YOU WILL HAVE YOUR INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY (NOT ROAMING AROUND IN THE FOLDER) AND WE WILL BE USING LESS PAPER!! Once you are on our school e-mail list WE WILL NOT SEND NOTES AND LETTERS HOME IN THE FOLDER-THEY WILL COME TO YOUR E-MAIL!!! Yeah!

We hope see you all at the Kick-off Potluck on Thursday, Sept. 3 at Santa Rosa Park at 5:30. Please bring a dish to share, place settings and drinks for your family.

We are so excited to begin a new school year and are once again humbled by your trust in us. It does take a village to raise our children and we are honored to share this journey together with all of our families.

Please return these forms in your child's folder or by [e-mail](#) ASAP!

LAUNDRY HELP!

The _____ family is happy to help out with the school laundry for the 2009-2010 school year! I know I will soon get a scheduled date to pick up the laundry on a Friday and return it on Monday! Thank you!

RUMMAGE SALE HELP!

I can help sort, fold and stack rummage on:

Wednesday, September 30 _____
Thursday, October 1 _____

Either from 11 to 1 _____ or
1 to 2:30 _____

Friday, October 2 IS THE BIG PUSH DAY!!! We need all hands on deck from 9:30AM to 1:30PM!!! We move large tables outside; unload the trucks and "merchandise". The greatest part is that anyone who works a shift gets to shop first!

Yes, _____ can be there on Friday, October 1

Either from 9:30 to 11:30 _____ or
11:30 TO 1:30 _____.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 – DAY OF THE SALE!

Cashier, straighten items, etc.

7AM to 9:30AM _____

9:30 to 12noon _____

12 to 2PM – this is clean up and needs lots of fresh help!!!! _____