

Montessori Children's School
Weekly Newsletter
June 1, 2011



Dear Montessori Families,

As our school year comes to a close, it is important to remember all of the amazing times we've been through together as a Montessori family. Some of our families have been here for many years and we will truly miss seeing your smiling faces. I would like to honor those families that have been here for more than the typical three-year cycle. Some of you have had one child here before they turned three, while others have had more than one child experience the growth and discovery that is Montessori. Our long-term families and the amount of years they've been with us:

Gvili - 6

Jackson - 7

Johnson - 4

McSherry - 4

Norman - 7

Phillips - 6

Zucker - 9

The fact that these families committed to our program for their children is testimony to the success of MCS and proof of the dedication that you, as parents, have by giving your children the best learning environment possible. For that, I thank you.

Whether you've been with us for one year or seven years, we honor all those leaving us and are confident in the knowledge that your child is a more compassionate, productive human being because of it. Montessori children are true ambassadors of the world.

I would like to mention the success of our Toddler program this year. This is only our third year in operation and the program continues to grow. We have thirteen children moving from the Toddler program to our Primary program. The success has been more than we ever expected and this number increases every year. This upcoming school year we will be expanding the Pre-Primary program yet again with a full-time class and separate part-time class.

Please know that those families leaving us, will always be a part of our community and we invite you to visit. All of you are what make this such a unique environment and you will always be considered part of our Montessori family.

We are looking forward to summer break and our Summer Camp Programs. We are maintaining a waitlist in the office if you are still looking for childcare. The entire staff is working hard to close out the school year. Tomorrow night, Thursday June 2nd is our end of the year Sebago Cruise fundraiser. You may still get tickets in the office or purchase on the dock. We board at 6:00pm and if you're coming, don't forget to bring a dish of something yummy! We will also be honoring Ms. Stephanie with a farewell celebration. Stephanie's commitment as a Directress has made a permanent impact on the children, I can't thank you enough for all your hard work and dedication to Montessori Children's School. Good luck and warm wishes for the future journeys in your life.

We are fortunate to have such an amazing group of women dedicated to the growth and development of your children. With the Montessori curriculum guiding each staff member, all of our children are guaranteed the same opportunity to be children of confidence, setting an example for all. I am proud to be a part of Montessori Children's School.

Please check out the next two pages regarding our summer activities. If you ever need to speak with me, I am always available. I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe summer.

In Dedication,

Kim Livingston, Head of School



Tuition Now Due!
If you have not already done so, please pay your first month's tuition installment or tuition in full for the 2011-2012 school year.



Dates to Remember

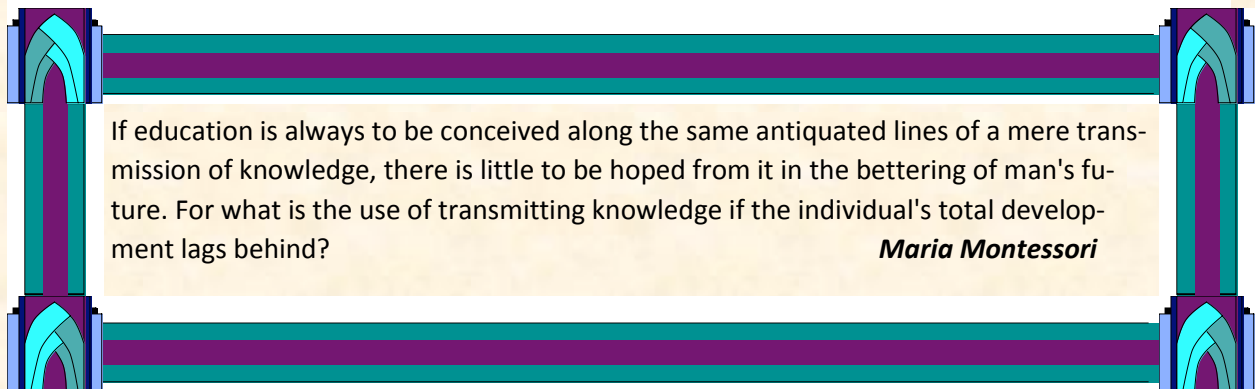
- June 1 - 1st installment for monthly tuition payment 2011/2012
- June 2 - Sebago Cruise @ 6:00pm
- June 7 - K graduation
- July 10 - Last day of school early dismissal



Last Minute Reminders!



- Take all your child's belongings home from school by the last day of school!
- Check the lost and found this week!
- If you are leaving and require a security deposit refund, be sure to let Robbi know



If education is always to be conceived along the same antiquated lines of a mere transmission of knowledge, there is little to be hoped from it in the bettering of man's future. For what is the use of transmitting knowledge if the individual's total development lags behind?
Maria Montessori

Hurricane Preparedness

It's June and Hurricane season is upon us. I need to know if there are any families who can be on our **Hurricane Committee**. This would entail being able to come to the school and help us board up and take the boards down when it's over. You will earn double workpay for this one! We follow the Monroe County School board regarding school closures and evacuation procedures. If we have been ordered to evacuate, you must pick up your child from school in a timely manner. You will be notified by email if any of the above mentioned scenarios takes place. PLEASE! This is important.

Summer Projects

Our buildings and property are extensive to maintain at MCS. With HS2 moving off campus, our work will entail even more than usual. Summer time is the best time to take care of lots of our needs. If you have signed up for House & Grounds as your preferred way of contributing to the school, please pick a project listed on the entrance to the main office at school that you would like to help with and email me or sign-up on the sheet outside the office so we can work on the specifics. The painting of the classrooms needs to be done during July or August. Getting these projects done is crucial and having families take care of most of the work keeps our cost down. Plus you get to take care of your workpay hours early in the school year! I will be taking time off during the last part of July, beginning of August and would like to have most of these projects in the works or at least planned before I leave. Remember, this is your school, let's take care of it together!

1123 United Street

- remove exterior sink
- paint cubbies
- reconstruct gutters
- clean gutters
- paint interior of Banyan room

1125 United Street

- close upstairs shutters
- replace bad boards on deck
- paint deck
- paint upstairs room
- refinish upstairs wood floor
- pour cement outside rear steps going to Kim's office

1127 United Street

- replace some hurricane shutters
- replace shade area out back (blue)
- cut back foliage
- prep/paint exterior
- paint inside
- buy dishwasher
- remove all planters on side of building
- take down fencing
- move entire classroom from 1125 United

Grounds—General

- Put together prefab shed upon arrival!!
- Install brick to border new ground cover in front yard
- cement work on two areas of property
- trim all trees
- clean gutters
- Paint picnic tables
- Take apart and dispose of old shed in lunch area
- Power-wash lunch area and decks