

Montessori Children's School
Summer Newsletter
August 2011
Summer office hours: 8:30 - 3:30, M - F

Board Members and Committees

I hope everyone's summer is going great. I am really excited about the upcoming school year. We have a dedicated board and an amazing staff! Please welcome our newly elected executive board members.

Pinky Singh	President
Jessica Barroso	Vice-President
Brian Barroso	Treasurer
Nikki Roberts	Secretary

We will have 3 Primary classrooms and two Pre-Primary classrooms this year. Listed below are our amazing staff teams for this school year. Check out our new classroom names!

Primary

The Banyan Room

Ms. Sally - Directress

Ms. Ana - Classroom Assistant

The Kapok Room

Ms. Alesia - Directress

Ms. Leny - Classroom Assistant

The Gumbo Limbo Room

Ms. Adele - Directress

Ms. Pascale - Classroom Assistant

Ms. Lorena - P/T Classroom Assistant

Toddler

The Mangroves

Ms. Andrea - Directress

Ms. Jen - Classroom Assistant

The Pigeon Plum Room

Ms. Liz - Directress

Ms. Natalie - Classroom Assistant

Aftercare

Lorena Baker - Directress

Ann Fergus - Assistant

Still looking - P/T assistant

Administration

Kim Livingston - Head of School

Robbi Harvey - Business Manager

We are so excited for our 2011 school year. All of our classrooms are run by experienced dedicated educators. Check the next page for more information about our new Committee Chairs and what projects we have this summer.

Notes From Ms. Kim

School is almost here and we still have lots to do in our classrooms and on campus. By having parents take care of school needs we are able to keep the costs of running our school as low as possible. Please help out over the next two weeks. Some of our major projects that must be completed before school begins are listed on the next page. If you can come by at any time this week during the hours of 9am until 3pm, we can put you to work. If you have tools, carpentry skills or can do minor or major maintenance please contact me directly. My email is kim@montessoriskeywest.com

I would like to thank the families who have been with us this summer working in the heat. Everyone works so hard during our workparty and we are currently finishing the inside of our new shed. If you can help move things, we will need you Wednesday August 10th. If you can come on Saturday August 13th or the 20th we will be working on the grounds from 8:30am until ??? If you are in town, don't miss the opportunity to come to our Meet the Teacher on Friday August 19th anytime between 2 - 3:30pm.

Sincerely, Kim Livingston, Head of School



COMMITTEES

House & Grounds Chair - Barry Gibson & Scott Wilcox

Fundraising Co Chairs - Melissa Trader & Nikki Roberts

Public Relations Chair - Rachel Martinez

Finance Chair - Brian Barroso

Planning & Development Co-Chairs - Sam Kaufman & Bobbi Holland

Grants Chair - Yemanja Krasnow

Enrichment Chair - Scott Wilcox

I am so excited to have parents willing to take on these very important committees. If you are interested in working on any committee, please contact Kim in the office. We are still looking for people to chair the following committees: Recycling, Hospitality and Hurricane Preparedness

Summer Projects

Our houses and property are extensive to maintain at MCS. Summer time is the best time to take care of our needs. Getting these tasks done is crucial and having families take care of most of the work keeps our costs down. Plus you get to take care of your workpay early in the school year! We have two weeks before school starts, let's get it rolling! Remember, this is your school, let's take care of it together!

1. PRIORITY - make 10 shelving units for three different classrooms
2. Power wash the walkways and cubby area
3. Classroom maintenance - hanging things, installing locks, building cabinets
4. Moving things into new shed, dismantling old shed
5. Clean gutters
6. Blow leaves
7. Paint picnic tables
8. Move picnic table from front yard to lunch area
9. Paint yellow lines and arrows on the playground
10. Leaf blow and pick up grounds
11. Electric work in Kapok room
12. Paint Mangrove room shelves, tables and chairs