



Weekly Reminders

Week of April 18

Dear Montessori Families,

All of our returning families have received **re-enrollment packets** in your child's take-home folder. Re-enrollment forms must be submitted by next week, Friday, April 29th. If you no longer wish to enroll your child in our school and you received a packet, please inform the office as soon as possible so we may offer enrollment to one of the children on our waitlist.

Thursday, April 21st @ 9:30am, is our **Annual Spring Concert**. Our children will be singing together and each class will also perform individually. The show takes place on our front playground. Mark your calendar and bring your camera! Be sure your child is dressed in a white top and khaki bottoms. Girls may also come dressed in a solid white dress.

Earth Day is Friday April 22nd. Since we have no school that day, we will be honoring Earth Day with two events. This Thursday, April 21st, our afternoon Primary students (those children that attend the afternoon session in the classroom) will be attending the MECS recycle fashion show. The Montessori Elementary Charter School's 1 -3 grades will be putting on a full scale fashion show and have invited our students. Admission to the show is a piece of recycling. ***CORRECTION ON PERMISSION SLIP: The field trip permission slip states the children must bring clothing to recycle, that is incorrect. Any piece of recycling: cans, bottles plastic etc. can be used as admission, it DOES NOT need to be clothing.*** Also, on Monday the 25th all of our students will be participating in a neighborhood clean up. Part of our school philosophy is to take care of ourselves, others and the environment. Every day children are composting, recycling and caring for their indoor and outdoor environments. Have your child wear green to show how environmentally conscious they are. Our Primary students will concentrate on the immediate neighborhood while our Pre-Primary (Toddler) students will be cleaning up the campus. Taking care of our environment is crucial to preserving our way of life. Please sign and return your child's permission slip to school ASAP. If you would like to join us, we will be conducting our cleanup @ 9:00am. Children are natural caretakers and take pride in these activities. They will be wearing gloves and have supervision.

Friday, April 22nd, there is **no school** or childcare, enjoy your three day weekend with your family. School calendars will be distributed the first week of May.

Thursday you will receive an email with our **summer camp** brochures attached. We will only be accepting 14 Primary students and 6 Pre-Primary due to regulations regarding staff credentialed employees. We will not be able to accept current Kindergarten students or siblings due to these restrictions. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause your family. Applications will also be available in the office at that time.

Sincerely,

Kim Livingston, Head of School



WORKPAY OPPORTUNITIES

- Sweeping the front walkway
- Leaf blow the playground
- May 1- Teacher appreciation week, need help in lunch area so I can have a luncheon for the teacher staff
- Pizza Friday still has slots open
- Older Nano IPod for school music system, **thank you Rachel Martinez**



Dates to Remember

- April 21 - Thursday, Spring Concert @ 9:30am
- April 21 - Thursday, afternoon Primary students field trip to MECS
- April 22 - Friday, no school, no childcare
- April 25 - Monday, Neighborhood cleanup, Earth Day recognition
- April 29 – Friday, early dismissal
- April 29 - Friday, re-enrollment forms due in the office
- May 1-7 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 19 – Cultural Immersion Day & Corporation meeting
- May 25, 26, 27 – early dismissal, parent teacher conferences
- May 30 – Monday, no school Memorial Day
- June 10 – Friday, last day of school

We cannot know the consequences of suppressing a child's spontaneity when he is just beginning to be active. We may even suffocate life itself. That humanity which is revealed in all its intellectual splendor during the sweet and tender age of childhood should be respected with a kind of religious veneration. It is like the sun which appears at dawn or a flower just beginning to bloom. Education cannot be effective unless it helps a child to open up himself to life."

The teacher's task is no small or easy one! He has to prepare a huge amount of knowledge **to satisfy the child's mental hunger**, and he is not, like the ordinary teacher, limited by a syllabus.

Quotes: Maria Montessori