

Weekly Reminders

February 22

Dear Montessori Families,

I am happy to announce that Ms. Robbi is back. It has been hectic in the office for the past few weeks without her and I certainly got a feel for all the varied tasks she completes on a daily basis. Robbi will be here in the mornings for this week and then hopefully back to full days next week. Thank you for all your support during her absence.

Attached to this email, you will find the yearbook order form and the registration form for our Parent Education Night, taking place Thursday, March 3rd, that's next week! If you would like to order a yearbook, be sure to get your order form in by Monday, February 28th. The registration forms for Parent Education Night are due this Friday, February 25th. I will contact everyone signed up to take advantage of our education night Friday afternoon to confirm details.

Our "Love and Play" Event was a huge success, we will be having a follow up fundraising meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, February 23rd @ 8:30am in the aftercare room. Please join us! We are having a **Jewelry Show** on Wednesday, March 2nd from 6 to 9 PM. All proceeds will benefit Montessori Children's School. Please come to view and purchase jewelry while enjoying a glass of wine and appetizers. Jewelry is by June and David and there is something for everyone showcasing pieces from classic design to illusion and international designer trend. Please bring a friend and encourage others to attend as well.

Jewelry by June and David Show & Party

Wednesday, **March 2nd** 6-9 PM

1617 George Street, Key West 393-9900

I would like to thank those parents that contact the office when their child is going home with an authorized adult. It is necessary for you to contact the office if you are not picking up, even if a person is on your child's authorization list. We do not want to send a child home with someone based on the child's word. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter, your children's safety and wellbeing are of the utmost importance to us.

March is quickly approaching and with it, enrollment and reenrollment time. We will be having an Open House for families interested in our school on Saturday, March 26th, from 9 - 11am. If you know anyone who may be interested in MCS please encourage them to visit the school during our Open House. If you can post a flyer at your place of business, please let me know and we can forward it to you. Next week's news will have details regarding the reenrollment process for your child.

Spring break takes place from March 14 - 18. Due to the lack of participation in our winter camp and last year's spring break, there will be no childcare provided during break. Please plan accordingly. I would like to order t-shirts before break and will forward to families an order form to ensure we have available those sizes and colors you prefer. If anyone is interested in helping with this, please let me know.

At this point, all of our lost and found items are hanging on the playground fence or lined up on the wall. Please check the area for items that may be yours. On Friday afternoon all items will be donated to the Salvation Army or used at Montessori Children's School.

Sincerely,

Kim Livingston, Head of School

Apples vs. Oranges

All over our nation Montessori schools are gearing up for next school year's enrollment. What is it that distinguishes a Montessori school from a traditional preschool or Kindergarten school? These are questions that families revisit every year. Check out the website below to read a great article which sums up how Montessori differs from traditional education and why it is a proven method of teaching the whole child. <http://mariamontessori.com/mm/?p=1453>



WORKPAY OPPORTUNITIES



- CHANGE A/C FILTERS—for your children's health, please help!
- Organize sheds, desperately needed after our fundraiser
- Sweep walkways
- Primary lunch helpers
- Leaf blow the playground
- Fruit Friday - April and May, we need people to bring in for workpay, check the dates outside the office
- Play equipment for the playground



DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 25 - Friday - Early dismissal, childcare available, please sign up in the office
- February 28 - Monday - Deadline for yearbook order
- February 28 - March 3 - Montessori Education week
- March 1 - Tuesday - March tuition is due!
- March 2 - Wednesday - Jewelry show, see details in Head of School letter
- March 3 - Thursday - Parent education night, see attached registration form
- March 11 - Friday - Hop-A-Thon - children's muscular dystrophy awareness day
- March 14 - 18 - Spring Break, no school, no childcare
- March 25 - Friday - Early dismissal
- March 26 - Saturday - Montessori Children's School Open House from 9 - 11am
- March 31 - Thursday - planning and Development meeting @ 3pm in Kapok room
- April 1 - Friday - Reenrollment begins!
- April 4 - Monday - Professional Day, childcare available
- April 21 - Thursday - Spring concert



It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.

Albert Einstein