



# Weekly Reminders

Week of March 7, 2011

Dear Montessori Families,

I would like to thank everyone that attended our "Girls Night Out, Jewelry Show" fundraiser on Wednesday last week. We made over \$600.00 with little effort on our part. A big thanks to Jessica Barroso for arranging the event. Jessica has generously worked with renowned Jewelers, June and David for the last three years to bring funds into our school, hats off to you Jessica! If anyone has ideas regarding fundraising and events, get involved with our fundraising committee. Keep an eye out for our next scheduled meeting to take place towards the end of the school year.

This week is Hop-A-Thon awareness week at Montessori Children's School. Your children will be learning about people with disabilities, watching videos all for the big finale on Friday @ 9am, when our children will hop to raise funds for those children with disabilities. Please do your best to get your friends and neighbors to pledge money for your child's hopping! During our Spring Break next week, please collect money from those people who pledged for your child's hop participation. Money and forms should be turned into the office or send them in with your child's take home folders when they return to school on Monday, March 21st. Awareness and compassion for others in our world is part of our school curriculum and the children are proud of themselves for being able to help others by raising funds in this way.

Primary and Toddler Families received an "Intent to Remain" form in your take home folders last week. Returning students will receive their re-enrollment packets next month. It is crucial that we know if you plan to continue on with MCS in order to properly place new students. Maria Montessori believed that children learn in three-year cycles. In the third year (Kindergarten) there is an explosion of learning. This is one of the reasons the third year of a Montessori cycle is so important. Children in their third year of the three-year Primary cycle become leaders in the classroom, gain confidence in their abilities, both academically and socially. Those families with children entering their third year should read the printout in their take home folder. If you have questions regarding this please speak to your child's teacher. If you intend to keep your child at MCS, please fill out the intent to remain form and return it to the school. We are in the critical stages of making decisions regarding tuition and trying to gauge our numbers.

Spring Break is next week! Please be reminded that we do not have childcare next week during Break. The following Saturday, March 26th, we have our Open House for families interested in our school. If you would like to help greet people for this important event, please let me know.

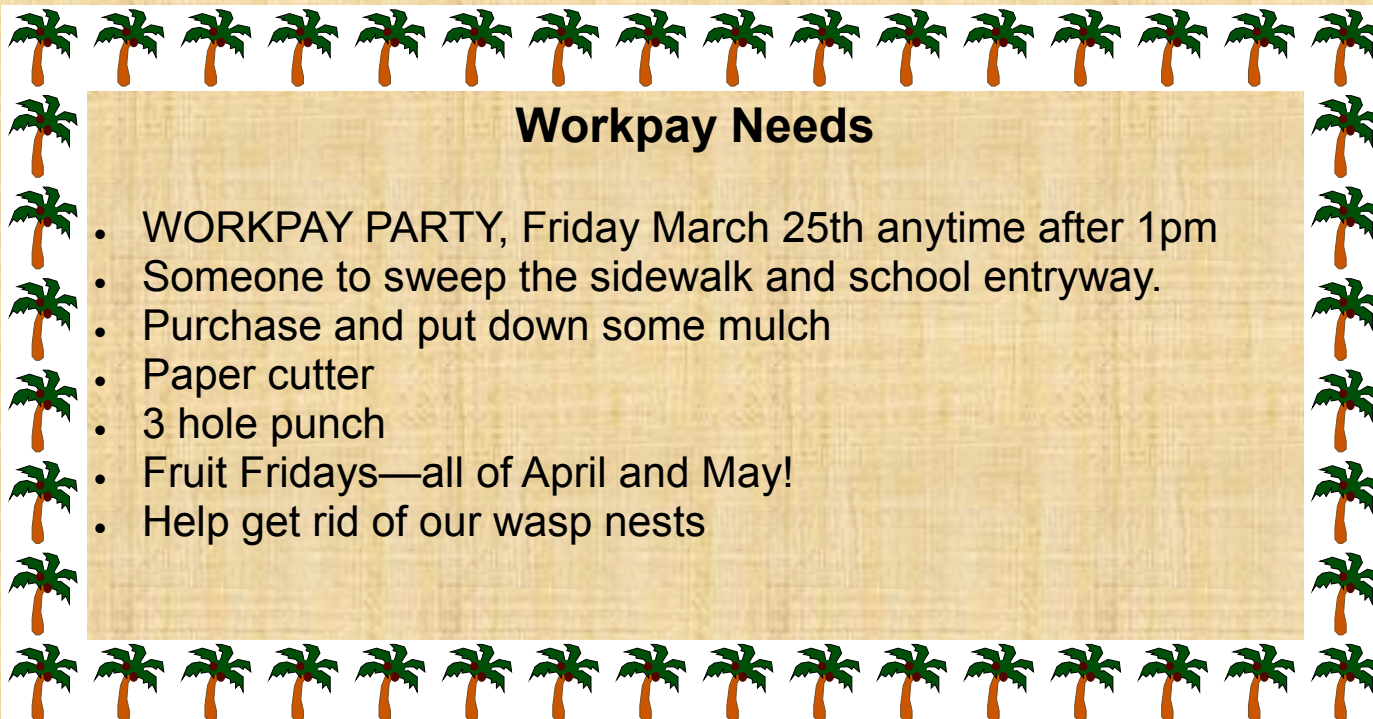
We at Montessori Children's School have been diligent in keeping our environment clean. We are still checking heads to ensure that there are no cases of lice and we appreciate your efforts at home to help. Please check your child's head every week, put their hair up if applicable and ask if you have any questions. It is also time for the common cold or "Key West Crud" for our children and adults. If your child shows signs of illness please keep them home to prevent spreading germs. We will remain ever vigilant in our goal to keep the environment as clean as possible for you.

If you still have workpay hours to complete, we will be having a workpay party on Friday, March 25th in the afternoon to beautify our grounds for Open House the following day. Friday the 25th is also an early dismissal, so please sign up for childcare if you need it. We will watch your children without charge if you choose to join our workpay party.

Sincerely,

*Kim Crimaston, Head of School*





## Workpay Needs

- WORKPAY PARTY, Friday March 25th anytime after 1pm
- Someone to sweep the sidewalk and school entryway.
- Purchase and put down some mulch
- Paper cutter
- 3 hole punch
- Fruit Fridays—all of April and May!
- Help get rid of our wasp nests

## Office News

*Those families that received a notice in last weeks take home folders regarding your child's school health records must comply. Children without current medical records will not be allowed to attend school after Spring Break.*




## OPEN HOUSE!

Please tell all your friends interested in our school to come ,meet the staff, and explore our grounds.  
Saturday, March 26, 2011  
9 - 11am

## School Yearbook

Please be sure to pick up a yearbook order form. If you order prior to Spring Break you can still get the yearbook for only \$12.00. forms area available in the office.



## Dates to Remember

- **March 11 - Hop-A-Thon @ 9am**
- **March 14 - 18 - Spring Break, *no camp offered***
- **March 25 - Friday afternoon workpay party to beautify grounds from 1pm - 4pm**
- **March 25 - Early dismissal, please sign up for childcare in office**
- **March 26 - Open House from 9-11am**

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

- Albert Einstein