

Weekly Reminders

Week of May 23

Dear Montessori Families,

I would like to thank everyone who attended our last corporation meeting of the year. Hats off to Ms. Alesia's families for an outstanding spread of food and beverages. Corporation meetings not only supply vital information about what's happening at MCS, it's a great way to socialize with other families in a relaxed environment. We have our last fundraiser of the year taking place on Thursday, June 2, 2011. The McGrail family has offered to make use of one of the Sebago Key West boats for an end of the year "Sundowner Calypso Cruise" adult only fundraising event. We will also be wishing Ms. Stephanie a fond farewell as she ventures off of our island to Boston. Ms. Stephanie has been a teacher at Montessori Children's School for 10 years and has touched the lives of many students. She is dedicated to children and will be missed. So join as we end the school year by taking advantage of our beautiful Key West sunsets and bid Ms. Stephanie farewell. Tickets are available in the office.

Congratulations to our new parent Board members: Nikki Roberts, Melissa Trader and Scott Wilcox. I look forward to working with you during the next two years.

At our corporation meeting, parents approved a motion to have the front yard area resurfaced. This will allow our children to take advantage of our outdoor space for classroom and extracurricular activities. All families with children attending Montessori Children's School for the 2011-2012 school have been invoiced an assessment fee of \$150.00 due ASAP. If you would like to pay the fee over the course of the summer please email Robbi at robbi@keywestmontessori.com. The assessment fee will also be necessary next summer. We want to get it done this summer! This is really exciting and our staff is excited to be able to make use of this amazing space!

Parent/Teacher Conferences are this week. There are still time slots available to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress and development. All three days for parent teacher conferences are early dismissals this week, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Sign up now if you have not done so already. It is crucial that we are all on the same page regarding your child's development. Sign up for childcare if needed.

Kindergarten Graduation will take place on Tuesday, June 7th @ 9:30am on our school playground. All parents are participating by bringing refreshments. If you have not already done so, please be sure to pay the fee for caps and other items. I highly recommend getting a Graduation DVD from Joanna Cooper. She does a great job and the keepsake is priceless. If you would like to see last years' DVD please stop by the office. We need a minimal order to have it done, so please let me know. Be sure to have your graduate wear their peace shirt to school on Friday so I can get a group picture.

Yearbooks are in and they look great! If you have pre-ordered, please pick your order up from the front office. A limited # of extras are available for purchase, in the front office, cost is \$15.00. Sundowner Calypso Cruise tickets are also available in the office. Single tickets \$30, couples \$50.

Summer break is an opportunity for us to get a lot of house and grounds work done at school. I have posted a summer project list outside the office. This is a great way to get a jump start on your workpay obligation for the year.

Sincerely,

Kim Livingston, Head of School

WORKPAY OPPORTUNITIES

There are only a few weeks left of school, so please help us take care of these needs.

- Sweeping the front walkway
- End-of-the-year cleaning - week of June 13th
 - In the classroom with the staff
 - Painting the shelves in the classroom
 - Move Ms. Adele's classroom and daycare room
- June 6th - leaf-blow the playground for our K Graduation Ceremony

Dates to Remember

- May 25, 26, 27 – Early Dismissal, Parent Teacher Conferences
- May 30 – No School Memorial Day
- June 1 - Advanced tuition payment for next school year is due!
- June 2 - Sunset cruise and farewell to Ms. Stephanie
- June 7 – 9:30am – Kindergarten Graduation Day!
- June 10 – Last Day of School, early dismissal
- June 13 - 17 - move classroom and materials, summer work begins!
- June 20 - First Day of Summer Camp (through July 29th)

Office Reminders!

- You should have received a student's records summary report in your child's take-home folders last week. Be sure to check the expiration dates on health forms and if there are any items marked with an "N" please submit that item to the office.
- We have gathered random items on campus and they are by the front office. If you or your child are missing anything that may be at school, please check our "Lost and Found". Items not claimed by June 1st will be discarded or adopted.
- If you have not completed your workpay or fundraising obligation, we will invoice your account on June 1st. Please let us know if you are still completing hours or wish to take advantage of the workpay opportunities listed above. If you have fundraising hours to complete your only opportunity to do so is by bringing in food for our last event, the Sunset Cruise on June 2nd, that's next week!! It is potluck, so bring something yummy to share with everyone. Typically enough for 20-30 people works well.
- We have women and children's school shirts available in the office. Great for the upcoming hot summer!

Free the child's potential, and you will transform him into the world.

-Maria Montessori