

Corpus Christi Montessori School

September 2011

Upcoming Event

- September 6th - Spanish classes begin (all levels)
- September 8th - Middle School Fundraiser meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- September 13th PTO meeting- 5:30 p.m.
- September 30th End of Reporting Period
- October 3rd Staff development - no school

Children are human beings to whom respect is due, superior to us by reason of their innocence and of the greater possibilities of their future.

-Maria Montessori

Maria Montessori Social

We would like to give a big thank you to everyone who joined us for the Maria Montessori Social on Friday, August 26th. We had a wonderful time sampling all the delicious types of pasta, salads and desserts. We all learned something new as we listened to the student presentations. The Lower Elementary students presented their research on Maria Montessori; the Upper Elementary

students shared their poems on Montessori and the Middle School students showed off their knowledge of interesting facts on the Timeline of Montessori and presented CCMS with a tree in honor of Maria Montessori. It was fun to meet new families and visit with our returning families. We look forward to seeing everyone at our next event.

What makes Montessori unique?

The "whole child" approach. The primary goal of a Montessori program is to help each child reach full potential in all areas of life. Activities promote the development of social skills, emotional growth, and physical coordination as well as cognitive preparation. The holistic curriculum, under the direction of a specially prepared teacher, allows the child to experience the joy of learning, time to enjoy the process and insure the development of self-esteem, and provides the experiences from which children create their knowledge.

The "Prepared Environment." In order for self-directed learning to take place, the whole learning environment room, materials and social climate-must be supportive of the learner. The teacher provides necessary resources, including opportunities for children to function in a safe and positive climate. The teacher thus gains the children's trust, which enables them to try new things and build self-confidence.

The Montessori materials. Dr. Montessori's observations of the kinds of things which children enjoy and go back to repeatedly led her to design a number of multi-sensory, sequential and self-correcting materials which facilitate the learning of skills and lead to learning of abstract ideas.

The teacher. Originally called a "Directress," the Montessori teacher functions as designer of the environment, resource person, role model, demonstrator, record-keeper and meticulous observer of each child's behavior and growth.

The teacher acts as a facilitator of learning. Extensive training-a minimum of a full year following the baccalaureate degree is required for a full AMS credential, including a year's student teaching under supervision-is specialized for the age group with which a teacher will work, i.e., infant and toddler, three to six year olds, elementary or secondary level.

-Montessori 101 by Tim Seldin

Please join us to cheer on our Volleyball Teams this month. It means so much to the students

Volleyball Schedule Middle School

9-6	4:30/5:30 7 th /8 th @ IWA
9-12	4:30/5:30 7 th /8 th @ Seashore
9-15	4:30/5:30 7 th /8 th @ Annapolis
9-19	4:30/5:30 7 th /8 th @ OLPH
9-22	4:30/5:30 7 th /8 th @ Bishop Garriga
9-26	4:30/5:30 7 th /8 th @ Seashore
9-29	4:30/5:30 7 th /8 th @ Bishop Garriga

Volleyball Schedule Upper Elementary

9-6	4:00 - 4 th grade @ Most Precious Blood
9-7	4:45 - 5 th grade @ IWA Middle School
9-8	5:30 - 6 th grade @ Bishop Garriga
9-12	4:00 - 6 th grade @ St. Pius
9-14	4:00 - 5 th grade @ TBA
9-15	6:15 - 6 th grade @ Bishop Garriga
9-20	4:00 - 4 th grade @ St. Patrick
9-21	4:45 - 5 th grade @ IWA Elementary
9-6	4:00 - 4 th grade @ Most Precious Blood
9-7	4:45 - 5 th grade @ IWA Middle School

Lower Elementary News

Lower Elementary is excited about the new school year. Students are receiving new lessons and are actively engaged in learning phonograms, grammar, word study, geometry, math facts and operations, as well as, culture. Third grade students prepared and presented a book and a play on their version of the Creation Story. Students enjoyed the History of Language lessons. They were given a lesson on oral language and then acted out their own situations using

Upper Elementary News

Greetings from the Upper Elementary!

These past few weeks have flown by. In Life Science, the students have been introduced to classification and how this is applied in science and many other areas. We will continue this study with learning about types of cells and their basic parts. The students continue to finish and present their History reports. The presentations are amazing and their excitement comes through in their work. This semester in Geography, we will study the continent of South America. We have begun this study by introducing lines of latitude and

Middle School News

Over the past few weeks Middle School has created our class guidelines. Recently every group made science experiments ranging from lava lamps to explosions. We have also done team building games like, "Snort", "Dude", "Two Truths One Lie", and the "Human Knot". We just took our first test of the year for math. The girls'

Ms. Orfie

Ms. Orfie and the Middle School students have started preparing our outdoor gardens. They are great plans which include raised beds, a vegetable garden and outdoor areas for the classroom pets. These include tortoises, rabbits, water turtles, fantail doves. Wow. The students would like to incorporate an outdoor classroom as a place for them to work on Science and nature

oral language. They were also presented lessons on the History of Writing and had fun creating cave writings. Lower Elementary would like to thank all family members for attending the Maria Montessori Social.

longitude and will continue studying geographical tools. In Language, 4th graders are learning types of sentences, while 5th and 6th graders are reviewing them. We are also beginning our writing lessons. 4th graders are learning how to write paragraphs and are beginning to learn the writing process. 5th and 6th graders will begin their study of plagiarism and how to properly site sources in their research. We are looking forward to continuing a wonderful and exciting year!!

volleyball teams have already played four games. Cycle 1 is starting on Tuesday the cycle is all about "forces".

projects. This would include a trellis or arbor for shade and some type of seating materials. If you would like to volunteer your time or materials to help our students with these amazing projects please stop by and talk with Ms. Orfie.