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Dear CCMS parents,

National Montessori Week is finally here!

We will be joining thousands of educators and children throughout the world and celebrating 103 years of Montessori education! We hope you will join us for the many events we have planned for next week beginning Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> and ending Friday February 26<sup>th</sup>! The schedule of events is listed for you in this week's newsletter.

Please remember that our Montessori Journey is planned for next Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. This will be a wonderful culminating experience to the National Montessori Week. The journey is an example of our Montessori commitment to parent education and communication. This innovative workshop provides insight on what your children do on a day-to-day basis and more importantly, illustrates how they learn and how the Montessori education prepares them to be life-long learners. We hope you will invite family and friends and join us for this memorable experience. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome prospective parents to come learn about Montessori and our wonderful school! Invitations were sent out last Friday. If you haven't RSVPd for the Journey, you still have time! Look for a pink Lunch Order form included in your child's Friday Folder. Simply fill out the order form, and submit with payment to Ms. Ada by Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will help us prepare for the number of participants and will ensure that everyone receives their lunch.

A reminder that if you do not wish to tour Mi Casita Montessori School or Montessori School of Corpus Christi, you may join us at CCMS no later than 10:15 a.m. A tour of our school will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m.

I hope each of you will visit CCMS during National Montessori Week next week and join us on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> for a Montessori Journey as well. Come experience how your children learn and to see the many learning opportunities that CCMS provides! The entire week will be a most memorable experience for everyone!

Respectfully,

*Sylvia D. Gaertner*

## ENROLLMENT

Thank you for submitting your Intent to Return forms and securing your child's enrollment for next year! With the exception of a few students who will be relocating, most of our students will remain at CCMS for another great year! This is wonderful!

With Open Enrollment coming up soon, this means that there will be very few openings for the next school year. Be assured, however, that ALL siblings will be enrolled at CCMS next year. Their spots are guaranteed!

As mentioned before, we LOVE our students and wish for them to remain in our Montessori Family for as long as possible! We are confident that the loving, peaceful environment and the education your children receive at CCMS is far richer than any they may receive elsewhere. Thank you for entrusting your children to us!

# NATIONAL MONTESSORI WEEK SCHEDULE

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> 2010

- **MONTESSORI BANNERS-** Each class will display a “Banner” outside their classroom with student testimonials on what Montessori means to them, or what they like about our Montessori school.
- **“WORD FOR THE DAY”-** Each day teachers will review and model a word embraced by Montessori philosophy and our school’s mission. (These words are noted on the back of the National Montessori Week T-shirts).

Stories, pictures, or testimonials will be shared to review the meaning of each word. Students will be reminded of the importance of these words and their relevance to Montessori education and World Peace.

The words will be introduced in this order:

- **MONDAY- Compassion**
- **TUESDAY- Forgiveness**
- **WEDNESDAY- Honesty**
- **THURSDAY- Caring**
- **FRIDAY- Respect**
- **TESTIMONIAL WALL-** The words **Compassion, Forgiveness, Honesty, Caring, Respect** will be placed on the bulletin board in the hallway. Students will write testimonials, draw pictures, or cut out pictures representing the words for the week.
- **QUOTEABLE QUOTES-** Notes will be sent home to parents requesting a one or two sentences testimonial, i.e., “What I like about Montessori for my child (ren)”. Quotes will be used for press releases and newsletters.

- **MONTESSORI QUOTES/MIDDLE SCHOOL TESTIMONIALS-** Middle school students will decorate the white board in the Breezeway with their favorite Montessori quotes. Each M.S. student will note the chosen quote and give the reason for selecting that particular quote. Students will also write testimonials on Montessori education.
- **“TEACH ME a LESSON”-** Students will send invitations to their parents for a “special day” in which they will give their parents lessons they have learned using the Montessori materials in their classroom. Parents will call Ms. Ada and set up a day and time (**Monday through Thursday**). Lessons will be scheduled at 30 minute intervals. Students may demonstrate lessons in the hallway or classroom.
- **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
**GRANDPARENT LUNCHEON-** Children will invite their grandparents to join them for lunch on Wednesday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> and give grandparents a tour of our school- (classroom, Banners outside classroom, Testimonial Wall, etc).
- **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> MOMENT OF SILENCE, BUBBLE RELEASE, and PARENT PICNIC-** As a culminating activity, all students, parents, administration, board members and community members will gather in the school’s courtyard for a moment of silence for World Peace at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. The event will be followed by a bubble release in honor of Maria Montessori and in celebration of 103 years of Peaceful Education! Parents are welcomed to join their children afterwards for a picnic lunch and tour of the school.

**COME OUT AND JOIN US FOR**

## NATIONAL MONTESSORI WEEK T-SHIRTS



If you didn't order a **National Montessori Week** T-shirt for you and your child (ren), we ordered a few extra! Come by next week and get your T-shirts! The T-shirts will be sold in the Breezeway (Courtyard) during the week. You may also purchase new Red CCMS and "Got Montessori" T-shirts as well! (Plenty of adult sizes!)

Students and teachers will wear their **National Montessori T-shirts on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>** to kick off our special week. Thereafter, we are encouraging all students to wear other CCMS T-shirts throughout the Week. On **Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**, teachers and students, and parents are encouraged to wear their National Montessori T-shirt once more during our Bubble Release and Family Picnic. Show your "School Spirit" and wear your T-shirts proudly next week!

## SERVICE/RESEARCH PROJECT – NATIONAL MONTESSORI WEEK



The Middle School is going to begin a service/research project on Monday, February 22, in honor of National Montessori Week and the philosophy of respecting the environment. Each class will be scraping leftover food into a gardening bucket which the middle school students will weigh and chart daily to see how much students and teachers waste.

The scraps will be placed in a compost bin. When ready, the nutrient enriched soil will be used to fertilizer the plants and gardens around our school.

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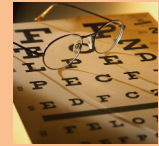


### MISSION STATEMENT

At our school, children learn by discovery.  
They are joyful and confident.

Building communities and nurturing the environment, our children become ambassadors of the world.

## HEALTH SCREENINGS POSTPONED



Health screenings have been re-scheduled for Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Parents of children in grades 1, 3, 5 and 7, please take note, as these students will be screened for Vision, Hearing, and Acanthosis.

According to State Law, all students in Grades 6 and 7 must also receive a Spinal Screening.

If you do not wish for your child to be screened, please contact Ms. Ada next week. You will be required to complete paper work to ensure that your child will be screened by his/her physician. Thank you!



## LAST CALL FOR BOX TOPS!

Next week will be the last week we can submit BOX TOPS and try to reach last year's goal of \$1551.00! We are almost there! Surpassing last year's goal would be marvelous! Items in your pantry may be holding the key!

Remember, the earnings we receive directly impact your child's education at CCMS! Any help you can provide in this endeavor will be most appreciated! Thank you for your support of our Box Top Campaign!

## DONATION DRIVE FOR ANIMAL SHELTERS

The middle school has been running a donation drive for animal shelters. We are extending the drive for one more week because we have not received many donations. We are asking all families to please bring at least one item to help out these animals (see list below) you can drop off the items in Room 2.



- Leashes
- Cat and dog food (or kitten and puppy food)
- Cat and dog treats
- Cleaning supplies (bleach, paper towels, Clorox)
- Old news paper
- Toys (mice, balls, chew toys)
- Grooming supplies (brushes, dog and cat shampoo)

Thank you, Middle School Class