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Dear CCMS parents,

National Montessori Week was a huge success! As you know, CCMS joined thousands of educators and children throughout the world and celebrated 103 years of Montessori education!



Thanks to all of you who participated in the events throughout the week. The celebration on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> with special activities including Maria Montessori biography, the History of Montessori Education, Parent Awareness on Montessori, Moment of Silence for World Peace, Bubble Release, and picnic was beautifully orchestrated by our students. A truly amazing attendance on such a glorious day! The weather couldn't have been more perfect!

A special THANKS goes out to those of you who submitted testimonials for our special week! Your quotes adorn our entry way for all to read. I truly feel that parent and student testimonials on Montessori and our school speak volumes. Thank you for taking the time to share your experiences with others!

We hope National Montessori week was both informative and fun! As Hailey Canales, 1<sup>st</sup> grade student in Ms. Jennifer's class, so eloquently stated during Friday's presentations, "The more you learn about Montessori, the more you know about our world."

Your support of Montessori Education and CCMS is greatly appreciated!

Warmly,

*Sylvia D. Gaertner*



## MONTESSORI JOURNEY

A Montessori Journey was held on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> in collaboration with Mi Casita Montessori and Montessori School of Corpus Christi (both private Montessori schools in the area). The event proved to be a wonderful culminating experience to National Montessori Week.

The Journey was held as our commitment to parent education and communication on Montessori Education. The workshop provided insight to the children's activities on a day-to-day basis and illustrated how they learn and how Montessori education prepares them to be life-long learners.

Parents from all three schools joined prospective parents to learn about Montessori and the wonderful learning opportunities our schools provide! We had a great turn out!

Based on the evaluations we received at the end of the Journey, those who joined us were enriched by the experience and found it to be memorable and enlightening. The Journey will continue to be an annual event in an effort to increase community awareness on the Montessori education afforded to them through all three schools.

## ENROLLMENT

Open Enrollment continues through March 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have family or friends who are interested in enrolling their child in our school, please have them come in next week to fill out an application.

As expected, we have received far more applications for the next school year than we have openings. As a result, we will have to hold a lottery. This means that students' names will be randomly selected. Students whose names are drawn will be enrolled for the 2010-2011 school year. All remaining student applications will be placed on a waiting list in the order that they were received. The lottery will take place on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Parents will be notified the first week of April if their child is enrolled or placed on a waiting list.

In mid April, Ms. Ada will send home enrollment packets for newly enrolled students (including siblings of current CCMS students) and all returning students.

As mentioned before, we LOVE our students and are grateful for those who will remain in our Montessori Family next year! We know that the loving, peaceful environment and education they receive at CCMS will prepare them not only academically, but socially, emotionally and spiritually. Our children become ambassadors of the world.

Thank you for commitment to CCMS!

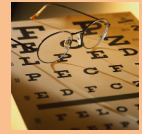
## SCHOOL T-SHIRTS

New CCMS T-shirts are available for you and your child (ren). We have plenty with a variety of styles and sizes to choose from! T-shirts may be purchased in the front office - see Ms. Ada, and she will get you what you need. Come by anytime and get your CCMS T-shirts – show your school colors!

Thank you for supporting our PTO!



## HEALTH SCREENINGS



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Health screenings took place on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Children in grades 1, 3, 5, and 7, were screened for Vision, Hearing, and Acanthosis. Students in grades 6 and 7 also received a Spinal Screening.

Students who failed any screening received referrals from licensed nurses in their Friday Folders today, March 5<sup>th</sup>. In order to comply with State regulations, referrals must be returned to Ms. Ada no later than March 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for helping us to comply with State regulations!

If your child did not receive a referral, he/she passed all the screenings and copies of these were placed in your child's cumulative folder in the front office.



## SPRING BREAK FUN CAMP

Some of you have expressed a need for child care during Spring Break (March 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>). Ms. Pam has kindly offered to hold a FUN CAMP at CCMS during this time, depending on the number of students attending. If you are interested, please complete the permission slip in your child's Friday Folder and return to Ms. Pam no later than Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Pam will contact parents with specifics.

### CORPUS CHRISTI MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL



#### 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.