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# Montessori

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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### Sign In & Out Policy

Be sure to sign your child in and out from school everyday. This process is to insure that your child has been physically dropped off and picked up from school by an authorized adult. In case of emergencies, the school or other emergency personnel rely on this roster to determine if your child is physically present at the facility. We will need this information to see who dropped off or picked up your child from school.

Each adult has a pin code, which replaces a legal signature. Do not allow any other adult, even relatives or babysitters to use your code. The office will give additional authorized persons their own code to use.

There will be a \$5.00 fine assessed for the first time you forget to sign in and out. Beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>, each time you forget to sign in or out this fine will be doubled with a maximum fine of \$250. This will be strictly enforced for safety issues.



*No, it's not Cyrano de Bergerac...it's Andre enjoying his cup of treats during the Pajama Day.*

### Ring in the New Year

A sigh of relief is what all the elves must have felt when that last present was delivered. Hooray that the holidays are over, but an even bigger hooray that 2012 is here. We ring in the New Year with resolutions, wishes, and dreams. Happy New Year to all!

Please be sure to check the calendar and classroom postings. We will be celebrating Chinese New Year, Peace Day, and the first semester reports will be sent out on the Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>.

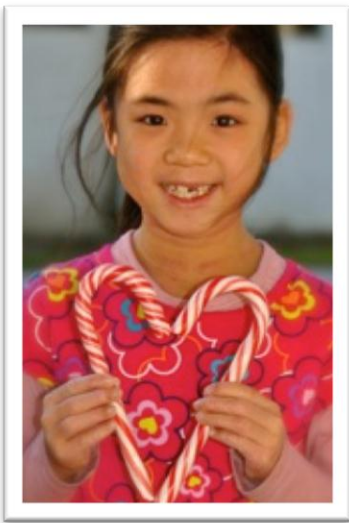
### Events and Holidays

**MLK Holiday**  
**Monday, 16 the**  
School Closed

**Chinese New Year**  
**Monday, 23rd**  
Potluck Sign Up

**Progress Report**  
**Friday, 13th**

## Mission to Give



*Cassidy, 3rd grade*

*Her heart is as sweet  
as these candy  
canes.*

Give a little and you give a lot. That's what we felt when the students donated toys for the Firefighter's Spark of Love Toy Drive. Surely, we put smiles on children's faces.

But, this toy drive meant more to a special little girl named Cassidy Luu. She filled the bin with her own stuffed toys. Given that most children are attached and love their toys dearly, this 3<sup>rd</sup> grader said that she donated her toys because she had a lot and never played with them, and would love give it to someone who would. Thanks to Cassidy for caring and giving from her heart.

Thank you to everyone who filled the bin with toys.



*Preschoolers prepare the toys for delivery to the local fire station during the Spark of Love Toy Drive.*



*The students  
were met with a special treat as they delivered toys  
on behalf of their friends in school. The firefighter  
greeted them and invited them to see the fire truck.*

## Chinese New Year Celebration

We will celebrate Chinese New Year with a parade, Chinese and Vietnamese treats, lanterns, and lucky red envelopes. Please dress your child in with their Chinese or Vietnamese attire on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Your child may also wear RED to school. A potluck sign up will be posted. If you are interested in sharing any Chinese New Year traditions, please inform your child's teacher.

## Save the Date: Picture Day on February 29<sup>th</sup>.

Ready, set...cheese. Save the date for picture day for Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup>. Order forms will be handed out, as the date gets closer.

## Progress Reports

The first term progress reports will be handed out on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. This report shows your progress during the first term, which is September through December. Should you have any questions about your child's progress report, please do not hesitate to meet with your child's teacher. The second Parent Teacher conference is scheduled for Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

School is closed on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King Holiday.

## Peace Day

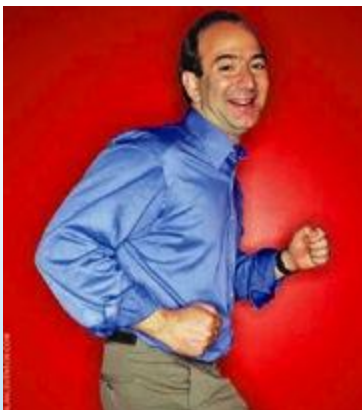
We will be celebrating Martin Luther King Jr's Day with a peace celebration in class. Please revise your February calendar as this celebration was mistakenly scheduled for February. On this Day, we will discuss the meaning and importance of peace in our world. We encourage parents to discuss ways to help spread peace in the world.

## No Peanut Butter

Please do not pack peanut butter or peanut products in your child's lunchbox. We have several students who have life threatening allergies to peanut butter. Be sure to let your child's teacher know if you are using a substitute such as soy nut butter or almond butter.

## Joyful Garden

Have you seen the strawberry plant beginning to bear fruit and the cauliflower almost ready to be harvested? The children are really enjoying observing and taking care of the garden. The elementary students and Ms. Cindy G. have been working hard tilling, preparing, and maintaining the garden for everyone to enjoy. The Joyful Garden is a whole school project. Donations are appreciated for a dwarf orange tree, soil, and plants.



## The Amazon Wizard

*As a preschooler, Jeffrey P. Bezos displayed an unmatched single-mindedness. By his mother's account, the young Bezos got so engrossed in the details of activities at his Montessori school that teachers had to pick him up in his chair to move him to new tasks. It's a trait that goes a long way toward explaining why the company he founded; Amazon.com Inc. has survived to become the most dominant retailer on the Internet.*

Taken from Bloomberg Business Week. *The Wizard of Web Retailing*. December 2004.

## Pre Primary: Ms. Annie & Ms. Erika

Welcome back in the New Year! We hope everyone had a great time with friends and family over the holiday break! We would like to thank everyone who joined us during our holiday program. Also, thank you for spreading your great holiday spirits filled with support and generous gifts. As always, we are very grateful and appreciate all your help.

This month, the children will be exploring their sense of touch. Please encourage your child/ren to feel different objects around them and talk to them about the textures that they feel. We will review what we learned about the sun and talk about heat and light. The children will be introduced to two sources of light: natural and artificial. During this month, we will also talk about the importance of water conservation. Our toddlers will learn to not to “waste water” by turning off the faucet when they are done washing their hands and to not play with water while washing hands.



*Andrea enjoys the beautiful day in her jammies during PJ Day at school*

## Primary 1: Ms. Monique & Ms. Dee

Welcome back to all our students and parents to the 2012 school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and were able to spend lots of time with family and friends. In the month of January, we will be exploring all 50 states in the USA, talk about families and the different places they may live. If your child has a family member that lives in another state or even country please send photos and the information about that family member for your child to share with the class. On the 23rd we will celebrate Chinese New Year, please feel free to share any stories or family traditions you may have for this special holiday.



*Is it odd or is it even? Sophia discovers the difference between odd and even as she lays out the counters with the numbers.*

## Primary 2: Ms. Haidee & Ms. Jen

Happy New Year to everyone! We are happy to be back from our winter holiday break. We would like to thank all the parents for your generous gifts and greetings for the holidays. We all had a wonderful time in our gathering and the children were amazing in their performance. Thank you to all our parents for helping us organize and prepare events or celebration in our school. Your support are greatly appreciated

This month we will be studying our own country, USA. We will be exploring its landmarks, flags and states. We will be learning about the light and effects of the sun. We will be talking about the life story of Dr. Luther King and peace around the world. Please check our monthly calendar for our other interesting and exciting lessons for the month.



*Evan finishes off his food work activity by washing dishes while explaining the process to his observant friend, River.*

## Primary 3: Ms. Nikki

The Holiday show was a huge success! We so appreciate the children's tremendous effort to come up with a performance like that. Thank you also to all the parents who came to watch the show. My special thanks to our parent volunteers: Katie for helping out during pajama day, Mr. & Mrs. Ta for providing us the wide screen projector for the movie and for organizing the special day. Last but not the least, my big thanks for all the wonderful holiday wishes and gifts. The year 2011 was a good year and as for the year 2012, I am anticipating only more positive and great things ahead for everyone. Best wishes for the New Year!



*Ella is working hard on her decimal system layout and reading quantities and number cards from 1 to 9000.*

This month we will read about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We will learn about USA and everything that we love about our country. The children will also learn about New Year traditions that our friends in class celebrate.

# Elementary News



*The Elementary Class performs the stellar, "Ug-a Wug"  
Shown dancing are Ruby, Audrey, Sam, Alex and Isaiah.*



*Shown here are the Darling children, (Andrew, Bach, and Sydney) with Peter Pan (Colin) and Tink (Sadie).*

Happy New Year to all! A great job to our students for their hard work that made our Holiday Show a huge success. The students really loved sharing their efforts in front of you and their families. We hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays.

This month we will be studying the coldest places on Earth: the Arctic and the Antarctic. These are the lands of the midnight sun, of the polar bears and the penguins, of glaciers and icebergs. We will also be learning the extreme environments, the natural resources, the ecology, and the flora and fauna of the frozen world. We will also be discussing the main threat to these regions: the global warming.

In math, we will continue to practice using strategies to solve number sentences and to solve word problems. Please encourage your child to practice basic facts of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of whole numbers. In geometry, we will be studying the perimeter of a polygon.

Thank you to all the parents for your wonderful cards and Christmas gifts. We greatly appreciate them.

We are planning on rescheduling our field trip to the Environmental Nature Center in February. More details will be posted.

The ENC has a special workshop for students ages 8 to 12 on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the month of February. The fee is \$40 per child and the students will study everything from zoology, botany, and geology while exploring nature. You will need to provide your own transportation for this workshop. Please email Ms. Ann if your are interested.

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

*Tuesdays: Tap and Ballet 2:30-3:30 Pre-k, 4:30 – 5:30 Ballet Elementary*

*Sports 3:00 – 3:30 Pre-k, 3:40- 4:10 Elementary with Ms. Shannon*

*Wednesdays: Tae-Kwon Do 3:00 – 3:30 with Master Carla*

*Thursdays: 2:30 – 3:30 Ballet and Tap Elementary, Soccer Shots 3:00 – 4:00*

*Fridays: 3:00 – 3:30 Gymnastics with Ms. Jodie*

*Piano and Guitar (All week, schedule varies)*

# Peter Pan DVD available

It's not too late yet to order your copy of the Peter Pan DVD. Please let the office know if you would like to order a DVD. Cost is \$25 each.

## Art for Theater Fundraiser

Cherish your child's artwork by having the school frame it. You may choose different color frames to match your décor. The cost is \$25 and the profit goes towards our annual theater shows to purchase equipment, costumes, and props. We look forward to our next year's show with your support.



thank you!

*Once again, congratulations to our teachers for making the holiday show a success. We are grateful for their love, creativity, and patience...the key ingredients in creating an enjoyable evening for the children and their families. The toddlers were adorable on stage. The preschoolers performed their hearts out and gave their very best performance.*

*With only 13 days of practice and preparation, the elementary students pulled off an amazing performance. Congratulations to the class and their teachers, Ms. Anna and Ms. Huong for inspiring the students to bring out their best and for Ms. Anna for choreographing the Ug-a-Wug dance. The kids are already looking forward to next year's show. It was wonderful to see everyone shine on stage.*

*Thank you to our volunteers for your support.*

*Our PJ Day was so fun that we wish we did this everyday. Thank you to our room moms and volunteers for making this day special.*

*Many thanks for all the holiday cheers, greetings, and gifts. We are grateful for your families and your generosity.*

*Happy New Year from all of us: Ms. Ann, Ms. Cyndi, Ms. Cindy G, Ms. Annie, Ms. Erika, Ms. Mary, Ms. Monique, Ms. Dee, Ms. Haidee, Ms. Jen, Ms. Nikki, Ms. Anna, and Ms. Houng.*



happy,  
happy  
birthday  
to you!

### 4 Years Old

Aerabeth 1/23

### 5 Years Old

Ava A. 1/25

Kimi 1/29

### 6 Years Old

Audrey A. 1/12

Sadie 1/11

### 9 Years Old

Sydney 1/24