

MONTESSORI

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Dates to remember

March 30- April 3
Week of the Young Child

3 – Egg Hunt

6-10 Spring Break/ No
School

22 – Earth Day

24- Gardening Day

24- Summer Registration
Due

27- May 1 Book Fair

Spring Break

The school will be closed for Spring Break on April 6-10. The school will resume the following week, April 13.

Daycare will not be available during Spring break.

Montessori Week of the Young Child Events

Monday, March 30 / Wacky Monday and WOYC Parade

Dress your child in the wackiest outfit to school: silly hair, funny hat, mismatched socks, or backwards clothes. We're going to have the wackiest fun. Parade starts at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 31 / Famous Person Day

Guess who am I? Dress up as a famous person for the day...Albert Einstein, Bill Gates, Queen Elizabeth II, Audrey Hepburn, Leonardo da Vinci, Walt Disney, etc.. (Please do not dress up as a princess or super hero). Class show and tell at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 1 / Sports Dress Up and Field Day

Wear your favorite sport teams or team color and get ready to play out in the big field. We will be playing tennis, soccer, giant parachute, obstacles, sack race, and many more. Volunteers are welcome to cheer and play with the kids. Games start at 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 2 Pajama and Movie Day

Dress up in pajamas to school. We will be playing games and watching a movie. Please let the teacher know if you have a movie, DVD player, or a projector we can borrow for the day. Please wear street shoes.

Friday, April 3 / Egg Hunt

Our 'lil bunnies will hop around to hunt for eggs. Lunch potluck sign-up will be posted in the classroom.



Annual Calendar Update

A correction has been made on the 2014-2015 Annual Calendar. Please make note of the changes. New copies are available in the office.

Let's Talk Montessori

What we mean when we say...

The Importance of the Kindergarten Year in Montessori

A child who transfers from Montessori to a traditional kindergarten program will probably miss out on a great deal of learning that normally occurs during this crucial year.

The kindergarten year is a critical component of the three-year Early Childhood Montessori program. This is the year when children's earlier experiences are internalized and reinforced. When they leave Montessori before Kindergarten, many of their earlier learning may be lost because they are not reinforced or commonly understood.

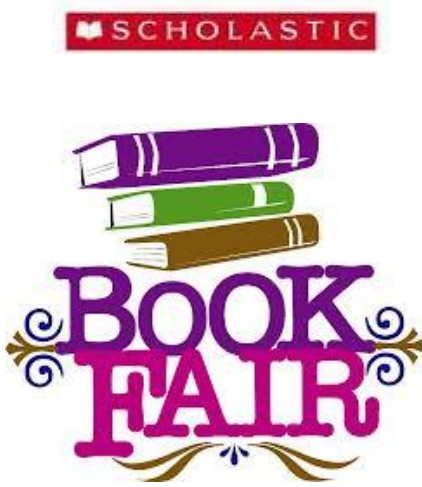
Five-year olds are normally the leaders and role models in the Primary Montessori classroom. They help to set the tone and serve as an example of appropriate behavior for the younger children. They often help the younger children with their work by teaching lessons or correcting errors.

Most five-year olds have been waiting for the longest time to be the "big kids." The experience of playing the leadership roles does wonders to reinforce the five-year olds' sense of autonomy and self-confidence.

This is a crucial time when the young child learns how to learn. Montessori is focused on teaching for understanding. Children three and four-year olds work with the concrete Montessori materials, gradually forming a mental picture of concepts. The Montessori materials give children a concrete sensorial impression of an abstract concept, such as long division, that is the potential foundation of a lifetime of understanding. This process of abstract understanding begins during the Kindergarten year. The Kindergarteners begin to pay closer attention, notice more details, ask more questions, and begin to explain the world in their own terms. They begin to integrate everything they learned in the first few years. When children do not have the opportunity to complete their Kindergarten year in Montessori, they miss out on experiences that are rarely duplicated in other types of schools.

The Kindergarteners at MCDC become the role models and leaders in the class. They work alongside the three and four-year olds during the morning session, and become more excited to learn with other Kindergarteners in the afternoon session. Ms. Nikki leads the afternoon Kindergarten students. Come visit the afternoon class from 1 p.m – 2:30 p.m. to see the full benefits of Montessori Kindergarten.

Scholastic Book Fair



A love of reading is a gift worth giving. The book fair is back this month during the week of April 27-May 1. Books will be displayed in the elementary wing. A student and teacher wish list will be sent home. We have filled our classroom libraries with books each year from your Book Fair support.

The school earns points used towards purchase of new books for our classrooms and classroom equipment. We saved up points from our last 3 book fairs that helped us earn a new Smart Board for the elementary class. Thank you to all our families who support our Book Fairs.

Happy reading!

Week of the Young Child

The Week of the Young Child is a special week when we celebrate our children. Each day will be a special theme. Have your child plan to participate in dressing up during this week. It will be so much fun.

2015-2016 Priority Registration

Priority registration for current students for the 2015-2016 is now due. Registration forms and a \$100 annual registration fee are due. Your child's space will only be guaranteed upon the receipt of your registration form. Additional forms are available in the office.

Summer Registration

Summer is just around the corner. It will be a really "cool" summer here at MCDC and we are excited about this year's theme. Registration forms are due

on Friday, April 24.

Thank You to Our Parent Volunteers

Thank you to all our parent volunteers during the St. Patrick's Holiday. The children enjoy having parents participate in our events, and the teachers appreciate all your help. Big thanks to all our room moms. Our events won't be the same without your help!

Thank you to our Elementary parent chaperones during our Environmental Center field trip. We hope you enjoyed your time with the children.

Thank you to Valerie Marinko, Glenda Garcia-Galvan, Laura Chee, Dr. Elisa Wilson for sharing their occupations to the students. They really do enjoy learning about what adults do for work.

We encourage everyone to join us during our school events. Parents are welcome to read to the class, do arts and crafts, show a talent, or teach something new. Children are always proud to see their parents conduct circle time. Please coordinate with your child's teacher if you are interested in volunteering in the classroom.

Sign in and Out

Remember to sign your child in and out every day. It is critical that the school have an accurate count of students in case of emergencies. It is mandatory that you check your child in and out properly. Failure to do so may result to fines up to \$250 by the Department of Social Services.

Do not drop your child off without a teacher acknowledging his or her presence. As you pick up, be sure your child says good bye to the teacher. This simple step allows the teachers to have "name and face" recognition of your child and proper attendance checking.

Egg Hunt Volunteers

Parents are welcome to volunteer during our egg hunt. We will be setting up areas in the big field and playground to hide eggs at 8:30 am. please assist us in organizing the hunt.



Extra clothes and shoes donation

If you have any old clothes that are still wearable (free of tears), you can donate them to go to the needy families in Mexico.

EGG HUNT



Please bring 10 prefilled plastic eggs to school by Friday, April 2.

Eggs may be filled with snack items and treats such as goldfish, raisins, pretzels, stickers, tattoos...etc. Do not fill the eggs with candy or foods with peanuts or nuts.

Avoid chokeable items for the toddler class.

Elementary students may have a variety of treats, excluding candy.

All eggs will be sent home. Parents should go through the contents of the eggs.

A potluck sign up will be posted. Volunteers are welcome to help and join in the fun.

SNACK HOST

Thank you to our families for hosting the monthly snacks.

Should you wish to host a snack, a snack sign up is located next to the classroom computer.

Elementary Fundraiser

Our upper elementary students are going to 3 day trip to Sacramento and the San Francisco. This trip will help reinforce their lessons about California History. They have helped plan this trip and are ready to do extensive research about our state. It will be an amazing opportunity and the upper elementary students are very excited.

We have raised \$600 to send them to this trip. Please support our future fundraisers to help this educational program.

We appreciate your support!



GARDEN DONATION

We are starting our miniature children's garden on April 24th. Donations for soil, little bird houses, small stones, pavers, moss or ground cover plants, succulents, and other garden decorations are very much appreciated. Volunteers are welcome to join us on this event.



2 years old
Connor 4/5

3 years old
Elise 4/4
Samantha A. 4/10
Isabella 4/20

6 years old
Kaleb 4/6

Many Thanks