
MONTESSORI

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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.

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Dates to remember

April 11- April 15
Week of the Young Child

15- Summer Registration Due

22 – Earth Day

18-29 Elementary Standardized Testing

April 25-29 Book Fair

Montessori Week of the Young Child Events

Monday, April 11 / WOYC Parade and Dress as a 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 or a fictional character). Parade starts at 10:00 a.m. Class show and tell follows after the parade.

Tuesday, April 12 / Taco Tuesday

On this food-themed day, the children will bring ingredients for a super duper taco feast and have the opportunity to assemble their favorite kind of taco.

Wednesday, April 13 / Wacky Wednesday and Fingerprinting Day

Spiked up hair, inside out clothes, mismatched shoes or socks, and funky outfits are what Wacky Wednesday is all about. Dress your child in the silliest outfit and we will all have a blast in being wacky in school.

Child ID Kit is available for purchase through Permanent Impressions.

Thursday, April 14 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 15 / Sports Dress Up and Field Day

Wear your favorite sports team 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 am.

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

The Scholastic logo, featuring the word "SCHOLASTIC" in white capital letters on a red rectangular background.

A love of reading is a gift worth giving. The book fair is back this month. 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 the past book fairs that helped us earn a new Smart Board, projector, IntelliScanner, and an interactive document camera. Thank you to all our families who support our Book Fairs.

Happy reading!

2016-2017 Priority Registration

Priority registration for current students for the 2016-2017 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 15.

Thank You to Our Parent Volunteers

Thank you to all our parent volunteers during the Egg Hunt. The children enjoy having parents participate in our events, and the teachers appreciate all your help. Big thanks to all volunteers who helped during the luncheon, make crafts, and read books to the class. Our events won't be the same without your help!

Thank you to our Elementary parent chaperones during our elementary class field trips. We hope you enjoyed your time with the children.

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.

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.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



3 years old

Henry 4/3

Connor 4/5

5 years old

Samantha B. 4/4

Charles 4/7

4 years old

Josslyn 4/4

Samantha A. 4/10

