

MONTESSORI

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Egg Hunt

The Egg Hunt for each class will be held on Friday, April 14. Each classroom will be celebrating with either a lunch or a snack. The potluck sign up is located in each classroom. If your class is not hosting a lunch, be sure to pack a lunch on Friday or order pizza. Please bring pre-filled eggs before the event. The number of eggs will depend on the number of students in the class. You may bring 1 egg per student. Please be careful NOT to stuff the eggs with foods containing peanuts. Also, please do not stuff with candy or chokeable items. Suggested items are raisins, crackers, stickers, goldfish, marshmallows, etc...

SPRING BREAK

The school will be closed on April 17 to April 21 for Spring Break. Daycare will not be available.

Dates to Remember

Friday, April 14 – Egg Hunt

Monday- Friday
April 17- April 21 –
Spring Break/ School Closed, No
Daycare

21 – Earth Day

April 24 – April 28
Week of the Young Child and
Book Fair

Montessori Week of the Young Child Events

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.

Monday, April 24 / 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 25 / 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 26 / Wacky Wednesday

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.

Thursday, April 27 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 28 / 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.

The Annual Peace Conference held at Golden West College is on **Friday, April 28th from 8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. in The Student Center. For more information, go to <http://www.goldenwestcollege.edu/peaceconf17>/<http://www.goldenwestcollege.edu/peaceconf17/>**

Priority Registration

Please turn in your 2017-2018 Registration forms. Your child's space will only be guaranteed upon the receipt of your registration form. Additional forms 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 Kindergartners 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. 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!



4 years old

Henry C. 4/9

Alicia 4/11

5 years old

Josslyn 4/5

Samantha A. 4/10

THANK YOU!

A big thanks to all our families who donated items for the Easter baskets for CHOC Hospital. The elementary student volunteers will be dropping them off on Monday.

Thank you for donating food for our St. Patrick's celebration. The children enjoyed making their rainbow fruit or green smoothies.

