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# Montessori

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

[www.montessorichilddevelopment.com](http://www.montessorichilddevelopment.com)

### Self Portrait T-Shirts

The entire class will be drawing their self-portraits this month.

Your child will love to wear these shirts. A sample T-shirt is displayed on the bulletin board.

The cost is \$10 each. Order forms are due by Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Say Cheese!

Teeth or no teeth (hence missing teeth from some of our Elementary students), it's time for school pictures.

Save the date for Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. If your child is not scheduled for Monday, please bring your child between 9:30 to 10:30 to have their pictures taken. There will be no makeup days for picture day.

The backdrop will be in different shades of gray. For better results, do not dress your child in gray or black clothing.



*A group of friends poses for a picture after their Lunar New Year feast.*

### Celebrate Love

Our classrooms will once again be filled with love bugs fluttering around and spreading their love throughout the month. As we celebrate Valentines Day, our school will be busy as ever. Make sure you mark your calendars for Picture Day, Presidents Day, HB cleanup community event, self portrait shirts deadline, and speech screening day.

### Events and Holidays

**Picture Day**  
**Monday, 13th**

**Valentines Day**  
**Tuesday, 14th**  
**Potluck sign up**

**President's Day**  
**Monday, 20th**  
**School Closed**

## A Girl Scout Hero



*Lauren is always eager and happy to help out.*

One of the things that we love most about Girl Scouts is the delicious and tempting cookies. These girls do so much more for our community that after getting to know one, you'll surely want to buy more cookies from them.

Enter 9 year old Lauren Drexel, a sworn Girl Scout since age 5. Her accomplishments include donating money to army troops for medical supplies and making blankets for children in foster homes. She is proud to be a Girl Scout. According to Lauren, "I feel that I am doing something good and helping others makes me feel happy." She would also like to encourage her friends to help keep Huntington Beach clean and recycle.

Way to go Lauren!

## Valentines Day Celebration

We will celebrate Valentines Day on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Children may bring Valentines cards or treats to share with their friends. Please leave the "To" section blank or write "To My Friend." Your child may sign his/her name on each card. Please do not bring any treats with peanut butter, candy, or chocolates. Toddler parents please do not bring chokeable toys. There will be a snack sign up and a special activity in the class. Please have your child dress in pink or red.



*Madison is learning to memorize the US states by working on the US puzzle map.*



*Casey is practicing his handwriting by copying words from the Blue level list.*

## Sign In and Out

Please remember to sign your child in and out of school every day. Each authorized person must have his/her own personal pin code. For example, if a grandparent or nanny is picking up, they may not use the parents pin code. Please see the office if you want to add or change pin codes. There will be a \$5.00 fine for the 1<sup>st</sup> time, \$10.00 for 2<sup>nd</sup> time, \$20.00 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, and it will double each time you forget to sign in or out. You will receive a note in your child's cubby and the fine will be added to your account.

Please ask a staff member for assistance whenever you need help signing in or out.

## President's Day Holiday

School is closed on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> in observance of Presidents Day. Have a nice 3 day weekend!

## School Spirit Day is every Friday

Your child can show their school spirit by wearing the MCDC T-shirt every Friday. A pep rally is held every first Friday of each month. We also sing the big "Happy Birthday" song to all the monthly birthday celebrants during the pep rally.

## Photo Sharing Site Up and Running

Special MCDC moments caught on camera are now available to view at [www.mcdcsharks.shutterfly.com](http://www.mcdcsharks.shutterfly.com). More pictures will be posted soon. This is a password protected site.

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## Nobel Peace Prize Nominee



Maria Montessori was nominated twice for the Nobel Peace Prize for furthering international understanding through her educational work. Her method is used today in public and private schools worldwide. She is joined by other famous Peace Prize nominees such as Mahatma Gandhi, Franklin Roosevelt, and Winston Churchill.

"The Nobel Prizes". Nobelprize.org. 2 Feb 2012 [http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel\\_prizes/](http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/)

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

This month, we will take a look back at the planets again. We will take a closer look into our own Mother Earth. We will talk about the continents, characteristics of land and water, and rocks. We will have fun mixing and matching different kinds of rocks.

We will celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Please dress your child in red or pink. A sign-up sheet will be posted for a snack.



*Nhathy is enjoying vegetables, freshly picked from our garden.*



*Piper is sorting the color tablets from darkest to lightest.*

## Primary 1: Ms. Monique & M

Love is in the air. In the month of February, we will talk about love, sharing, and kindness. Please allow your child to share any books they may have at home on the subject. We encourage you to take your child to visit the library or the bookstore. The library offers story time that your child will surely enjoy.

We will do a shoe polishing presentation on February 16<sup>th</sup>. If your child has old leather shoes we can polish, please bring them to school. We will celebrate President's Day and Valentines Day with fun projects.

Thank you to Jessica Stewart for organizing a wonderful Lunar Year celebration. The children enjoyed their food and projects.

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

We would like to thank our parents who made our Lunar New Year celebration special. The children released a lantern with their special wish. We also had fun doing our projects and eating delicious Chinese food. Thank you Melissa for sharing the lantern with the class.

This month, we will celebrate Presidents' Day. We will talk about our George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. We will also celebrate Valentine's Day. Your child is welcome to bring Valentine cards or treat for their friends. Please have your child dress in pink or red.



*Kolbe is working on adding in the thousands using the stamp game.*

## Primary 3: Ms. Nikki

We will celebrate Valentine's Day this month. Please be sure to sign up for a special snack for February 14<sup>th</sup>. We had a wonderful Lunar New Year celebration. Thank you for your contributions.

We will be studying the continent of Africa. We will talk about animals and people of Africa. We will also work on the map of Africa and learn the names of some countries. Please bring items to share on Fridays that are related to Africa, such as pictures, musical instruments, animals, or jewelry.



*Angelique is quietly reading beginner books.*

# Elementary News



*Parent volunteer, Kim, reads a story about Chinese New Year.*

The elementary class learned how to write a research report. They have been investigating their topics by reading about different sources: books, magazines, newspapers, and the internet. Since we will be studying the continent of Africa, the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be working on another research report. Each child will work on one of the countries of Africa. They will complete their research by answering the guide questions. Before the end of the month, they will complete their report by an oral presentation. The goals of the oral report are: to learn how to hold the attention of the entire audience with the use of eye contact, to be more confident and relaxed in front of the audience, to use clear voice so everybody can hear their presentation, and to demonstrate full knowledge of the content of their research by answering all questions with explanations and elaborations. The students are also expected to turn in a complete and neat research report.

For the month of February, we will be studying the continent of Africa. We will be studying the physical and political maps of Africa, its major biomes, and the Great Pyramids of Egypt. We will also be learning the achievements of some African-Americans and their contributions to society. President's day will also be celebrated to honor two of our greatest presidents. We will study the biography of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. In science, we will study human digestive system, reptiles, parts of a microscope, and plants' classifications and functions. We also have been learning the scientific method to prepare the class for the incoming science fair. In Language Arts, for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, we will continue practicing to write sentences and to identify the subject and the predicate of a sentence. We will also be learning about informational writing. They will be asked to write familiar subjects and apply what they've learned in their writing, using correct singular and plural nouns, identifying and using correct contractions, capitalization, suffixes, prefixes, antonyms, synonyms, abbreviations, compound words, and root words. The children will also continue working on practicing their comprehension strategies for informational text. They will also identify the main idea when reading for information.

## 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*

*3:00 – 4:00 Elementary Art*

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

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

# Beach Clean Up



Support our Elementary students as they continue to experience kind acts through being involved in community services. This month, they would like to invite your family to join them on Saturday, February 11 at Huntington State Beach along with the OC Coastkeeper to help pick up trash to keep our beach clean. Once you enter Magnolia, head north towards Newland and look for the Coastkeeper flag, by lifeguard tower #11. Parking is free, just tell them you are with

Coastkeeper. Don't forget your close toed shoes, hats, glasses, sunscreen and lots of water. A waiver of liability form must be signed for volunteers under 18. Please RSVP.

*Orange County Speech Services will be offering free speech screenings. If you suspect a speech delay, please sign up to have your child tested.*

*They will offer their services and provide parents with other resources for Speech therapy. There is no obligation to receive free screening.*

*Please sign up in the office.*

*thank you!*

Thank you to the Chieng family for donating a shelf and bins. Thanks to the Perlman family for the play kitchen and toys. Thanks to the Eggerling family for donating lanterns. Thank you to our parent volunteers and room moms for organizing a fun Lunar New Year celebration.

happy,  
happy  
birthday  
to you!

## 5 Years Old

Angelique 2/20

## 6 Years Old

Tyler 2/8

## 8 Years Old

Isaiah 2/6

Troy 2/15

## STAFF

Ms. Jen 2/3