

# MONTESSORI

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



### Happy Valentine's Day

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. The children may bring a Valentine note, card, or treats for their friends. To make it easier to pass out their Valentines, fill it out as "TO MY FRIEND" and "FROM (Child's Name)."

Snack will be served. Be sure to pack a lunch or order pizza. A snack sign up will be posted on the parent area in each classroom. Parents are welcome to volunteer to read a story, help set up or clean up, or do arts and crafts. Please check the sign up sheet for details or speak to your child's teacher.

To make this day more festive, be sure to dress your child in red or pink.

The festivities will start at 9:30 and end at approximately 11:00. Each class may have a different schedule, so be sure to check with the teacher if you are planning on volunteering.

### Dates to Remember

13 – Valentines Day

16 – Presidents Day  
NO SCHOOL

18 – Speech Testing

19- Lunar New Year  
Celebration

20 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field  
Trip / Griffith  
Observatory

26 – Elementary Field  
Trip / Irvine Ranch

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### Presidents Day Holiday

School is closed on Monday, February 16 to celebrate Presidents' Day.



## Speech Testing

Speech testing will be available for Toddler and Preschool students on Wednesday, February 18. If you would like to receive a complimentary assessment, be sure to turn in your permission slip by Friday, February 13.

## CSA Vegetable Box Fundraiser

Tanaka Farms delivers fresh, organic produce at the school every other Monday, except for holidays. Not only do they provide seasonal, organic and sustainably grown produce, they also give 10% of all sales back to the school. This money helps us purchase additional soil, seedlings, seeds, and other garden items.

If you would like to order a CSA box, please go to [Tanakafarms.com](http://Tanakafarms.com) and click on our school's name. Their link is also found on our website's Parents' Corner.

The cost is \$22 for a small box and \$33 for a large box. There is a \$3 delivery charge.



## Plastic Containers for Extra Clothes

To keep our cubbies organized, we would like to request parents to bring a shoe-sized plastic container for your child's extra clothes. These will keep clothes that are already in the cubbies not in contact with food and other things that are in the cubby. Please label boxes and clothes inside.

You may also place your child's bedding in a shoe sized plastic container. The bedding box will be returned on Fridays for laundry and brought back to school on Mondays.

## Spaghetti Fundraiser

Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders are looking to raise funds for their upcoming “Going Out” trip to Sacramento and San Francisco on April 4 to April 7. This trip is part of their independent study and research. They will be visiting the State Capitol, Sutter’s Fort, Marshall Gold Discovery State Park, California Museum, San Francisco Science Museum, and more.

To help, we are having a Spaghetti Fundraiser this Thursday, February 12. The lunch will be \$5 per child and the meal will include spaghetti with marinara sauce, garlic bread, and juice. Please sign-up before Wednesday so we can have a count of how many children are participating.



## Helping Hands

One of our goals in our school is to develop children’s sense of awareness in their community by contributing something small to make a big difference. This sense of awareness can be as simple as recycling to lessen pollution, respecting nature, composting to grow healthier foods, donating food and supplies to the needy, or contributing their time to make others happy. Our Montessori students have the ability to develop their sense of awareness in our community through our encouragement and examples. Learning to think of others at this very young age will help them develop compassion, generosity, and appreciation. Each month, our school strives to encourage students to become a part of the community by participating in selected charitable organizations. This month, we are collecting used clothes and shoes for the families in need in Mexico. Please drop off your items by March 2. Most importantly, please explain the significance of this contribution. Have your child to go through old clothes and shoes and have him/her decide what he/she would like to donate. Your child will appreciate giving if they understand why they give. Have your child drop off the donation and then congratulate your child for helping someone. This simple act will surely become more meaningful to your child. The children in the school will be writing notes to the children in Mexico that will be included in the donation box. Surely, this will not only make your child feel good about him/herself but will also make the children and their families appreciate that someone cares.

## Self Portrait T-shirts

Be sure to order your shirts by Friday, February 20. Orders will be sent to the printers on the 25th. These adorable and most popular shirts will only be printed and ordered once during the school year. These shirts are special ordered and the school will not be ordering any extra shirts. Drop off your form and payment in the envelope by the sign in and out computer.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

*Please let the office know if you would like your child to try out any of these activities. The instructors will let you know how your child did after the trial session. Enrollment forms are available in the office.*

### Tuesday

*Sports with Ms. Shannon at 3:00 – 3:30*

*Elementary tap at 4:30 – 5:30*

*Elementary Ballet and Tap at 3:00 – 4:00*

### Wednesday

*Tae-Kwon Do at 3:00 – 3:30*

*Pre-K tap and ballet (4-5years old) at 2:30 – 3:30*

### Thursday

*Pre- K tap and ballet (3-4 years old) at 2:30 – 3:30*

*Soccer Shots at 3:00 – 3:30*

*Elementary Tap 3:30 – 4:30*

### Friday

*Power Play Gymnastics 3:00 - 3:30*

*Preschool tap and ballet at 2:30 – 3:30*

### *On Going School Charity Projects and Donation Needs*

#### *Luke Gordon's Recycling Project*

*Bring empty cans and bottles to be recycled by Luke. He is donating 100%*

#### *Joyful Garden*

*Bring seeds, starter plants, and soil.*

#### *Tanaka Farms CSA Box*

*Fresh fruit and veggies delivered at the school. Support the CSA program. A portion of your purchase will go towards our garden.*

#### *Framing your Child's Art*

*Proceeds from this will go towards our theater program.*

#### *Scholastic Books*

*The school will earn points for all book orders.*

## Reminders

- Peanut butter or any peanut products are not allowed in school due to some children having life-threatening allergies with these products.
- Be sure to sign in and out everyday.
- Be sure to latch the gate as you enter and exit the school. Children should walk together with their parent/s when exiting the school.
- Be sure to drop off your child to a teacher. Children should never be left alone in hallways or in the classroom.
- When picking up, be sure your child says good bye to the teacher. The teacher needs to have face to face contact with the child before he/she leaves the school.
- It is still flu season and many of our students have gotten ill from it. If your child has the flu, fever, or is sick, he/she needs to be fever-free or symptom-free for **24 hours** before returning to school. Do not give your child fever reducing or cough medicine while in school.
- Please bring your child's updated immunization records.



5 years  
Carly 2/2  
Evan 2/6  
Grace R 2/7  
Nehemyah 2/18

Ms. Jen 2/3



### A Special Thank You!

to Henry Stenerson for  
donating his train set.

