

# MONTESSORI

## Child Development Center

January 2018 Newsletter

### Happy New Year!

We are excited to be back, and we look forward to a memorable 2018. We hope everyone had a restful, fun, and well-needed family time together. We are ready to tackle this new year, to learn new things, to make new friends, and to create new memories. Welcome back to MCDC!

### Thanks a Bunch!

Our holidays were so special because of all the warmth and love we received from our families at MCDC. It is always a joy being a part of your children's lives. We are grateful to you for giving us the strength to teach, the motivation to inspire children, and the drive to make a positive change in children's lives.

Thank you for your holiday wishes and generous gifts. Thank you for volunteering in our classrooms. Thank you for your support. Thank you for a wonderful 2017!

### Holiday Show

We are glad that you were able to join us in this school year's children's theater production of The Holiday Wizard of Oz. Every year, our students look forward to this event. We are so proud of all our students and all the hard work they have done.

All the wonderful things that happen on stage is a collaboration of our teachers. Ms. Anna, Ms. Ann, and Ms. Jen prepared our elementary students with their parts. All the cute singing dancing in our toddlers class and primary classes were guided by Ms. Annie, Ms. Erika, Ms. Gabby; Primary- Ms. Monique, Ms. Carina, Ms. Haidee, Ms. Jen, Ms. Nikki and Ms. Mary.

This year, we were lucky to have Mark McHargue manage our sound system and Bryan Chan and Phi Nguyen take pictures of our show. We are so grateful.

Thank you for your continued support on our theater arts program!

### Spark of Love Toy Drive

A Big Thanks to all who donated to the Spark of Love Toy Drive. Thank you to the Friedman and Lanning family for delivering the toys. Thank you and have a Happy New Year!

### Dates to Remember

Monday, January 15 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- School Closed

Friday, January 26 - Kindergarten and Elementary Information Day

Wednesday, January 31 - End of the First Semester

### Flu Season Information and Prevention

- Students who are sick should stay home from school and avoid other people until they are fever free for 24 hours and symptoms of illness are no longer present.
- **Students should stay home if he or she has a fever above 99.0, vomited, or has diarrhea**
- Inform the school if your child is sick or has the flu.
- Before returning to school, the fever should have been controlled without the aid of medicines Advil, Tylenol, or other fever reducers.
- Students should wash hands often with soap and water.
- Students should cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues or by coughing and sneezing into the inside of the elbow.
- Students should stay at least three feet away from people who are sick.

## Happy Birthday!

3 Years Old  
Bradley 1/2  
Luca 1/16

7 Years Old  
Kiera 1/27

4 Years Old  
Emma G. 1/17

9 Years Old  
Erika 1/29

5 Years Old  
Mila 1/20  
Hawaiki 1/24  
Annabelle 1/27

6 Years Old  
Austin 1/18  
Rohan 1/23



### REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Please help us by reducing the use of single-use items (disposable spoons and forks, cups, etc.) in the school. You can help by bringing non-disposable utensils, cloth napkin, and a reusable drinking bottle for your child. The less trash we use, the better it would be for future generations and the health of our planet.

### Lost and Found

We have a growing number of unclaimed jackets with no names. Please check the Lost and Found jackets in front of the office. At the end of the school year, all unclaimed jackets will be donated to Goodwill. Please label all your children's belongings so it's easy to find its rightful owner in case it gets lost.

## Making a Difference

### Small Hands, Big Hearts

We say goodbye to 2017, with memories of great times with friends at MCDC. Being a part of Montessori means so much more than just learning to read, write or do math. It means that each and every individual learns to become a positive part of society, starting with the classroom, community, then the world.

The little hands that belong to our children are our hope for a better future. With love and encouragement, these small hands with big hearts made our world a better place.

Here are some of the wonderful things they did:

- Thanksgiving baskets for the families of Orangewood Foundation
- Care packages for the Hurricane Harvey and Irma relief
- Toy collection for the Spark of Love Toy Drive.
- Penny collection for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- Spring Baskets for CHOC Hospital
- Joyful Garden and messages of peace

Thank you to all the families for supporting our charities and congratulations to our children for a job well done! We hope to achieve many more wonderful contributions in 2018

Upcoming charities in January 2018

- Fingerprint Art for Myasthenia Gravis
- St. Jude Trike-A-Thon fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

### Attendance

*Please don't forget to sign-in and sign-out your child every day. This is very important in case of an emergency. If you forgot your code, please ask the office.*

*Please inform us if your child is absent from school. You may call, leave a message, or email the school.*

### Self-portrait T-shirts are back!

The most popular school t-shirt is back. Your child will draw his or her self-portrait, and it will be printed on a t-shirt with all their friends. It's so cool, but it can only be ordered in one printing. So be sure to pre-order yours today. Forms will be sent out on January 16. Place your order forms and \$10 in the self-portrait envelope. Adult sizes are available and are great gifts for the entire family.