

# Montessori

## Child Development Center



## Parent Teacher Conference

Be sure to sign up for the 2nd term parent teacher conference. Your child achieved many goals this year and the teacher would love to share those accomplishments with you.

Please sign up in the classroom. If you are unable to attend, you may schedule a phone conference with the teacher. For phone conferences, please write your phone number next to your child's name and the teacher will call you at that time.

School will not be in session. Day care will only be available during your conference time.

Progress reports will be sent home in June.

## 2015-2016 Registration

Priority registration forms for 2016-2017 school year will be distributed on week of March 14th. Priority Registration forms are due by Friday, March 25. Current students and siblings are given priority for classroom placement. Be sure to turn your forms in before the due date to guarantee your child's space in September.

2 – Dr. Seuss' Birthday

2- Shipley Nature Center  
Elementary only

4 – Parent Teacher  
Conference (No School)

11 – Kindergarten and  
Elementary Open House

17 – St. Patrick's Day

18 - Segerstrom Theater  
Elementary only

25- Egg Hunt

25 - Priority Registration Due

March 28- April 1 – Spring  
Break (School closed)



## Kindergarten Information Night

It's that time of the year where parents have to decide where to place their children for Kindergarten. For most 2nd year Montessori students (typically 4-5 years old), the basic foundation have been presented and it is in the 3rd year (5-6 Kindergarten age) when everything they have absorbed in their two years will begin to make sense. In the 3rd year of Montessori, you will notice spontaneous reading and writing develop further, math becomes more complex and abstract, and many more academic interests become apparent. Most importantly, the 3rd year Montessori offers these students the opportunity for leadership in the classroom. They begin to teach other students and become more confident and compassionate individuals. Presented in this Parent Information Night are the Kindergarten curriculum, benefits of the 3rd year Montessori program, and requirements. Invitations have been sent out to those students eligible for Kindergarten. Please RSVP to attend.



## Elementary Information Night

This is a great opportunity for the parents of our current Kindergarten students to learn about the benefits of continuing with the Montessori system of education for the elementary level. If you have seen your child blossom and thrive during their Kindergarten year, just wait and see what they will learn in the elementary years. Elementary students are given the opportunity to explore subject areas such as history, chemistry, biology, botany, zoology, literature, to name a few. They use many tools for learning: such as doing research on a subject matter, reenacting a certain scenes in history or literature, performing numerous hands-on activities or experiments, and using the Montessori Elementary materials as a guide to understanding an abstract concept. Our goal is for the child to have a deeper understanding of a concept or area of study and to make this information meaningful to them. Not only elementary students do well in academics, but they are well versed in different areas, such as, performing in front of an audience, helping their community, playing a musical instrument, conversing and writing in Spanish. Self-confidence and a love for learning become inherent. Motivation and goodness come from within, not through token rewards or a need of praise.

If you haven't set foot in the Elementary classroom, we invite parents of our current Kindergarteners, soon-to-be-1st graders, to attend and to learn more about the Montessori Elementary program. We will discuss the elementary curriculum, requirements, work, and many Montessori materials used in the classroom. Also, at your convenience, we invite you to observe the students during work time and learn more about the class. Please RSVP for this event.

## Egg Hunt

Hippity, hoppity our little bunnies are ready for an egg hunt. We will have our egg hunt on Friday, March 25. Please bring 10 prefilled plastic eggs to school by Thursday, March 24th.

Eggs may be filled with snack items, such as, goldfish, raisins, pretzels, stickers, tattoos, etc. Please DO NOT fill with eggs with candy or foods with peanuts or nuts. Avoid chokeable items for the Toddler class.

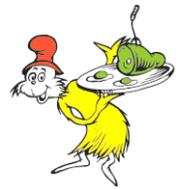
All eggs will be sent home. Parents should go through the contents of the eggs. A potluck sign-up will be posted. Volunteers are welcome to help and join in the fun.

## St. Patrick's Day Celebration

We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Thursday, March 17th. Sign-ups for our green-themed or Irish-themed snacks will be in each class. If your family is from Ireland and would like to share the beauty of the green isle or the Irish culture, dance the jig or share the gift of gab, you are most welcome to share Irish traditions. This is a fun time for our students because they love to jig, gab, and share their fondest moments of St. Patrick's Day! Please don't forget to wear green!



## SAM I AM, IT'S TIME FOR GREEN EGGS AND HAM!



MCDC will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday on Tuesday, March 2. This week of whimsy will be so much fun. If you wish to partake, come join us under the sun. We will have green eggs and ham, stories, crafts and a visit from a cat. Have your child share his or her favorite Dr. Seuss books.



## Summer Program

Summers at MCDC is always filled with so much fun. We have a different theme planned for each week. The summer registration and program will be distributed in April. Parents may sign up for the entire program or weekly with a minimum of 4 weeks. Siblings attending public school are welcome to join us for the summer. The summer program is posted on line at [www.montessorichilddevelopment.com](http://www.montessorichilddevelopment.com).

## Practical Life Information

In every Montessori class, we start by teaching children the Exercises of Practical Life. These exercises are the foundation of every Montessori class. Children gain coordination of movement, concentration, confidence, and autonomy, to name a few. If you would like to learn more about Practical Life and how to apply it daily, join Ms. Cyndi on Tuesday, March 22 at 3:30- 4:00 p.m. for an informal presentation of Practical Life.



# SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Thank you for all the families who continue to support our book club. The school earns points towards books and educational equipment. If you would like to make an online order, click [here](#).

"The greatness of the human personality begins at the hour of birth."

*Dr. Montessori*

*(The Absorbent Mind, p. 4)*



# happy birthday

## 4 YEARS OLD

MATTHEW 3/24

## 5 YEARS OLD

MASON 3/28

## 6 YEARS OLD

JULIA 3/4

KANA 3/3

RACHEL 3/8

## 7 YEARS OLD

FIONA 3/20

## 8 YEARS OLD

MADLINE 3/9

## 9 YEARS OLD

LUKE 3/8

MALIA 3/9

ELLA 3/13

## TEACHERS

MS. GABBY 3/15

MS. HAIDEE 3/17

MS. ANNA 3/19

## ON GOING SCHOOL CHARITY PROJECTS AND DONATION NEEDS

### Luke Gordon's Recycling Project

Bring empty cans and bottles to be recycled by the Luke. All proceeds used towards the Joyful Garden.

### Carly's Care Packages

Donate travel sized toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bath soap, toothbrushes, and lotions.

### Art & Fingerpaints

Fingerpaint project for Myasentha Gravis Foundation of America

### Joyful Garden Project

Garden items needed.

thank you  
TO ALL  
MCDC FAMILIES!

