

# Montessori

Child Development Center

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## EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

### Elementary Testing

April 18 to April 29

### Cinco de Mayo

Thursday, May 5

### Teacher Appreciation Week

Monday- Friday May 2-6

### Mother's Day Breakfast

Friday, May 6 at 8a.m. - 9:30 a.m. \*

### Children's Night

Friday, May 20 at 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. School closes at 12:30 p.m.

### Elementary Science Fair

Friday, May 20 at 4:00 p.m.– 5:30p.m.

### Memorial Day

Monday, May 30,  
**NO SCHOOL**

## MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

All moms and grandmoms are invited to join us on Friday, May 6 for Mother's Day Breakfast from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

A special performance will be held in the following classrooms:

Primary 1 – 8:30 to 8:45 a.m.

Primary 2 – 8:45 to 9:00 a.m.

Primary 3 – 9:00 to 9:15 a.m.\*

Elementary – 9:15 & 9:30 a.m. \*

Please RSVP for this event. Sign- ups are posted in the classroom. We hope to see you then!

## CHILDREN'S NIGHT

Join us for Children's Night on Friday, May 20.

This is a special night when the children will be showing off their work in school. They will choose their favorite work in class and present it to their parents.

School closes at 12:30 p.m. and will reopen at 4:00 p.m.

The event is from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Parents may come anytime.

## MEMORIAL DAY

The school will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

## Peace Conference

We are proud to announce that MCDC was invited to participate at the Golden West College Peace Conference on Earth Day this year. With the leadership of Ashley Vu, a MCDC graduate, she and Sarai Loyola researched about the ramifications of our “disposable culture” and created a recycled art installation, turning trash to something beautiful.

Our students were a part of this project and collected the materials used for this project. Our elementary students also helped with the lace gown.

Aside from that, all students were able to participate in creating the Peace Dove fingerprint art. This is part of our “Little Hands, Big Hearts” project. It takes one to start a change and together we can make it happen. This will be auctioned on Children’s Night and prints will be for sale during the event. If you would like to purchase a print, please pre-order. The pre-order forms will be posted.

To continue our efforts to care for our planet and become “conscious consumers”, we ask parents to bring utensils, cloth napkins, and non-disposable water containers. Let your child know that she or he is helping the earth by using less disposable materials.

## Did you know?

It takes 450 years for a plastic bottle to decompose. Only 5% of plastic bottles are being recycled; the rest goes to landfills or the ocean. Right now there are 5 islands made out plastic trash in the middle of our oceans. Birds and ocean life are eating bottle caps and other plastic debris. Let’s help our planet and the best way is to show our little ones how to care for our environment.

## ELEMENTARY SCIENCE FAIR

We would like to invite all parents and guests to our Elementary Science Fair on Friday, May 20 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The elementary students are working hard on their science experiments. They are excited to present their impressive experiments to friends and guests.

### SPECIAL PREVIEW DATE

The Science Fair will open on Thursday, May 19 for a special preview to preschool and kindergarten students. They will be visiting the Elementary class in the morning.



## Elementary Stanford & OLSAT Testing

April 18-22 and April 25-29

All elementary students will be taking the Stanford test. More information about the Stanford and OLSAT will be distributed to all elementary students. Test results will be ready in June.

YEARBOOK ORDER FORMS WILL BE PLACED IN YOUR CHILD'S CUBBY. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO TURN IN ALL ORDERS IN THE ENVELOPE LOCATED IN EACH CLASSROOM.

## Scholastic Bookfairs

Thank you to everyone who purchased books through our Scholastic Book Fair. We received points towards new books and educational materials.

Every time you purchase a book from Scholastic Books, we are able to add new books to our class library and purchase educational equipment.

Look out for the monthly Scholastic Book flyers. You can order books and special priced book packages.

## REGISTRATION FOR 2016-2017

REGISTRATION FOR NEW STUDENTS IS NOW OPEN. PLEASE BE SURE TO TURN IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND IN SEPTEMBER TO GUARANTEE YOUR CHILD'S SPACE.

## CINCO DE MAYO

We will celebrate Cinco de Mayo on Thursday, May 5 with a mini fiesta. Each classroom will have its own way to celebrate this day. Be sure to read the sign posted in each class.

Please check each class for the snack sign up.

Children are encouraged to wear their Mexican attire or anything GREEN, WHITE, and RED.

Children are also encouraged to bring things representing Cinco de Mayo or Mexico to share.



## OUR JOYFUL GARDEN & THE CHILDREN'S MINIATURE GARDEN

*"When children come into contact with nature, they reveal their strength." Dr. Maria Montessori*

Our Joyful Garden is in full bloom. The children enjoy growing all the flowers and vegetables. We recently picked kale, green onions, spinach, and Swiss chard. Celery, eggplant and cabbage are growing rapidly and pretty soon we will be able to share these, as well. Look for harvested vegetables every other Monday. They will be on the wicker basket located outside the office.

As you have noticed, we have planted some drought-tolerant plants, and they are growing in abundance. If you would like to take some jade plants, we will be giving some away. They will be outside the office.

We are still working on improving the Children's Miniature Garden. Any ideas or help would be greatly appreciated. Please let Ms. Cyndi know.

Donations for soil and other garden decorations are always welcome. The children take great care and pride of our garden.

## Lunch Warm-ups

To help us with lunch warm-ups, please pre-cook all microwavable mac-and-cheese. Thank you!

*"Do not tell them (children) how to do it. Show them how to do it and do not say a word. If you tell them, they will watch your lips move. If you show them, they will want to do it themselves."*

*Dr. Maria Montessori*

# WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

The Week of the Young Child was a fun-filled week. We started it off with a parade, then we had a week full of fun! Our field day was the perfect day to enjoy the beautiful sunshine. We played sack races, three legged races, relays, and the gigantic parachute. We invited Tennis Kids and Little Star Sports and the children had a blast trying out the different activities they offered. Looking forward to next year's Week of the Young Child.

## TEACHERS APPRECIATION WEEK



We are grateful to all our amazing teachers! This school is at its best with all our wonderful and dedicated teachers. To give our thanks, we are celebrating Teacher's Appreciation Week on May 2 to May 6.

We are collecting \$5 or any amount donation for a spa day for our teachers. This is entirely optional. If you would like to participate, please see Ms. Cyndi for the classroom envelopes. Please feel free to give your teachers a big high five, special notes, hugs, and thanks for a job well done. Please tape the special notes to the door of your child's class.



happy birthday

### 4 YEARS OLD

KEN 5/4

DYLAN 5/5

ZACHARY T. 5/5

LOGAN 5/19

### 6 YEARS OLD

ALEX A. 5/14

SYRA 5/16

AIDEN N. 5/16

### 7 YEARS OLD

MICHELLE 5/9

### 8 YEARS OLD

WYATT 5/9

PRESTON 5/25

### 9 YEARS OLD

TAYLOR 5/6

AVA F. 5/9

## Summer Registration

Summer registration is open to all starting May 1st. Summer schedule is available to all MCDC students. Please fill out your registration forms. Teachers will be vacationing this summer, so space is limited.

*"Peace is what every human being is craving for, and it can be brought about by humanity through the child."*

*Dr. Maria Montessori*

thank you

Thank you to all our parents who helped during Week of the Young Child and our Egg Hunt and party. Thanks for everyone who brought food and treats for our parties. We appreciate all your help in making our events special!

