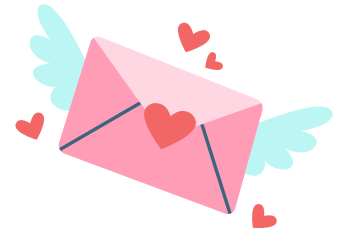




MONTESSORI

Child Development Center



FEBRUARY 2023

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE (Before and after class time)

Toddler and Elementary -
2/6-2/10

Primary 1 - 2/6 - 2/10

Primary 2 - 2/13 - 2/16

Primary 3 - 2/21-2/23

Tuesday, February 14-
VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION

Fri-Mon, February 17-20
PRESIDENTS DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)

Friday, February 24 -
KINDERGARTEN & ELEMENTARY INFO SESSION (4-5 P.M.)

MARCH

Wed- Fri, March 3/1-3/3
WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Friday, March 17
ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

TBA
ELEMENTARY SCIENCE FAIR

ATTENDANCE

Please don't forget to sign-in and sign-out your child daily. If you forget, please email the office.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Please sign-up for our 2nd Term Parent-Teacher conference. Conference dates will vary depending on your child's class.

Please do not forget to RSVP. Appointment sign-ups are in each clipboard located at the sign-in and out table in front of the school.

VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION

Love is in the Air. Our Valentine's Day celebration will be on **Tuesday, February 14**. Students can bring a homemade Valentine note or card for their friends. Please fill cards "TO MY FRIEND" and "FROM (Child's Name)."

PLEASE DO NOT SEND CANDY OR SNACKS THAT CONTAIN ALLERGENS - NUTS, PEANUTS, DAIRY, OR EGG.

A snack sign-up is posted on the clip board located in the sign-in and out table. Please bring lunch.

To make this day more festive, dress your child in red or pink. The festivities will start at 9:30 and end at approximately 10:30 a.m. The children will have a dance and exchange valentine's day cards.



ELEMENTARY AND KINDERGARTEN DAY

Parents are invited to join us for Elementary and Kindergarten Day on **February 24 from 4-5 p.m.** This is a great way to see what your child will learn when they attend out Kindergarten or Elementary programs.

PRESIDENTS' DAY

The school will be closed on **Friday, February 17 and Monday February 20** in observance of Presidents' Day.

SICK POLICY

Please continue to test for COVID when your child has COVID-19 symptoms. Please keep your child home and inform the school if your child is sick.

FREE COVID TEST KITS

MCDC partnered with OCDE to provide free at-home test kits for students. Stop by the office for your free COVID-19 kits.

MCDC IS A PEANUT-FREE SCHOOL

BIRTHDAY TREATS

Treats, cookies, or cupcakes with egg white frosting, nuts, and peanuts, are **NOT allowed** since we have several students with severe allergies.

NO CANDIES. Please provide the school with the product ingredients. Best treats with no egg, dairy, nuts, or peanuts are **ABE's School Friendly baked goods.**

Please be aware of the food allergies in each class.

PEP RALLY DAYS ARE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH. SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT AND WEAR YOUR MCDC SHIRT ON FRIDAYS!



January BIRTHDAYS

HBD!

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Evie 2/18
Emily 2/20
Theia 2/24
Thorin 2/24

4

Luca 2/7

5

Zayden 2/3
Ulysse 2/24

8

Scarlett 2/22

9

Sasha 2/10

STAFF

Ms. Jen 2/3

The Peace Table

Young children are still learning how to handle conflict. They may not have the language skills or conflict resolution skills to prevent a disagreement or a fight from happening. Dr. Montessori developed the 3 levels of obedience to help adults understand how children transition from following their instinct to using their judgement during conflicts. Children 0-5 are still drawn to their instinct and around 5-6 they tend to do the right thing, but not all the time. As they grow older and communicate better, they are able to control their emotions and come up with better solutions to resolve a conflict or a problem.

One of the tools for resolving conflict in a Montessori school is the use of the Peace Table.

What is The Peace Table?

"The Peace Table is where students can peaceably resolve their disputes independently or with the limited aid of an adult mediator. It starts at the age of 3-6.

The setup for the Peace Table is simple. A child-sized table, two child-sized chairs, and an object symbolic of peace, such as a dove figurine or olive branch (or peace rose), are the only objects required to create the Peace Table.

During this dispute between two students, the children sit facing one another at the same table. The object symbolic of peace acts as an inanimate mediator. The child who is holding the object speaks uninterrupted. The child who is not holding the object listens silently while the other child tells his side of the story. When the first child is finished telling his perspective, he hands the object to the second child. It is now the second child's turn to listen silently. The object is passed back and forth between the two children until the disagreement between them is resolved. At first, this simple turn-taking system may require help from an adult.

Over time, adult help should become less necessary as students' verbal communication skills and independence blossom. Eventually, all children in the at school should be able to resolve their disagreements independently or with minimal adult guidance."

The Peace table also provides a calming space for children, as they learn to reflect, listen, and use the tools for a peaceful conflict resolution. If you would like to learn more about The Peace Table, please check out the book, *The Peace Table* by Mary Da Prato.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club Catalogs are sent home each month. Deadline to order is every 20th of each month. Our class code is **HR7ZJ**.

YEARBOOK ORDERS

We are still taking yearbook orders. We have 10 yearbooks left. Please fill out your form and bring it to the office.



Click to learn more about [Modeling Manners, Not Pushing Them.](#)

SOCCER SHOTS THURSDAYS AT 11:30 A.M.

CLICK THIS LINK TO SIGN UP. OC SOCCER SHOTS



After-School ACTIVITIES

PIANO, UKELELE, AND GUITAR WITH MR. TAYLOR. TO SCHEDULE: EMAIL AT TGL@TAYLORSGUITARLESSONS.COM OR CALL (714) 398-2638

WEBBY DANCE - MONDAYS AT 2:30-3:00

need to contact us?
mcdsharks@gmail.com
714-377-5779

YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

DUE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

COST \$25

Name of Child: _____

of books: _____

The deadline for yearbook order is on Monday, January 30th.

No late orders will be accepted.

We are only ordering yearbooks for those who turned in the form. To get your copy, be sure to fill out this form.

(Please attach your payment to this form.)

Ck # _____ Amount _____

Cash Payment
