

# Newsletter

December 2006, Volume 7, Issue 4

McMinnville



## Note from the Board

Dear Families,

We are taking the steps towards putting an addition onto our existing building, to be constructed over the summer in time for September of 2007. We are sketching out with the staff how the additional space will be utilized, and just beginning to get general bids for the cost of the work. This will be the main topic of our next board meeting and everyone is welcome to attend.

Meanwhile, mark your calendars for our Valentine's Day, Winemaker's Dinner at Evergreen Museum night in February! The Parent organization is creating some outstanding plans for this event and hope for a great turnout and fundraising profit. Our fundraising efforts will directly help support our planned addition. So enjoy it with your Valentine, and your kids will benefit as well!

The board meets next on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday at 5:30, at school. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact any of us on the Board.

See you at the Winter Celebration on December 14<sup>th</sup>, Sylvia has a great program planned.

Joy to you and your family this Holiday Season. Have a safe and enjoyable winter break.  
Kim Sapunar

### Calendar of Events:

Zoolights (outside sch)	Dec 9
Winter Celebration	Dec 14
Half Day of School	Dec 15
Winter Break begins	Dec 18
School Begins	Jan 2

## Winter Celebration!

Our Winter Celebration takes place December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm, at the First Christian Church on Brooks Street (down the street from school). Our children will be performing under the graceful tutelage of Sylvia Stater.

This is a premier school event, come see your children perform in concert.

**DON'T MISS IT!**



## Parent Organization News

### Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is a yearly opportunity to help the classrooms with your donation of specific items that our teachers and staff would like to see added to each room.

Your participation in the Giving Tree directly and immediately supports your kid's activities each day. Please take a moment to see what you may be able to donate to our school this year. Pick the tag of your choice and include it with a check and leave in the office.

The Giving Tree is in the Foyer.

### Spirit of Giving

Each year, our school supports a local giving program for the holidays.

This year McMinnville Montessori will again share the joy of the holiday season with Reflections House, a home run by the Yamhill County Chemical Dependency Program for women in recovery. The Criminal Justice System refers some women, some from the Oregon Department of Human Services after their children have been placed in foster care, some are self-referrals. Many of the women have been victims of domestic violence. The women may live at Reflections as long as they are in treatment with the county. Some of the children live with their mothers at the house, some visit on the weekends. They will all be together at some point during the holidays and will truly benefit from our generosity.

There is a poster in the foyer, please sign up for whatever items you will be purchasing. All gifts should be wrapped (don't forget the name tag) and returned to the school by Friday, December 15th.

Children giving to children in need, families giving to families in need. What better way to get in the holiday spirit!

### Zoo Lights

The zoo comes alive in lights! Come enjoy our wildlife winter wonderland.

We would like to schedule an out-of-school event for Saturday, December 9th (5:00-8:30pm). MMS group will meet at 5:30pm near admission gates.

Every year the Oregon Zoo has a display throughout the park called ZooLights. You can walk and/or ride a train throughout the park enjoying the wonderful holiday lights. A minimum of 20 people qualify for a group rate admission. Rates are listed below.

#### Group Rates:

Senior (65+) - \$6.40

Adult (12-64) - \$7.60

Youth (3-11) - \$5.20

Infant (under 3) - FREE

Rates include train ride. We would like to purchase tickets in advance to avoid lines and such. If you are interested, please contact me by email or phone.

PLEASE RSVP TO TAMMY IMMEDIATELY IF INTERESTED!

### Small Hands Catalog

If your interested in purchasing Montessori inspired items for your home, the *For Small Hands* catalog is located in the foyer on the white shelf.

“Our care of the children should be governed not by the desire to ‘make them learn things’, but by the endeavor always to keep burning within them the light which is called intelligence.”

–Dr. Maria Montessori

## Music

The Elementary class sang at Hillside Retirement center to an enthusiastic crowd. They performed beautifully, and as always, the children greeted and introduced themselves to the residents.

## Donation Thank You!

We received a \$400 check from Intel for hours volunteered. This is matching program for Intel employees, a wonderful benefit for the school. Thank you Intel Parents Julie Donnelly and Subha Pathial.

We received a \$20 check/donation from Delia and Dave Hammond.

Thank you to Kishore Pathial for facilitating a direct donation from the Willamette Medical Center.

We appreciate all the support that comes into the school each and every day. Thank you for your efforts.

## Fall Clean Up

Many thank to those that showed up for the Fall clean-up. They were Brad Kelley, Jack Grell, Linda Scherf-Gardner, Jenny Morrison and her Daughter, and Jen Robertson.

## Shop ONLINE?

Try [www.schoolpop.com](http://www.schoolpop.com) first, pick McMinnville Montessori and your purchases will benefit the school!

We would like to thank all Parents who participated in the Parent/Teacher Conferences. It was a pleasure chatting with you all. This has been a wonderful school year so far, and many thanks for all your support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either of us. As always, parents are welcome to observe the classroom anytime. Let us know when you'd like to come for a visit.

Thanks again,  
Maria and Leslie

Please check your parent folder regularly at school. This is where newsletters, updates, and school info is given out to parents. Folders are located next to the bulletin board and the sign out list.

*The basket in the Foyer has our small but useful collections of book on Montessori Schooling and the Montessori Method. Books are available for borrowing; just leave you name on the index card in the envelope in the basket.*

**McMinnville Montessori**

1101 Brook St.  
McMinnville, OR 97128

**Phone:**  
(503) 434-5081

**E-Mail:**  
[mcmont@viclink.com](mailto:mcmont@viclink.com)

**Website:**  
[www.mcminnvillemontessori.com](http://www.mcminnvillemontessori.com)

We are a 501 ( c ) (3) non-profit

**Cultivating the Desire  
to Learn**

---

*Please contribute to future newsletter issues.  
Contact Kim Sapunar with your ideas and  
articles.*

**Board Members:**

Kim Sapunar [k.Sapunar@comcast.net](mailto:k.Sapunar@comcast.net)  
Bob Suchy [boblaw@viclink.com](mailto:boblaw@viclink.com)  
Amanda Marshall [amanda.marshall@state.or.us](mailto:amanda.marshall@state.or.us)  
Dave Larmouth: [DLarmouth@westernoregonwaste.com](mailto:DLarmouth@westernoregonwaste.com)  
Brad Kelley [kellyb21@wildblue.net](mailto:kellyb21@wildblue.net)

**Parent Organization Officers:**

Leslie Kelley [lettykelley@wildblue.net](mailto:lettykelley@wildblue.net)  
BJ Larmouth [bjlarmouth@hotmail.com](mailto:bjlarmouth@hotmail.com)  
Linda Scherf-Gardner [lindasmcm@yahoo.com](mailto:lindasmcm@yahoo.com)  
Andrea Bauer

**Staff:**

Maria Eustrom [eustrom@yahoo.com](mailto:eustrom@yahoo.com)  
Leslie Scott [iandiana@earthlink.net](mailto:iandiana@earthlink.net)

**School email:** [mcmont@viclink.com](mailto:mcmont@viclink.com)

McMinnville Montessori School  
1101 Brooks Street  
McMinnville, OR 97128

