

Newsletter

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McMinnville



Note from the Board

Dear Parents,

We have two great events this month, first on May 20th, we have our Parent/Child Tea. This is your opportunity to be shown around the classroom by your resident expert, your child. Get to see their perspective of their work, and experience the range of activities they experience each day. If you haven't had a chance to enjoy this event before, please make plans to come. I'm always impressed by the earnest and detailed explanations that the kids give to their parents. Don't miss it!

Our second stellar event this month is the school production of A Midsummer's Nights Dream. Our kids are working hard on their upcoming performances, costumes and props. The production is Thursday, May 24th, and open for friends and family to come. In fact, the Parent Organization has decided not to sell tickets to encourage everyone the opportunity to attend. (Happy to take a donation at the door, but no ticket required).

I look forward to seeing families at both events this month.

The Board is finalizing the extension plans for the school. Plans are for construction over the summer months. The plans are to add 700 square feet along the east side of the school (Primary Classroom), re-floor, re-roof, and paint the building. We plan on doing this work as economically as possible. That of course leads us to the general request for **FREE labor**. Well, if you are interested in working on the project this summer, we would be happy to have your help. There will be some cleaning and setting up, some simple work, some backbreaking work, and some skilled work, plenty to go around. What we can economize on in terms of labor, we will be able to apply towards the materials and improvements of

Calendar of Events:

Parent Child Tea	May 20
School PLAY!	May 24
No School	May 28
Elementary Trip	June 4 - 6
Board Meeting	June 6

the school. For example, we would like to put in wood flooring through out the whole school, rather than carpeting, or just carpeting the new addition. If you're interested in lending a hand, please let Brad Kelley know (kellyb21@wildblue.net), or email the school (mcmont@viclink.com). We'll keep you up to date on progress and opportunities to come help out.

We are happy to have parents attend our meetings at any time, whether you have a concern or question, or are just interested in hearing what is being discussed. Board meetings are always the first Wednesday of the month, at 5:30, held at school. If you are unable to attend a meeting, but have questions or comments, please feel free to email or phone any board member. We use email on a regular basis to communicate amongst the board, and to hear input from parents and bring their ideas to the meetings.

Thank you parents for your continued support of our school.

Kim Sapunar

Scholarships:

Each school year there are a few scholarships that are available through the school. These are anticipated financial discounts that have been incorporated into the annual budget. These may include tuition discounts, fee waivers, or payment plans. If you are interested in applying for financial assistance for the 2007-2008 school year, please pick up a financial form from the office.

Please submit the completed form by June 15th. They will all be reviewed at the board meeting the first week of July. All requests are confidential. Scholarship discounts are given based on several factors including a family's financial need, and their length at the school. The board tries to accommodate as many requests as possible within the structure of the projected budget. Both Elementary and Primary requests are accepted.

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with your teachers, or any member of the board.

Parent Child Tea

Don't miss Parent/Child Tea!
May 20th, Sunday!
1 to 3 pm

This is your child's opportunity to show you the classroom from their perspective. Get out a rug, see their notebooks, and receive a lesson. It is a wonderful way to have a hands-on Montessori experience from an expert - --- your child!

News from the Parent Organization



Dear Parents,

One last big hooray! A Midsummer Night's Dream will be performed by the children Thursday, May 24th at 5:30pm at the First Christian Church. All the kids have been working hard and are excited to be putting on such a big production so they look forward to presenting it to a big audience. Please remember that each parent is responsible for their child's costume. If you are unable to provide one please let Tammy know so that we can get something put together for your child. Also please let Tammy or I know if you will be unable to attend that night so that we can work around your child not being in the ensemble. I look forward to seeing you there.

Coming in your boxes soon will be nomination forms for Parent Organization elections. Please list anyone you would like to see as an officer for next year or even yourself if you are interested in working for our wonderful school.

Thank you for all your participation this year, it all goes back to your children so any little bit helps.

Leslie Kelley - PO President

"The child is truly a miraculous being, and this should be felt deeply by the educator."

-Dr. Maria Montessori

News of All Sorts

Teacher Appreciation Week



This week is Teacher Appreciation Week, kisses and hugs to our teachers! We love you and REALLY appreciate what you do each and every school day!

Spring clean up

BIG THANKS to all the families who helped out on our clean up day, April 14th. The grounds look great! Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

SPECIAL THANKS

Many Thanks to Subha Pathial for representing Intel during National Engineers Week! The Extended Day and Elementary received wonderful presentations which peaked their curiosity about science and engineering.

Maria would like to thank all the parents who volunteered to drive for swimming this year. It is greatly appreciated.

Ongoing Fundraiser Information:

Box Tops and Labels: Bring in your tops and labels anytime and put in the collection boxes under the parent folders. Box Tops bring 10 cents each, labels allow us to choose equipment & supplies

Ink Jet Cartridges: The school gets \$2.00 for each cartridge! Bring in your empties anytime. Collection box is under parent folders.

Washington Mutual: If you use a Washington Mutual ATM, they will donate directly to the school every time you use your card. See the website: www.wamoolaforschools.com for more info. Best part, It costs you NOTHING!

Schoolpop.com: This is a website where you can pick the school you want to support. Just pick McMinnville Montessori (once, when you sign up). Then, if you Internet shop, go to www.schoolpop.com FIRST, and then click on the store website you want to go to, and a percentage of your purchase will directly come to the school. This does NOT cost you extra. You shop just as you would through the store's website, they give a percentage back because you came through Schoolpop first. This site is a gateway to over 300 websites including, nordstroms.com, gap.com, officedepot.com, staples.com, landsend.com, and barnesandnoble.com just to name a few. Family can support the school while they do their own shopping.

Verizon Long Distance: Verizon now has a program where they will donate 5% of your long distance spending to the school of your choice. Call 1-888-215-5717 to sign up for "Extra Credit for Schools".

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