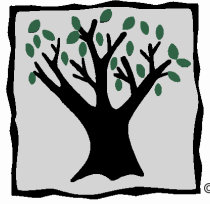


COMMUNITY MONTESSORI



News and Events Update for 9/04/09

Monday, September 7th – Labor Day No School School will resume on Tuesday, September 8th

And the Magnolia Room (Elementary) takes the early lead...

Boy, are these kids excited! I think every child in the elementary classroom has "Box Top Radar" operating at full-tilt! A cry of glee can be heard as someone in the classroom finishes off a box of Kleenex and another Box Top is found! Just yesterday, I saw one classmate give another a joyous pat on the back when he heard that 7 Box Tops have been brought in! They are in it for the ice cream---and for the school!

May we encourage you and your CMS student to also be on the look-out for Box Tops in your vicinity? Each Box Top you clip off of packaging before recycling or disposing of it is worth \$.10 to CMS!!! If each family were able to contribute 10 Box Tops per week (i.e., \$1.00), the school would be generating \$75.00+ dollars per week or \$300.00 per month--or \$2700 for the year!

Designate a small basket or cup to collect your Box Tops. Encourage all family members to turn on their "Box Top Radar"! And then send them to CMS each week. Mrs. Hany would love for us to place them in a baggie and note our family name and child's classroom. She'll take care of the rest!

Remember, Box Top earnings, SCRIPS earnings and Campbell's Soup Labels will all add up to BIG rewards for CMS! The class generating the most in each 3-month period will earn an Ice Cream celebration!!! Won't it be exciting to see who wins first?...

Hayride on October 2nd = BIG Fun for the ENTIRE family!

Our hayride this Fall at Smith Family Farms will kick off a school year of great family FUN!

Please mark your calendars to reserve the Friday, Oct. 2nd event date and turn in your RSVP form and payment to the CMS office by Fri., Sept. 11th. ALL family members are invited and welcome to attend--parents, students, siblings, grandparents--you get the idea--bring everyone!

Cost is \$10.00 per person with a \$50 maximum charge per family (meaning anybody in your family after person #5 is FREE!!!). You are certainly welcome to invite friends-- they can find an RSVP form on our website under "Parent Resources"--"School Activities".

Fee includes the hayride, petting farm, CORN MAZE, fire pit for roasting hotdogs and smores and great socializing! We also ask each family to bring in an item for the Pitch-In (side dish or dessert). We'll be having one of our famous 50/50 Raffles (buy a ticket for \$5.00 and you could take home half the pot in CASH!) and our famous chili contest!

You may have heard of our nationally famous chili contest???--OK, it may not be nationally known, but it sure is known amongst the CMS community--yummy results and lots of pride for the winner! Please note on your registration form if you'd like to participate!

I'm really hoping the date is free on your family calendar and we'll see on October 2nd for the Hayride!

Extra-Curricular Offerings--it's not too late!

Please know that if your child missed the start of one of our extra-curricular offerings--in most cases, it's not too late! Please call the office to see about registering your student for:

- Jump Bunch (Mondays after school)
- Jump Into Motion Dance (offered most days during your child's recess or after the noon dismissal)
- Young Rembrandt's Art (Thursdays, starting 9/10)
- Musik Garten by Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy (Wednesdays after school starting 9/9)
- Beginning Spanish with Senora Turner (starting 9/14 or 9/15 depending on half-day or full-day)

Do you or your spouse GOLF?

Kate Bender, a member of our fantastic CMS Fundraising Team, is beginning to etch out the plans for a CMS Golf Outing in late April/early May 2010. If you would be interested in golfing--or even bringing a four-some, we would like to hear from you! We are try to get an idea of how many might be interested in participating so that accurate reservations can be made. Consider asking your child's grandparents, neighbors, friends, your co-workers--all golfers welcome! Please email Mrs. Hany in the office and let her know! Her email is: office@cmsindiana.org . Plans currently include a 1pm Shot-Gun start on a Friday followed by a VERY fun dinner where spouses and friends are encouraged to attend. We're even hoping to have a band...!!!

Register for SCRIPS and help CMS!

It takes all our hands and hearts to keep our dear CMS functioning at its best! I'm hoping you've had some time to consider how your family might participate with our SCRIPS effort this year.

Would you consider using SCRIPS all year long for ONE of your shopping destinations? Maybe gas purchases? Maybe groceries? Maybe you can't resist the adorable clothing choices for your student??? Please take the time this long weekend to register at: www.shopwithscrips.com on-line. You can place a SCRIPS gift card order (from a TON of different shopping destinations!) from the ease of your computer and pay either with a debit card on-line (Presto Pay) or by check in the front office.

When I was registering our family this past weekend and choosing our gift cards, I was very interested to see the different percentage amounts the various stores/companies were offering to donate to CMS! The higher the percentage, the more inclined I was to purchase a gift card from that company. I'm still focused on using SCRIPS for our gas and grocery purchases this school year, but I felt good purchasing a few extra cards that offered high donations to our school!

Also, because my parents live in the area and I'll be able to get them their gift cards in person, I passed on our CMS registration code to them so they can help CMS via SCRIPS!

Did you know Maria Montessori considered the Outdoor Environment a valuable part of the "classroom"?

We did! And, we're excited that to start our 3rd school year in our great facility, we are "breaking ground" for our all-school Outdoor Garden! Many thanks to Mrs. Ashley, the Directress of the Sycamore room, for the sharing of her expertise in landscape design and gardening! Please listen for calls to contribute to this valuable part of our school in the coming weeks--we'll need labor (a great way for the outdoor enthusiast to put in some volunteer hours!), paving stones, special "found" rocks, plants, dirt, mulch and more! We want this to be an area for our Primary students to explore and discover, stretch their legs and reap a harvest (yes, a grape arbor is included in the plans!). Our elementary students can look forward to finding REAL examples of their botany studies right in their CMS backyard! If you'd like to be involved, let us know and we'll be sure to call on you in the very near future!

Help us advertise our wonderful CMS!

CMS Spirit Wear is ready to be ordered! Please see examples of our offering flying high along the front porch (on sunny days!) and on display in the Multi-Purpose room. You can also take your time to examine the offerings on-line on our CMS website. Simply click on _____ to see photos of our CMS Spirit Wear that corresponds to the Order Form. Send in your form and payment and we'll guarantee delivery in time to sport your CMS pride at the October 2nd All-School Hayride! Both child-size and adult-size CMS Spirit Wear available! Might make a great gift for your student's grandparent...?

Are you using www.Goodsearch.com as your Internet search engine?

I am! And, I'm not alone--as of this writing, 185 searches have been done by CMS families--and we've earned a penny for each one! Thank you to each of you helping in this simple, yet important way!