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Thursday Jan. 10th-6PM:
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Tuesday, Jan. 15th-9AM:
Substitute Training

Wednesday, Jan. 16th-6PM:
The Transition Series: The Children's House Experience.
This session is geared towards all families looking to understand more fully the invaluable benefits of this culminating experience for their child. Learn more about the philosophy behind the 3-year cycles of Montessori education. Perfect for families of our oldest toddlers, but great for all toddler parents!

Wednesday, Jan. 30th-6PM:
The Transition Series: The Elementary Experience:
Lower through Upper.
We are combining our Lower elementary and Upper Elementary sessions into a combined session to highlight the exciting curriculum and continuity of the Lower and Upper Elementary experiences. While geared toward our rising

Financial Aid Information

APPLICATIONS DUE
FEBRUARY 4th

The Financial Aid program was created to assist families with tuition in the form of need-based grants. Our school is committed to supporting those families who cannot meet the full expense of current tuition rates. The Financial Aid Committee is dedicated to distributing these funds to as many eligible families as possible who desire an authentic Montessori education for their children. The distribution is determined yearly, based on the number of applicants and the amount of money that the school has allocated for aid. The actual amount distributed per family may change year to year based on the need of the applicants and the budgetary restraints of the School. Award of aid one year does not guarantee future aid, but previous recipients are given priority.

The financial aid allocation is decided by the Financial Aid Committee and the Head of School.

The Parents' Financial Aid Statement and results are considered private and confidential information by The Montessori School. The information is used only to determine your family's need for assistance in offsetting the cost of tuition.

Please click on link below or contact Liz Meadows for more information.

Deadline for submitting applications is February 4th, 2013. Click here for more information.

Important January Parent Discussions:
"The Transition Series"

January is dedicated to the richly integrated continuum of Montessori education, from Toddler through Upper Elementary and its preparation for life. The January parent discussions will focus on the
Lower Elementary and rising Upper Elementary families, this session will be informative and inspiring for all wanting to learn more about the Elementary experience, meet our Elementary faculty and explore the Elementary environments.

**Above Events will have Childcare available. Please click here to reserve a space with the office.**

**Monday, Jan. 21st**

**NO SCHOOL**

**Friday, Jan 25th-9AM**
Community Sing
All families and friends are welcome to join us in sing!

Looking Ahead ....

**Thursday, Feb. 7th-6PM**
Life beyond Montessori: An Alumni Testimony Night.
Join us for a Montessori testimony night featuring TMS alumni’s. Come hear from Montessori grads of how a Montessori education has benefited them.

**Thursday & Friday, Feb. 14th-15th**
Parent/Teacher Conferences.
Please mark your calendars for our mid-year conferences. This is our second of three formal yearly conferences, intended to provide a vital touch point for teachers and parents to discuss your child’s progress and what lies ahead during the Spring semester. Note that there will be no written progress reports preceding this conference.

Welcome New Families!

**Toddler 1**
Neel Bhonde
Ezra Acevedo

**Toddler 2**
Kennedy Auman

**Children’s House 2**
Aditi Sakhamuri
Bodie Anderson

The following sessions will focus on the exciting experiences of that "next level" and how that level builds upon the previous. At each session you will have the opportunity to meet our gifted faculty, visit beautifully prepared environments and ask all those burning questions about what's in store for your child at that level.

Our final Session, *Life After Montessori: An Alumni Testimony Night, on February 7th* will feature some of our own TMS alumni as well ad some older Montessori Alumni, and will focus on the preparation that a Montessori Education provided these young people.

While most appealing will be the sessions that highlight the next level or experience for your child, you are welcome to attend any and all sessions.

For more details about these sessions please review the January parent discussions listed under "calendar items". We look forward to seeing you at these exciting and important events.

**Update on Children’s House Sunrise/Sunset Program**

The Children's House Before and After school programs, now referred to as Sunrise and Sunset programs, are currently full. We have limited opportunities for drop-ins in our Sunset (afterschool) program. Drop-ins for the afternoon can only be accommodated when contracted participants are absent, which we will not be able to confirm until the morning of. If you are in need of a drop-in spot for our Sunset program, please email Shauna the morning of and she will let you know if there is availability. Thank you.
We are so happy to have you & your families at TMS!