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The Montessori School
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Thoughts From your Head

As you may remember, tonight is our parent information discussion, Life After Montessori: An Alumni Testimony Night, our final in our series.
on the continuum of Montessori education. I want to take another opportunity to invite all, who can, to join us. I must say that I am particularly excited about tonight's event, as it has allowed me to reconnect with some of my former students (now young adults) who will be joining us, and to connect with some of our own TMS alumni. When planning tonight's event the familiar expression, "The proof is in the pudding," kept ringing in my head, as I have often lightheartedly referred to Montessori Alumni as Our Pudding. While the intent of this expression is pretty clear, I began wondering how this strange, nonsensical expression came to mean that the quality of something is unknown until it is tested, or, "I'll believe it when I see it." So I decided to do a little research. After a quick search I found that this is actually a somewhat cannibalized version of the original, "The proof of the pudding is in the eating," which makes much more sense. Now, however, with this new insight I will need to adjust my pun.

But for now, I'll end with a warm invitation to come and get a taste of what a Montessori Education means for our children' future from the alumni themselves. Hope to see you all tonight.

Truly,

Jon

2011-12 Annual Fund

Thank you to all the families and individuals who have already given so generously to this year's Annual Fund. This is the perfect time to send your donation in - its never too early to start logging your charitable tax donations for 2012! We would also be very happy to send information to grandparents and other interested family members. Please send that information to the office!

Help us accomplish our mission of fostering intellectual curiosity, a passion for excellence, a commitment to serving others and a life-long love of learning for all our students with a 100% participation rate. Thank you for your support.

February Parent Discussion

Life After Montessori: An Alumni Testimony Night

Join us for a Montessori testimony night featuring TMS alumni as well as some older Montessori Alumni as they discuss what a Montessori Education provided them.

February 2nd-6PM

Please reserve child care by 4PM of this day!

ENROLLMENT 2012-2013

On Monday March 1st contracts for the 2012-13 academic year will be mailed to all current families with students eligible for re-enrollment, and any of their siblings for whom applications have been received and spaces are currently available. These contracts will be due Thursday, March 15th with enrollment fees, to secure the space/s offered. Please note that spaces cannot be guaranteed for those contracts received after this date.

If you have a younger child that you are interested in enrolling for the 2012-2013 school year, he or she MUST have an application on file to be considered for placement. Please email office for an application. On March 19th, open enrollment begins, when contracts will start being
Donate your favorite bottle of wine to the front desk for our Gala wine activity. All donations needed by March 23rd.

**Workshare Opportunities (2012 GALA)**

We are in need of **one Parent Volunteer per class** to help organize and assist with the Gala classroom projects. If you would like to be a part of this fun activity please email Lauren Ashby at Laurenashby1@gmail.com.

We also need parents to be a part of our **Gala acquisitions committee** and we are looking for a **D.J.** to spice up our event. If interested please contact the office.

**SAVE ME A SEAT**

We would like to know your intention for next semester. If you have not already, please fill out and return the "Save me a seat" form or email MaryBeth Brandon whether your intention is to reenroll, undecided, or not reenroll. Thank you for your help and support.

**Future Montessori Student Born!**

Nico Tai Elliott was born to parents Yen and Brian Elliott and sisters Keira (CH2) and Lela (T1) on January 27th, weighing in at 7 lbs, 14 ounces.

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**2012-13 Financial Aid Information**

**APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 15th**

Recipients to be notified March 1st. If you have any questions please contact Liz Meadows, Business Manager at 766-5550 ext. 103.

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Thanks to all the parents who have supported the library through Scholastic so far this school year.

For our new families and parents who have not yet registered with Scholastic, click the link below, click "Parent" then click "Register" in the "First Time Here" box to create your account, using this activation code: GN4H4.

Please contact me at jlaymd@yahoo.com if you have questions or need assistance.

Deadline for ordering is the 28th of each month, so you have plenty of time, but don't put it off!

-- Jessica Lay (William's mom in LEL 1)

[www.scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs)

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**Sixth Year Community Service Project**

As part of our sixth-year community service project, we are helping animals (mostly cats) through the 4Paws organization. 4Paws helps stray and abandoned animals by providing shelter, food, adoption services. It is a "no kill" rescue organization which means they do not euthanize their animals. According to the Humane Society, three to four million pets are killed each year. We are going to help twice a month at 4Paws. We will be promoting awareness about the organization, collecting donations and working
and measuring 20 inches long. Welcome to the world Nico, we can't wait to meet you!

directly with the animals. Currently, 4Paws needs donations of cat and kitten food (Purina products). We will collect the food here at school and take the donations with us to the 4Paws Adoption Center which is located inside Petsmart on Hanes Mall Blvd. Any donations of food are appreciated.

Sincerely,
Josh and Andrew
6th year students

http://www.adoptapet.com/adoption_rescue/69699.html

SAVE THE DATE
TMS Gala/Auction

Come help us celebrate the
MONTESSORI TREASURES
of our community

April 20, 2012
at the newly renovated WinMock at Kinderton

If you are interested in helping through volunteer and/or sponsorship, please contact the office.