Community Update
The Montessori School
April 2014

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DATES TO REMEMBER
Monday 4/7
SCHOOL RESUMES

Thurs.-Fri. 4/11-4/12
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(See Article)

Fri. 4/18
NO SCHOOL
(Good Friday)

Tuesday 4/22
Individual Portraits
TODDLERS ONLY

Wednesday 4/23
Classroom Portraits
ALL LEVELS
*(Make up for those
who missed
individual portraits
in fall)

Wednesday 4/23 6PM
Community Meeting
Contact office if you have
any items you wish to add to the
agenda. Child care available with

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE
2014 Montessori Gala
Saturday, May 3, 2014
7pm-11pm
Come celebrate our 40th Anniversary and Gala
at The Atrium at Wake Forest Biotech Center.
Enjoy a spectacular evening of dinner, dancing,
open bar, music, and silent and live auctions.
Purchase tickets online at www.wsmontessori.org
or at the front desk.

2013-14 ANNUAL FUND
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE ALREADY
**2014-15 Children’s House Openings**

Do you know a family who would benefit from a Montessori education like your family has? We still have some openings in our Children's House Program for 2014-15. Please encourage your friends and colleagues to contact Trish Corbett, Director of Admissions, or provide Trish with their contact information so she can reach out to them. Thanks for your support in helping TMS grow and continue to make a positive difference in the lives of families and our community.

**TMS Sponsors Piedmont Earth Day Fair**

Saturday, April 27th, 10am-5pm

TMS is proud to be a sponsor for the 2014 Piedmont Earth Day Fair. TMS shares with the event's host, Piedmont Environmental Alliance, a common passion and commitment to inspiring others to make environmentally sound choices. We will have an information booth highlighting our efforts to instill a reverence for the earth and sense of stewardship for the environment and will also host an exciting activity for all ages, Seed Balls. Hope you and your family will come join the fun.

**SPRING GARDEN/PLANTING DAYS**
**FRIDAY, APRIL 11 & SATURDAY, APRIL 12**

Come enjoy the fun as we spend time together and give back to our land. Our focus will be working on classroom backyards and prepping our campus for the summer.

**Schedule:**
*Plant Sale:* Mon. 4/7-Fri. 4/11
*Mondat, April 7th*
2:30-4:00
*Tues., 4/8-Fri., 4/11
8:15-9; 11:30-12:15 AND 2:30-4:00
*Garden Day with your child:* Friday 8:45AM-12:00PM
*Planting Day:* Saturday 9:00AM-3:00PM

**2014-15 Placements**

As we near the final steps in the re-enrollment process, I wanted to share with you the thoughtful process we undertake relative to the placement of students who are transitioning to the next level in our school (e.g., moving from Toddler to Children’s House, Children’s House to Lower Elementary).

Children rising in level is a big milestone in a Montessori community. It signals that these students are developmentally ready for a new classroom environment, one that offers new academic and social opportunities. Because our spiraling curriculum builds on all the learning of the previous level and due to the consistency with the Montessori curriculum, students generally transition easily.

We want each child to continue to thrive at TMS so our admissions committee takes a very deliberate approach to student placement. We start with the end in mind: creating an optimal learning environment for all the children. We strive to have 'balanced' classes, taking...
If you would like to volunteer to help with the TMS booth please contact AnnaMarie Edwards. This is a fun work-share opportunity.

into account age, gender, learning styles, classroom dynamics, etc. We find that the care we take in this process yields classrooms where the entire community thrives, individually and collectively.

The families who have rising students received placement information prior to spring break. Early placement provides the opportunity for rising students to visit their new classrooms during the spring, supporting a smooth transition when the new school year starts.

Thank you for your continued involvement and enthusiasm. As always, the administrative staff and faculty are available to discuss any questions you may have.