Community Update
The Montessori School
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DATES TO REMEMBER
Thurs-5/15 6 pm
Community Meeting*

Fri-5/16 6 pm
TMS Spring Picnic

Mon-5/26
Memorial Day - School closed

Fri-5/30 12-4 pm
Upper Elementary Carnival

Sun-6/1
Tuition Deposits Due

Wed-6/4 1 pm
TMS Graduation

Thurs-6/5
Last Day of School
Early Release-12pm pick-up

Thurs/Fri-6/5-6/6
Parent/Teacher Conferences

*Contact office to add items to the Community Meeting agenda. Child care is available, please make your reservation by noon 5/14/14.

2014 Montessori Gala
Thank you to all the parents and friends who attended our 40th Anniversary celebration and helped make it such a huge success! This is one for the record books:

- over 200 guests
- over 20 sponsors contributing over $10,000 in gifts
- over $45,000 raised!

Thanks to co-chairs Shon Gilmore & Shauna Quiroz and all the committee members for creating such a wonderful TMS event! Thanks to all of our sponsors. Special thanks to Carolinas Pain Institute & The Center for Clinical Research, LLC (presenting sponsors) and Catch a Spark Photography (lead sponsor).

Summer Ventures 2014
Summer is right around the corner! Register now for TMS's amazing summer camps. Elementary students can invite a neighborhood friend to register and join in the fun. Don't delay...the fun is unlimited but the registration time is not! Click here for all the details!
**TMS Baby News!**

Our TMS community continues to grow! Help us welcome Tate, Zoey Cochran's (T3) little brother and Aleksa, Sawyer Parsley's (T2) new little sister. Just in: Caroline Ward's (CH 3) little brother, William, was born 5/12/14.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TMS GRADUATES!**

Madison Heriot, Alana Fisher, Caden Parry, Connor Newell, Finley Teggett, Camden Sear, Pearl Morehead and Harli Strauss-Cohn

A time of celebration as 8 young adolescents graduate from our Elementary Program. Did you know that all of our graduates joined TMS as Toddler or Children’s House students? What a journey! Please join us at this important event on Wednesday, 6/4 at 1 pm.

**2013-14 Annual Fund Update**

Thank you to all who have already given!

- 100% of our Faculty/Staff
- 100% of our Board of Trustees
- 44% of our Parents...and climbing!

We need everyone's help in achieving **100% TMS participation**. Your tax deductible gift to the school, at any amount, truly makes a world of difference. If you haven’t yet made this valuable contribution, **there is still time**.

You can pick up a pledge card at the front desk.

**TMS Picnic**

Friday, May 16, 6 PM

Join in the fun as we share food and fun at our end-of-the year picnic. What a wonderful way to close out the year. Please bring a dish to share, a blanket and dishes, cups, utensils and napkins for your family.

**Upper Elementary Carnival**

Friday, May 30, 12-4 pm

The proceeds for this year's carnival will benefit the **Crisis Control Center**!

Games, wagon rides and fun will abound! Presold tickets available during drop-off & pick-up starting Friday, May 23, 2014. Thank you for supporting our oldest students as they make a positive difference in our world & provide springtime fun for everyone!

**2014-15 Tuition Deposits**

Due June 1st

For tuition schedule, [click here]

Contact Liz Meadows with questions.

**Workshare Reminder**

Thank you for all your contributions to our community. Please email Liz Meadows at lizmeadows@wsmontessori.org to let us know the workshare hours you have completed, include "Workshare" in the subject line. Any remaining hours will be billed by May 26.

**2014-15 Children’s House Openings**

Know a family who could benefit from a Montessori education like your family has? Pass their contact information on to Trish Corbett, Director of Admissions. Thanks for
helping widen our circle of Montessori families!

LOST & FOUND
Tables will be placed in the front lobby to help reconnect items to their owners. Any unclaimed items will be donated.

This will be the last order for the school year. Thanks for supporting your child's reading excellence and our library!

Children's House: Last visit for the year is May 14, return date May 20.
Elementary: Return all books by May 22. Elementary students may borrow a book or two beyond this date as needed for in-school use.
Parents: Return all books by May 22.

Questions? Contact Marybeth Oas at marybeth.oas@gmail.com

We are accepting donations of used books, DVDs, video games, and CDs. Items we cannot use will help build our credit account at Edward McKay. Donation box is in the lobby.

Thanks to all our parent volunteers: Alicia Madan, Amy Archambault, Amy Leander, Andrea Kurtz, Ann Marie Gilchrist, Audrey Winters, Brittney Frey, Christina Soriano Evelyn Gilbertson, Janna Ajam, Joy Hardy, Melissa Chin, Raina Gahdhi, Shannon Kawalec, Sukhu Gokhale, and Terri Burke.

Spring Plant Sale & Planting Days
Thanks to all the families who supported our spring plant sale and planting days. The campus looks beautiful, and all your efforts make our grounds safer and more child-friendly. Proceeds from the sale support the OPLE committee's efforts to help make the best use of our natural environment.

Thanks to all our parent volunteers! With your support, lunchboxes were refrigerated, box tops were counted and mailed, cardboard was recycled, laundry was washed, music filled our hallways, the list goes on and on...

For all your efforts big and small, we offer our sincere thanks and appreciation. We couldn't do it without you! Thanks to all our families for a wonderful year of learning and growth. We wish you a safe and fun-filled summer vacation! Hope to see you at one of our summer camps.

TMS Gala Sponsor Highlight: Catch a Spark Photography
TMS parent and photographer, Terri Burke, owns Catch a Spark Photography where she specializes in photographing children (including the ones with whiskers and tails!) and their families. Terri offers a remarkable experience customized for your family to create images full of personality designed to celebrate who your kids are today. The resulting product is printed on the high quality, contemporary material you choose to provide artwork that is both vibrant and unique and that will be a family treasure for many years to come. Note: If you would like your own personal copy of one of the amazing photos that were showcased at the Gala, please contact Terri at terri@catchaspark.com.