

Maria Montessori School News

A Reflection of our School

June 2009

Calendar of Events

June 16	12:00 noon	School Noon Hour Picnic
June 19	9:00 am	Fathers' Day <i>Coffee on the Go</i>
June 24		Last Day of School for Students
June 26		Last Day of School for Staff

Happy Summer

News from the Office

by Miss Kelly



Registration for the upcoming school year is ongoing. If you know of families who are interested in exploring a Montessori education for their child, please invite them to call the office for more information. Space is limited.

The School noon hour picnic will be held on June 16 at 12:00. Bring your blanket and picnic lunch and, if the wind is just right, bring your kite too. Ice cream for the kids will be provided. Join us if you can.

ATTENTION DADS!!! Join us for *Coffee on the Go* on June 19 at 9:00 am. Coffee, muffins and interesting conversation await you...



No hot lunch is scheduled for June. Hot lunches will resume in September.

Happy summer!

Upper Elementary

by Mr. BJ

Well, the days are getting longer, and Upper Elementary is beginning to wrap up a successful school year. We are currently working on a health unit, and are looking forward to the upcoming June activities: the care home walk-a-thon, a grasslands field trip, Father's Day coffee-to-go, and our year-end dance party.

Also, we had the pleasure of doing a fantastic art project with Miss Marsha that involved painting with pencil crayon shavings and erasers. What a cool idea - thank you, Miss Marsha!

I would like to give special thanks to Miss Yuriko, Miss Jewel and Miss Wanda for helping to make the Upper Elementary classroom run smoothly.

Lower Elementary

by Miss Tina



Lower Elementary is now excitedly preparing for the end of the school year. We have worked on plants for the last few weeks and have completed some experiments. We also enjoyed a visit to Day Grow nursery which was a great opportunity to explore a variety of plants up close.

We had a blast at our recent field trip to the Broadway Theatre to view the play "The Boy Who Learned to Fly". It was a wonderful comedy that had us in stitches at times. The acrobatic acting and awesome message were inspiring.

We have other exciting field trips coming up to Beaver Creek (June 12) and also a grasslands hike with Ducks Unlimited (June 17). We will be learning about Saskatchewan's native plants and animals. All this activity is keeping us very busy!

As many of you have heard, this will be my last year at Maria Montessori as I am moving back to Australia to be with my family who have missed me very much since I have been gone. I have had six wonderful years here and have made many special friends. I would like to thank everyone I have worked with for their enormous support and for the opportunities I have been given at this school. It was been an amazing experience and I leave with many fond memories. I hope to stay in touch with many of you! As for the students I am leaving behind, I will miss you lots, but I know Miss Janis is going to take good care of you and know that she has a wonderful year planned. Thanks to today modern technology, I know we will find a way to keep in touch - I look forward to hearing all about school even when I'm gone!

Summer vacation will soon be upon us so I hope that everyone has an amazing summer break and wish you all the best for the 2009-2010 school year.

"Respect all the reasonable forms of activity in which the child engages and try to understand them.

Maria Montessori

Casa 1

By Miss Kristy

It's hard to believe that we are in the month of June. Even though the weather has been cool, the children are starting to get really excited for summer holidays. This month we are continuing to learn more about plants and flowers. We really enjoyed our field trip to Day Grow where we saw lots of different plants and even got to take our very own plant home. The children also loved our field trip to D'reen's Catering. They were right in there, hands and all, experiencing cooking and being little chefs. This month Casa 1 and 2 will be going on a field trip to the Forestry Farm. We are looking very forward to the trip.

For the next couple of weeks the children will be continuing to practice activities in the classroom, preparing their Father's Day gift (dad's you are going to love it) as well as making their year end scrap book. It is going to be a busy time. We also have the care home walk-a-thon and the school noon picnic to look forward to!

We would like to say thank you to all the parents for all their help in making this a successful and fun year. Your cooperation and support is very much appreciated. Thanks for all you do!

We would like to wish Adam and Nyla a very happy birthday this month. We hope you both enjoy your day.

Happy Holidays and enjoy your summer!

Casa 2
by Miss Janis

It's hard to believe this is the last newsletter of the year! We have had a great year and are looking forward to all of the fun things we are doing for the last few weeks.

We are looking forward to our walk-a-thon on Friday. We are also excited to go to the Forestry Farm on Thursday afternoon. We can't wait to see the animals! We also hope to see as many of our dads as possible for our Father's Day Coffee to Go.

We are happy to celebrate Ryan's 5th birthday and Thomas's 6th birthday on June 20th - enjoy your day! If your child celebrates their birthday over the summer holidays, please talk to me about celebrating their birthday ellipse with the class. Thanks!!

We would like to thank Hilary's family for purchasing wicker baskets and tape and Sarah's family for purchasing cleaning supplies and glue. Thank you so much!

For the next few weeks we would like to remind you to dress your child for the weather with appropriate footwear and sweaters and jackets on the cooler days. We are hoping to go outside everyday. We're hoping for warm weather!!

Core French
by Madame Linda

It's hard to believe that the school year is almost over!

Core French students have been busy as usual. Towards the end of June we will be celebrating Canada day (le jour du Canada) with stories, vocabulary and an activity.

Upper Elementary is doing a short unit on summer sports and activities. On Monday June 22 all Upper Elementary students and staff are invited to my house for a pizza lunch.

Lower Elementary will soon have completed the unit on plants which included vocabulary and activities related to maple syrup production in Quebec (la cabane a sucre).

The Casa students are finishing their unit on transportation.

I wish all Maria Montessori students and their families a wonderful summer.

Music
by Mr. BJ

In music, the Upper and Lower Elementary students continue to explore rhythms using the boom-whacker sticks and will look at writing rhythms of their own using proper music notation. We will also continue to do our critical listening sessions, finishing off the year with a "listening exam".

The Casa students are continuing to enjoy singing and actions, and have been working on several new songs.

I wish all my students and their families a great summer!

A NOTE FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

As part of our school family, your comments and suggestions are valuable.

Please feel welcome to leave a message in any of the mailboxes of our Board of Directors.

We would be pleased to discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

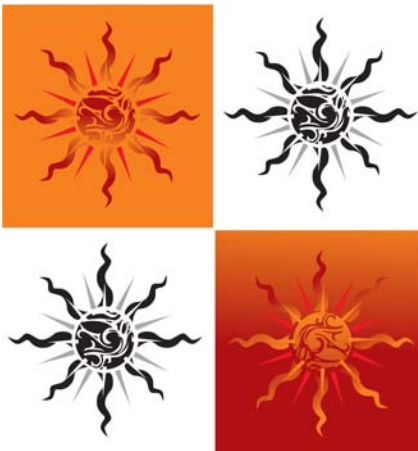


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