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PROJECT

DATES TO REMEMBER:

8/25- Back to School Night for Aquamarine & Quartz, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

8/26 – Upper Elementary & Middle School's (4th-8th) Ice Cream Social, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

8/31 – Maria Montessori's Birthday

8/31- Kindergarten Ice Cream Social, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

9/1- 7 Habits Volunteer's Workshop, 5:30-6:30

9/2- Rosetta Stone language choices due

9/5- Labor Day/School & Club M will be closed

9/6- Parent Surveys due

9/8- Lower Elementary Ice Cream Social (1st-3rd), 4:00 -6:00 p.m.

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AUGUST 25, 2011

Welcome Back!

Welcome back everyone! It's the beginning of another year and wonderful opportunities for growth and learning. We are all really looking forward to working with the children on this campus. Teachers have a lot of wonderful lessons to teach and memories to make.

Some classrooms have already begun their Back to School Night presentations. If you cannot attend, or missed yours, we encourage you to talk with your child's teachers and collect any paperwork that was handed out.

THANK YOU!!

We have so many people to thank. There were numerous parents working on the sandbox/bark area over the summer making it safer for the students to play. They removed 18 truck loads of sand and raked in all of the bark. We also had volunteers over the weekend beautifying the garden area. Portable 4 became a workshop for parents and friends who were assembling the reading program for some of the lower elementary classes. Thank you to everyone for the very generous back to school supplies and donations! It is your thoughtfulness that allows the teachers to use their classroom funds on Montessori materials

Emergency Information

Please make sure we have updated emergency information on your child's emergency card. If you need to update this information please come to the office and we will be happy to give you a new emergency card.

Parent Participation Requirements

For participation on campus and on field trips, the following information must be on file and up-to-date in the office:

- Live Scan Fingerprints
- TB Screening
- Parent Education – “7 Habits of Highly Effective Volunteers”
- Copy of Driver's License
- Copy of Car Registration (for vehicle to be used on field trips)
- Proof of Car Insurance
- 10 Year Driver's History Report

Club Montessori



Ms. Debra & Ms. Acxa

We are ready to start the new school year with a wonderful staff eager to have fun with each of the students. In order to help us start the year on the right foot, we ask that you turn in all of your paperwork as soon as possible.



Ms. Jaqui, Ms. Sarah, Mr. Chris,
Ms. Acxa

“The job of an educator is to teach students to see the vitality in themselves.”

~ Joseph Campbell

Normalization

We have started our Normalization Process. Occurring during the first 6-8 weeks of school, the goal is that each class develops its natural rhythm and sets the tone for the social climate of the group. The children and teachers create a trusting relationship that carries through out the year. Rules, order, and cooperation are established as well as the daily structure and other routines. At the conclusion of these weeks, students have usually settled in and have become accustomed to their daily work patterns. It is after the normalization period that parents and guests are then invited to participate in the classroom environment. The time passes quickly, so please be sure to complete/update all volunteer requirements early and sign up for classroom participation with teachers as soon as you know your availability.

Ice Cream, Ice Cream, We all Scream for Ice Cream

The school is hosting an Ice Cream Social this week. All the families with students in the **upper elementary and middle school classes** are invited to join us Friday, August 26th for ice cream out on the black-top. The kindergarten and lower elementary will be held in the following weeks. The Ice Cream social is one way that we are able to welcome everyone back to school and have an opportunity to get to know each other in a relaxing atmosphere. We hope you are able to join us for this fun annual event.

The Parent Education

The “7 Habits of Highly Effective Volunteers” training has been scheduled for **Thursady, September 1 at 5:30**. in Room 8. If you are unable to attend this training date, the next date

is Thursday, October 6th at 5:00 p.m. Please remember, you are only required to take this training once, however, all volunteers are welcome. Please R.S.V.P. to the office by the Wednesday before the training so to insure that the necessary space and materials are available. Thanks you!

Morning Arrivals

Unless your student’s class has indicated otherwise, please do not send your student to his or her class more than 10 minutes before class begins. Upper elementary students are welcome in Club M, 15 minutes before class starts if they have a younger sibling. Everyone else must be accompanied by their parent.

Weekly Communication

Check our web site at www.cacmp.org to receive weekly classroom and school wide communication. In our efforts to save money and the environment, we are encouraging **ALL** our families to “Go Green”. To opt out on going green please fill out the “Opt Out” form in the front office. We will be sending a message out to your home phone # and email every Thursday to remind you to go to our web site and read the weekly classroom and campus communications.

Montessori Attire & Free Dress Friday

Please remember to assist your child each day in choosing appropriate school attire as outlined in the CMP-Elk Grove dress code. Again this year, students will have the opportunity to earn free dress every Friday. In order to earn free dress, students must:

Be in dress code Monday through Thursday

Be on time to class every day

Be in class the **entire** school day

Please check the school’s web site at www.cacm.org to review the dress code policy if needed.

Lost and Found

The lost and found basket can be found in the office. Ms Ronda, from the Topaz room, has generously offered her time again this year to go through the lost and found to look for names. It is important that everything that comes to school is labeled. At the end of each month Ms. Ronda will gather all of the unclaimed items for donation.

Parental Supervision

Students are required to be supervised at all times. If class has not yet started, students must be in Club M or with a parent. Between 2:45-3:15, we have 260 students and families preparing to leave for the day. With all of the students leaving classrooms with parents, for Club M, and car line, it can become very confusing for teaching and Club M staff to know where students are supposed to be. To ease some of the confusion **the campus will be closed after school until 6:00 pm to anyone not enrolled in Club M**. We invite you to use the beautiful Jessie Baker park located by the parking lot while you wait for other children or would like some additional socializing time after school. We appreciate your support in helping us remedy this challenge.

Reminder: The school and Club M will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observance of labor Day.