

CALIFORNIA
MONTESSORI
PROJECT

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

9/7- CMP Sports Meeting

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

9/12-9/16- Ruby Room Leatherby's Fundraiser

9/23- Minimum Day

9/26-9/30- Spirit Week

9/30- Walk-a-Thon

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SEPTEMBER 1, 2011



Happy Birthday, Maria Montessori!

Maria Montessori was born on August 31, 1870 in Ancona, Italy. In 1896, she became the first woman in Italy to receive a medical degree. She enjoyed studying psychiatry, education, and anthropology. She began working with neglected, disabled children in asylums. Casa di Bambini, her first school for the conventional 6-12 year old, was established in 1907. Dr. Montessori was twice nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for her work with Education for Peace. It wasn't until 1947 that she started her more widely known Montessori Assistants to

Infancy Program. Dr. Maria Montessori died in 1952 and was survived by her son, Mario.

Wednesday, we had an assembly to celebrate the life and work of Dr. Montessori with the students. Ms. Nicole performed a Top 10 reasons we are celebrating her birthday. The Ruby room rapped about Dr. Montessori; while the Emerald and Onyx rooms sang their odes to this pioneer. If you are interested in reading more about Dr. Montessori you can find articles at www.montessoritraining.org.



"Children are human beings to whom respect is due, superior to us by reason of their innocence and of the greater possibilities of their future."

- Maria Montessori

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

The school is hosting an Ice Cream Social next week. All the families with students in the **first through third grades** are invited to join us Thursday, September 8th, 4-6pm, for ice cream out on the black-top. 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 **Thursday, September 1st, at 5:30pm**, in Room 8. The workshop for this date is currently full. If you are unable to attend this training date, the next date is Thursday, October 6th at 5:00 p.m. The November and December dates are both scheduled for 2:00pm.

BEST

Friday we have our first BEST assembly. BEST, Building Effective Schools Together, is a program designed to develop social and academic skills of all students. Our goal is to create a strong school community where everyone is able

to work together, make good choices, and support our friends in making good choices. One component to this program is the use of our GOTCHA slips. Students may receive these as an acknowledgement that they were observed following the rules: Be Safe, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful.

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.

CMP Sports

This year CMP will again offer volleyball and basketball to students in fourth through eighth grade. There will be a meeting Wednesday, September 7th for all students and parents interested in participating.

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



Club Montessori

One of the best things about working in an extended care program is sharing a special type of relationship with each student. What type of relationship is that? It's the one where a teacher and student can sit and talk without worrying about the time, the one where a teacher and a student can yell as loud as they can and fall to the ground laughing, and the one where a teacher can help a student solve a math problem and finish homework before heading home for the day.

As we continue to build relationships with students, we continue to strengthen the Club M program. Morning Club M students have done a great job of sticking to the routine. Lower elementary students are required to read Monday - Friday for 20 minutes before picking a free choice job; whereas, upper elementary students are required to read 30 minutes prior to picking a free choice job. Though we have a variety of books to choose from, students are always welcome to bring their own book to read. On Fridays, students are invited to bring a board game from home to play and share with the group.

Afternoon Club M has settled into the daily routine and students have started to participate in daily themes.

- Mondays - Free Choice Jobs
- Tuesday - Performing Arts
- Wednesday - Art
- Thursday - Group Games
- Friday - Movie

