



MONTESSORI

Child Development Center



WELCOME APRIL!



HAPPY SPRING!

Welcome April! We are happy to see some sunny days ahead! Please don't forget to apply sunscreen to your child before coming to school.



ELEMENTARY SCIENCE FAIR

Our Elementary Science Fair is on Friday, April 19 from 2-4 p.m. Come visit the elementary class and watch the students present their science experiments.



CHILDREN'S OPEN HOUSE

Join us for Children's Open House on Friday, April 26 from 3-4 pm. Your child is excited to present their favorite work to you and be your teacher for that hour.

Please arrive no later than 3:30. Open House ends at 4:00 p.m. This is a minimum day, and the school closes at 12:30 p.m.



PICTURE DAY MAKE-UP

We are having a picture day make-up on Friday, May 3 for students who missed or did not get their yearbook pictures taken.



FUNDRAISER

We are happy to share with you that fourth graders, Anna, Aseel, Raegan, Scarlett, and the elementary class are having a Spring fundraiser. They are selling adorable succulents on Earth Day, Monday, April 22. One of a kind decorated pots are sold, and you can name your plants too. This fundraiser is for a play structure the elementary class want to purchase for the playground.

CALENDAR

APRIL

MON - FRI, APRIL 1-5
SPRING BREAK (SCHOOL CLOSED)

FRIDAY, APRIL 19
ELEMENTARY SCIENCE FAIR
2-4 P.M.

MONDAY, APRIL 22
EARTH DAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 26
CHILDREN'S OPEN HOUSE
3-4 P.M. (MINIMUM DAY.
SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12:30 P.M.)

MAY

FRIDAY, MAY 3
CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, MAY 3
YEARBOOK PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY

TUESDAY, MAY 7
TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

FRIDAY, MAY 10
MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST 8:00-9:00 A.M.

MONDAY-FRIDAY,
MAY 13-17
ELEMENTARY TESTING WEEK
2nd and 5th grades

MON-FRI, MAY 20-24
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

MONDAY, MAY 27
MEMORIAL DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)

FRIDAY, MAY 31
SUMMER REGISTRATION DUE



FREE COVID TEST KITS

MCDC partnered with OCDE to provide free at-home test kits for students. Stop by the office for your free COVID-19 kits.

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SCHOOL**

BIRTHDAY TREATS

Treats, cookies, or cupcakes with egg white frosting, nuts, and peanuts, are **NOT allowed** since we have several students with severe allergies.

NO CANDIES. Please provide the school with the product ingredients. Best treats with no egg, dairy, nuts, or peanuts are **ABE's School Friendly baked goods.**

Please be aware of the food allergies in each class.

PEP RALLY DAYS ARE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH. SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT AND WEAR YOUR MCDC SHIRT ON FRIDAYS!



BIRTHDAYS
April

HBD!

2	3	4	5	6	10	11
Isabelle 4/17	Avery 4/3 Kaison 4/4	Jacob 4/1 Maple 4/6 Stella 4/28	Lauryn 4/23	Ava 4/3	Apolo 4/9	Alicia 4/11

The Second Plane of Development: Ages 6-12 - Montessori Philosophy

The absorbent mind, so prevalent from birth to age six, gives way to the conscious mind in the second plane of development. Learning now takes place at a slower, steadier pace. Children in the second plane of development are much less drawn to the repetition of activities, unless there is some variation involved.

Children in the second plane of development are also no longer solitary beings. They now tend to gravitate towards others in their environment. Around the age of 6, children begin to become interested in their classmates and are learning how to get along. They start to choose to work with others on projects of mutual interest. By 11 or 12, most students prefer to work with others rather than individually.

Children also expand their social network. They begin to show a genuine interest in others, whether it is within their local community or in a more global sense of awareness. Montessori elementary programs take advantage of this sensitive period of cultural awareness by providing a wide range of opportunities for children to explore their culture, and that of others, through the study of history, geography, language arts, and the sciences.

Children at the second plane lose their desire for physical order and develop a strong moral sense of order. They have a very strong sense of justice and perceived fairness and following the rules becomes very important. They need good role models as they learn about values.

Children reason about what has become part of their lives through the power of imagination and intelligence. They need to hear stories of greatness and goodness and moral values. The mind of the elementary child concerns itself with building a conscience, that inner sense of what is right and wrong. During this period of growth, they need to know that the adults in their lives love, respect, and understand them.

To read the full article, click this [link](#) -

SICK POLICY

Please continue to test for COVID when your child has COVID-19 symptoms. Please keep your child home and inform the school if your child is sick. Re-test 1-2 days after negative test and 3-5 days if exposed.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club Catalogs are sent home each month. Deadline to order is every 20th of each month. Our class code is **HR7ZJ**.

YEARBOOK ORDERS

We are still taking yearbook orders. We have a few yearbooks left. Please fill out your form and bring it to the office.



Click this to read about [Mindful Parenting:](#)

[Dr. Daniel Amen: 3 Steps to Stop Your Child's Brain's Guilt Cycle & How to Re-Parent Yourself to Build Mental Strength](#)

**SOCCER SHOTS
THURSDAYS AT 11:30 A.M.**

**CLICK THIS LINK
TO SIGN UP FOR NEXT
SEASON STARTING MARCH 9.
OC SOCCER SHOTS**



**LITTLE STAR SPORTS
TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
AT 11:00 -11:30**

After-School ACTIVITIES

**PIANO, UKELELE,
AND GUITAR WITH
MR. TAYLOR.**

TO SCHEDULE: EMAIL AT TGL@TAYLORSGITARLESSONS.COM OR CALL (714) 398-2638

**DANCE
MONDAYS AT
2:30-3:00**

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