
MONTESSORI

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Dates to remember

- 2 – Dr. Seuss' Birthday
 - 6 – Parent Teacher Conference
(No School)
 - 13 – Kindergarten and Elementary
Open House
 - 17 – St. Patrick's Day
 - 20 – Field Trip 3rd and 4th Graders -
Brea Tar Pits
 - 27 – Elementary Field Trip
Environmental Nature Center
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Parent Teacher Conference

Be sure to sign up for the final parent teacher conference. Your child has achieved many goals this year and the teacher would love to share those accomplishments with you.

Please sign up in the classroom. There are no make ups for conferences. If you are unable to attend, you may schedule a phone conference with the teacher. For phone conferences, please write your phone number next to your child's name and the teacher will call you at that time.

School is not in session. Day care will only be available during your conference time only.

Progress reports will be sent home in June.

2015-2016 Registration

Priority registration forms for 2015-2016 school year will be distributed on week of March 9th. Priority Registration forms are due by Friday, March 20st. Current students and siblings are given priority for classroom placement. Be sure to turn your forms in before the due date to guarantee your child's space in September.

Kindergarten Information Night

It's that time of the year where parents have to decide where to place their children for Kindergarten. For most 2nd year Montessori students (typically 4-5 years old), the basic foundation have been presented and it is in the 3rd year (5-6 Kindergarten age) when everything they have absorbed in their two years will begin to make sense. In the 3rd year of Montessori, you will notice spontaneous reading and writing develop further, math becomes more complex and abstract, and many more academic interests become more obvious. Most importantly, the 3rd year Montessori offers these students the opportunity of leadership in the classroom. They begin to teach other students and they become more confident individuals. There are many benefits to finishing the 3 year Montessori cycle. Presented in this Parent Information Night are the Kindergarten curriculum, benefits of the 3rd year Montessori program, and requirements. Invitations have been sent out to those students eligible for Kindergarten. Please RSVP to attend.

Elementary Information Night

This is a great opportunity for the parents of our current Kindergarten students to learn about the benefits of continuing with the Montessori system of education for the elementary level. If you have seen your child blossom and thrive during their Kindergarten year, just wait and see what they will learn in the elementary years. Elementary students are given the opportunity to explore subject matters such as history, chemistry, biology, botany, zoology, literature, to name a few. They use many tools for learning: such as doing research on a subject matter, reenacting a certain scenes in history or literature, performing numerous hands on activities or experiments, and using the Montessori Elementary materials as a guide to understanding an abstract concept. Our goal is for the child to have a deeper understanding of the subject matter and to make this information meaningful to them. Not only elementary students do well in academics, but they are well versed in different areas, such as, performing in front of an audience, helping their community, playing a musical instrument, conversing and writing in Spanish. Self-confidence and a love for learning become inherent. Motivation and goodness come from within, not through token rewards or a need of praise.

If you haven't set foot in the Elementary classroom, we invite parents of our current Kindergarteners, soon-to-be-1st graders, to attend and to learn more about the Montessori Elementary program. We will discuss the elementary curriculum, requirements, work, and many Montessori materials used in the classroom. Also, at your convenience, we invite you to observe the students during work time and learn more about the class. Please RSVP for this event.

St. Patrick's Day

We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Monday, March 17. Sign-ups for our green-themed or Irish-themed snacks will be in each class. If your family is from Ireland and would like to share the beauty of the green isle or the Irish culture, dance the jig or share the gift of gab, you are most welcome to share Irish traditions. This is a fun time for our students because they love to jig, gab, and share their fondest moments of St. Patrick's Day! Please don't forget to wear green!



Community Supported Agriculture

Thank you to all the families who ordered their produce box from Tanaka Farms. They will be delivering a variety of local produce and fruits to MCDC every other week. You can order a small box for \$22, a large box for \$33, or just the vegetable box for \$17. The majority of the freshly picked produce is grown by Tanaka Farms located in Irvine. Produce/fruits will be supplemented from other local organic farmers to provide a good variety in each box.

Having your CSA box delivered to MCDC also supports our Joyful Garden program. Tanaka Farms will donate 10% back to the school. We will use all the funds raised to purchase soil, plants, and garden items.

To order your box, please go to www.tanakafarms.com. Click on Montessori CDC. It's that simple!

JOYFUL GARDEN and Children's Minature Garden

Thank you for all your support for our Joyful Garden. We have purchased some garden decorations, new flowering plants, seedlings, and seeds for Spring planting. With the guidance of Ms. Cindy G., our students have planted seeds of various vegetables. In a few months, we will be enjoying spring vegetables!

Next month, we are extending our Joyful Garden and create a Children's Minature Garden for children to tend and to play with. We will include little houses and a little town made out of natural materials. Here are some idea samples.

We are looking for volunteers to help create this garden. We would like to have 4 volunteers per class, one volunteer for every 6 students. Each group will create a section of our little town. Each volunteer can decide what to put in their little garden and bring their creativity. We will have some of our elementary students come up with some plans. If you are interested, please let Ms. Cyndi W. know.



SUMMER PROGRAM

Summers at MCDC is always filled with so much fun. We have a different theme planned for each week. The summer registration and program will be distributed at the end of March. Parents may sign up for the entire program or weekly with a minimum of 4 weeks. Siblings attending public school are welcome to join us for the summer. The summer program is posted on line at www.montessorichilddevelopment.com.



Extra Clothes

Please replenish your child's extra clothes every week, especially if your child is in the process of getting potty trained.

We are also running out of clothes from our extra clothes stash. If your child has borrowed some clothes, please kindly bring back to school.

Donations of pants/leggings, underwear, socks and shirts are greatly appreciated.

Pick-up Times

To maintain our student-teacher ratio, please call the office if you are running late or if you would like your child to stay longer in the afternoon. We offer occasional care for an additional \$10 charge per hour or you can sign up for PM care for an additional fee per month.

Nap Bedding

Our storage space for nap bedding is very limited. We would like to ask parents to send only a small blanket, crib sheet, and/or a small-sized pillow (optional). Please do not send comforters or full-sized pillows. Thank you.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



6 years old
Fiona 3/20
Nhathy 3/27

7 years old
Madeline 3/9

3 years old
Bella 3/16
Matthew 3/24

4 years old
Mason 3/28

5 years old
Julia 3/4
Kana 3/3
Rachel 3/8

8 years old
Luke 3/8
Malia 3/9
Ella 3/13

Teachers
Ms. Haidee 3/17
Ms. Anna 3/19

On Going School Charity Projects and Donation Needs

Luke Gordon's Recycling Project

Bring empty cans and bottles to be recycled by the Luke. All proceeds used towards the Joyful Garden.

Joyful Garden Project

Garden items needed

Scholastic Books

The school will earn points for all book orders. Points are used to purchase additional books for our library.