

MAY 2024



# MONTESSORI Child Development Center



*Welcome May!*

## FIESTA DE MAYO

We will celebrate Cinco de Mayo on Friday, May 3. We will have dance, crafts, and food. Please see the potluck sign-up for your child's class.

### BIG THANKS!

Thank you to all the families who supported our Spring Succulent Fundraiser. We raised \$406! Our third graders, Scarlett, Anna, Raegan, and Aseel, did an amazing job running a successful fundraiser! Thank you to our upper elementary class for helping the 3rd graders create adorable pottery designs.

## TEACHER'S APPRECIATION DAY

We love our teachers! Teacher's Appreciation day will be on Tuesday, May 7. Celebrate your child's teacher by sending them a note of thanks or giving them a big hug! We are incredibly lucky to have such caring and loving teachers.

## MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST WITH MOMS AND GRANDMOMS



A special breakfast for moms and grandmoms will be on Friday, May 10. You can visit your child's classroom between 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

### Lower and Upper Elementary ukulele presentation starts at:

Lower Elementary - 9:15 - 9:30  
Upper Elementary - 9:30 - 9:45



## BOOK FAIR

Our Book Fair is back! Visit our Spring Book Fair on Monday, May 20 to Friday, May 24. This is a cashless book fair. To purchase books, please use the e-wallet. You can also shop at our virtual book fair and have the books delivered to you. More information will be emailed to parents.

## 2024-2025 REGISTRATION

The 2024-2025 registration forms are due on Friday, May 17.

## CALENDAR

### MAY

FRIDAY, MAY 3  
FIESTA DE MAYO CELEBRATION

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)

### JUNE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12  
SUMMER MUSICAL 10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.  
(School opens 7-9 a.m. and closes at 10:00 a.m. NO SCHOOL after the musical.)

FRIDAY, JUNE 14  
FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST 8-9 A.M.  
(Minimum Day. School closes at 12:30 p.m.)

GRADUATION  
2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19  
JUNETEENTH (SCHOOL CLOSED)

THURSDAY, JUNE 20  
SECOND SEMESTER PROGRESS REPORTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 21  
LAST DAY OF ACADEMIC YEAR/ BON VOYAGE PARTY  
(Minimum day/ School closes at 12:30 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY, JUNE 26-28  
SUMMER BREAK (SCHOOL CLOSED)

## HAPPY TEACHER'S APPRECIATION TO OUR TEACHERS!

Toddlers: Ms. Erika, Ms. Annie, Ms. Mary  
Room 1: Ms. Monique and Ms. Maria  
Room 2: Ms. Jen and Ms. Gabby  
Room 3: Ms. Haidee  
Lower Elementary: Ms. Cresca  
Upper Elementary: Ms. Anna  
Mr. Taylor, Coach Shannon, Ms. Ann

♥  
**TEACHING IS A  
WORK OF HEART**



## 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.



Read About Manners, Naturally.  
<https://amshq.org/About-Montessori/Montessori-Articles/All-Articles/Montessori-Parent-Manners-Naturally>

## MCDC IS A PEANUT-FREE 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!**



## Environmental Stewardship Activities: Montessori Cosmic Education

Very few of us live in an environment that is not man-made. In fact, many children do not know where the food they eat or the fibers of the clothes they wear truly comes from. In an effort to educate the child so as to promote responsible environmental stewardship, educators and parents play an important role in helping children to understand, love and respect nature.

Children between the ages of 6 and 12 are characterized by having both physical and intellectual energy. They are interested in many things and have a great capacity for imagining. They are seeking the answers to their questions: Who am I? What am I? Why am I here? Where am I going? Montessori believed it was crucial at this age to present the universe to children in an effort to help them find the answers to their questions. This was the basis of her "cosmic education" - to teach them that Planet Earth is a gift to each and every one of us.

There are many things you can do within your Montessori environment to promote and encourage stewardship of our planet. Some can be done at the classroom level and some involve the greater Montessori community. The more you model and practice ecological respect and responsibility, the more people you will touch who may follow your example.

### Environmental Stewardship Activities: Montessori Cosmic Education

By learning to connect with nature, Montessori students learn to respect, protect, understand, and enjoy the natural world. Earth education is about more than just talking about saving the planet. It is about going outside and exploring the beauty of the earth. It is about learning about human's place on the earth and the role we play in both the preservation and desecration of the planet. It is about learning to work together to protect the earth and the living things that inhabit it.

*"Earth education is the process of helping people live more harmoniously and joyously with the natural world."* - Steve Van Matre, The Institute for Earth Education  
To find out more, visit [North American Montessori Center](http://North American Montessori Center).

**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@TAYLORSGITARLE  
SSONS.COM OR CALL  
(714) 398-2638**

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

*need to contact us?*  
[mcdshark@gmail.com](mailto:mcdshark@gmail.com)  
714-377-5779