

Newsletter

January 2008, Volume 8, Issue 5

McMinnville



Note from the Board

Dear Families,

It was nice seeing so many of our families at the Winter Celebration, and hearing the great music performed by our kids. Many thanks to Sylvia Stater and all our staff for coordinating the event, and thanks to those parents who brought refreshments and helped clean up after the event.

We're coming up on our biggest fundraising event of the year, our Valentine's Dinner and Dance hosted at the Evergreen Museum. The date is Friday, February 15th, and will also have a silent auction and raffle event. Our Parent Organization has worked very hard both this and last year to develop a truly world class annual event to support the school. We appreciate the support of the local community, but we also want our own parents to support our efforts by attending.

As you may know, many other schools have established events in the community as their large fundraisers. For example, St. James hosts an annual dinner and auction, as well as the Wine Classic each spring. We have been very fortunate to have several dedicated parents, particularly Andrea Bauer and Leslie Kelley who have devoted considerable time to establishing our Valentine's event as a similar high caliber community event. In fact, we now have the Evergreen Museum reserved several years into the future for Valentines each year.

The Parent Organization has also tried to focus our energy on one very large fundraiser, rather than a different fundraiser each month, with the belief that parents would rather support one major event, than continually fundraise throughout the year. Our fundraising directly supports the programs, building and enrichment of the school. Our previous fundraising has directly helped pay for the new

Calendar of Events:

MLK Holiday - no sch	Jan 21
Bowling	Jan 26
Parent Org Meeting	Feb 4
Board Meeting	Feb 6
In Service no school	Feb 15
Valentine's EVENT!	Feb 15

wooden floors in the classrooms and the new heating system in the building. New materials are bought for the classrooms and spring science camp is supported as well. This year we are looking at replacing our playground structure.

Unlike other private schools, we have never required parents to sell tickets or produce donations. We prefer that our parents participate because they hope to enhance their child's school and programs, AND have a fantastically fun time as well. Let me say that if you didn't have a chance to attend last year's Valentine Dinner, it was really a wonderful event with great food, music and ambiance. The Parent organization has worked even harder this year and I know it will be even more spectacular. Please plan to come.

If you are unable to attend, please consider buying tickets and giving them to a friend who would like to support the school while they dance under the wings of the Spruce Goose!

Thank you parents for your help and support, and I look forward to seeing you at the annual Valentine's Dinner, Friday, February 15th, 2008

Many thanks,
Kim Sapunar
971-241-1423, k.sapunar@comcast.net

Expansion Update

The framing of the extension is planned for the month of February, of course construction during winter months is always conditional on the weather. The lumber will be delivered in the next few weeks, and we can use the assistance of some muscle power to move the delivery into the back yard. Look for an email update when this is scheduled to happen. Perhaps you can move a 2 by 4 when you stop in to pick up your child!

Over the next several weeks, we will also be tiling the school bathroom floors. This upgrade will both look great and be easier to keep clean and sanitized.

Thank you Sylvia!

The Winter Celebration was a wonderful performance of music by both the Primary and Elementary classes. Thanks to Sylvia and all our staff for their work in making it a success.

Bowling!

Come join the fun for a Bowling Day:

Walnut City Lanes, McMinnville
Saturday, January 26th 3:00 pm

\$3.25 per person, per game, + \$1.75 for shoe rental- or \$23.95 for 1 hour which includes 6 pairs of shoes (we can team up)

Please RSVP by the 18th to Linda Scherf at 503-434-5423 or lindasmcm@yahoo.com

See you there!

Weather Updates:

Our school calendar is on our website:
www.mcminnvillemontessori.com

For school closures due to winter weather, see our website www.mcminnvillemontessori.com for updates, or www.pdxinfo.com. Generally, but not always, we follow the McMinnville School District, if they close, we close. You can also listen to the local AM station 1190 for local school closures or delays.

Martial Arts

Elementary begins a 5 week session of Martial arts classes each Tuesday and Thursday beginning January 15th. Be sure you child has comfortable clothes to move in (sweat pant and tee shirt) for this days. If your child requires a booster seat, be sure to leave it at school on those days as well, as kids will be carpooled to the class in private vehicles.



“Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed.” -- Dr. Maria Montessori

Amazon.com

Amazon.com has a new school fundraising program as part of their affiliate programs. The school is now signed up with this program. If you shop on Amazon, up to 10% of your purchases come directly back to the school, at no additional cost to you.

To ensure that your purchase is affiliated with the school, start at our website, www.McMinnvilleMontessori.com. Choose the fundraiser page and click on the Amazon logo. This takes you to Amazon's website, with an embedded link tied to the Montessori School. When you make your purchases as usual, the school is credited automatically, and will receive a quarterly check of the proceeds.

Thank You Pacific Frame & Gallery

We received \$37.50 from Pacific Frame & Gallery from the 3rd St. Fundraiser in December, many thanks for all the support!

The McMinnville School District is hosting a series of talks about Child Safety for Parents. These talks are for an adult audience only. For more information, there are flyers available in the office. Here are 3 upcoming dates:

Parent Workshop on Child Safety: “Advice from Child Molesters”

Workshop Date: Thursday, January 24, 6:00pm-8:30pm

Workshop Location: Memorial Elementary School, 501 W 14th, McMinnville

Workshop Presenters:

Detective Marshall Roache, McMinnville Police Department

Debra Bridge, Yamhill County District Attorney's Crime Victim Office

Workshop Date: Thursday, March 6, 6:00pm-8:30pm

Workshop Location: McMinnville High School library, 615 NE 15th St, McMinnville

Workshop Presenters:

Detective Marshall Roache, McMinnville Police Department

Debra Bridge, Yamhill County District Attorney's Crime Victim Office

Workshop Date: Thursday, February 7, 6:00pm-8:30pm

Workshop Location: Duniway Middle School, 575 Michelbook Lane, McMinnville

Workshop Presenters:

Detective Marshall Roache, McMinnville Police Department

Becki Pehan, Juliette's House

McMinnville Montessori

1101 Brook St.
McMinnville, OR 97128

Phone:
(503) 434-5081

E-Mail:
mcmont@viclink.com

Website:
www.mcminnvillemontessori.com
We are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit

**Cultivating the Desire
to Learn**

*Please contribute to future newsletter issues.
Contact Kim Sapunar with your ideas and
articles.*

Board Members:

Kim Sapunar	k.Sapunar@comcast.net
Bob Suchy	RobertFSuchy@verizon.net
Amanda Marshall	amanda.marshall@state.or.us
Dave Larmouth:	DLarmouth@westernoregonwaste.com
Brad Kelley	kelleyb21@wildblue.net

Parent Organization Officers:

Leslie Kelley	leslie@gflag.com
Andrea Bauer	moku@msn.com
Jessica Grell	jjgrell4@comcast.net
Kendal Carter	kendalcarter@msn.com

Staff:

Maria Eustrom	eustrom@yahoo.com
Leslie Scott	iandiana@embarqmail.net

School email: mcmont@viclink.com

McMinnville Montessori School
1101 Brooks Street
McMinnville, OR 97128