

Newsletter

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McMinnville



Note from the Board

Dear Families,

We've made good progress on our building expansion with the excavation, plumbing and foundation work being completed. This is the point we planned on reaching in the fall, and we are considering when to do the framing. We likely will continue that in the early spring, dependent on the weather. We don't want to have any of the construction sitting around getting soggy if we can help it. We want to minimize any mold or mildew framed into our walls.

Many thanks to our teachers for hosting the Parent Child tea on November 9th. This is always a great time for kids to direct their parents in the classroom.

We have the second of our three clean up dates coming Saturday, November 17th. We ask all families to participate in at least one during the school year. This always gives the school, and particularly the grounds a nice pick-up. Please attend if you can, we appreciate the help.

The next board meeting is Dec. 5th, 5:30 pm, at school, all parents are welcome.

Many thanks,
Kim Sapunar
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Calendar of Events:

Fall Clean Up	Nov 17
No School	Nov 21-23
Board Meeting	Dec 5
Parent Teacher Conf	Dec 7/Dec 14
Winter Celebration	Dec 20

Thanks to all the people and firms who have assisted with our building expansion so far:

ConKraft Construction
3 Mountains Plumbing
Kamph Rock Crushing Co., Inc.
Kizer Excavating
Cascade Acoustics
Ultra Quiet Floors
Oregon Heating and A/C
Farnham Electric
Sheridan Building Materials
Greg Carter, Contractor

All Staff members assisted as well as family members/friends: Ian Guy, Matt Bernal, Rick Bernal, Gaelan Duncan, James Barton, Keith Decker, and Jessica.

Also parents involved are Brad Kelley, BJ & Dave Larmouth and Kevin Gardner.

We appreciate all the time and energy that has been dedicated so far, many thanks!

News from the Parent Organization

Hello to all Montessori Parents from the PO!

I hope all of the children had a successful Halloween and for those families that attended the Pumpkin Patch I hope you enjoyed the event! Even though Heiser is out a-ways they have always been accommodating to our school and we are happy to support them. Thank you to Kathy Hagel from choreographing the event! Our next big thanks goes out to Jenn Stocks and Sara Chaufy for handling all of the Sally Foster sales and families that have turned in orders or are using the intranet....so far we have made over \$1000 on our catalog orders alone, delivery for these orders is scheduled for Nov. 15th so look for your deliveries around this time.

Up coming events: The 3rd Street Fundraiser is in the planning and you should be receiving details soon.

And we are always promoting the Valentine's Dinner so keep the date of Feb. 15th open on your calendar!

Please contact me if you have any questions and I am looking forward to the rest of the school year!

Leslie Kelley, PO President

Music

Elementary Class is singing at Hillside on November 19th at 11:00 am. Lyrics for the songs, as well as CDs of music were sent home in folders last week.

Our school calendar is on our website:

www.mcminvillemontessori.com

Also, as we start towards winter weather, if school is cancelled or delayed due to snow, see our website for updates. Generally, we follow the McMinnville School District, if they close, we close.



Sally Foster

The initial estimate is the school made \$1000 profit from the Sally Foster gift wrap sales. Sales are still available via their website, and the school will receive 50% of purchases. Go to www.sallyfoster.com website to order directly, our school account number is #62086.

3rd Street Benefit

Several downtown business have generously decided to support the school with a donation from purchases made during the week of November 26 to December 2nd. While making your purchase, tell them you are supporting the Montessori school, and bring your marked receipts back to school. Mechants will donate 15% of the total purchases made.

Third Street Books

Hopscotch Toys

Mes Amies

Support your local businesses while supporting the school.

Calendars

2008 calendars with pictures of our kids are also upcoming, look for more news soon.

As you may know, there were several cases of Chicken pox at the school in the last month. Whenever there is a case of any contagious illness, (stomach flu, strep throat, chicken pox etc.), the school is required to notify parents. Notification is done with email and a notice on the sign out clipboard.

At the time of our chicken pox cases, we also had a routine inspection by the Health Department. The health nurse inspector, on seeing we had cases of chicken pox, requested and reviewed our immunization records. She decided to exclude some children from attending school who had not received the chicken pox vaccine or had not had chicken pox before. Our staff and board spent the day in further consultation with the health department staff, and it was finally determined that the exclusion of children was not required in this situation.

This was a new experience for our staff with the Health Department, and we wanted parents to be aware that the Department may determine at their discretion certain health guidelines, recommendations, or exclusions based on their findings in the event of any disease occurrence.

For your reference, here are several website links for further information regarding vaccinations, the health department, and school nurse guidelines. This information is also in our immunization binder in the school office.

Department of Ed link:

<http://www.ode.state.or.us/groups/supportstaff/hk/lb/schoolnurses/immunization.pdf>

Department of Health Link:

<http://www.healthoregon.org/imm>

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