

The Friday Flyer

Charles Towne Montessori School

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Calendar

September 10- First SMART Draft withdrawal

September 12- Sally Foster Fundraiser Due

September 18- Parent Association meeting at CTMS, 6:30 pm

September 18- Picture Day: Infants, Toddler (Rhonda), Elementary (Mr. O'Loughlin) and Erin's classrooms. No uniforms.

September 19- Picture Day: Toddler (Audrey), Mary Margaret and Jennifer's classrooms. No uniforms.

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Montessori Moment

A Montessori Dictionary

Work: From an evolutionary perspective, the long period of childhood exists so children can learn and experiment in a relatively pressure-free environment. Most social scientists refer to this pressure-free experimentation as *play*, although Montessori prefers to call this activity the "work" of childhood. Children certainly are serious when engaged in the kind of play that meets developmental needs and, given freedom and time, will choose purposeful activities over frivolous make-believe ones.

Source: Haines, Annette, Parenting for a New World, AMI/USA

Getting Down to Work

And working we are! We thought it might be a good point in time to share with you what we are striving for through continuous, quality improvement in all areas of operation. According to Lillard, in the very best Montessori classrooms, you will find:

- *A beautiful physical environment.
- *A feeling of peace.
- *A variety of different kinds of work being done.
- *An absence of worksheets and workbooks.
- *Children who are relaxed, happy and kind and courteous to one another.
- *Children who are not only working hard but also building relationships with one another.
- *Children who seem to have a sense of purpose.
- *Teachers who are experts in their field, who are continually aware of the whole room.

Adapted from: Lillard, A.S. Montessori, The Science Behind the Genius, 2005.

Office Notes

Fire! Fire!

Just testing...our fire alarm system that is. We will be conducting "fire drills" during the coming weeks and wanted you to be prepared to hear about them at home.

Security Gate

We are in process of securing our entrance to ensure a safer envi-



Cezanne

At CTMS, lunch is both a social and a nutritious experience. We encourage you to "try this at home" by involving your child/children in both selecting healthy foods and preparing (or assisting with) their own lunch. We value the importance of nutrition in a child's development.

Thank you to:

Carla Lathbury for assisting in the Elementary and Toddler environments.

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Fundraising

Sally Foster Fundraiser is Underway!

If you need a Sally Foster packet, there are extras in the Office.

Remember to add 7.5% Sales Tax to your order.

Find out more about easy ways to support our school by attending the Parent Association meeting September 18th.

In case you were wondering...

There are a limited number of spaces available in our programs. If you know a family who would like to learn more about the benefits of a Montessori Education at CTMS, please have them give us a call.

ronment for our children. If you need the access code or have any questions or comments, please call the Office.

Studio Programs

Time to register! Piano, Guitar, Stretch and Grow, Karate, Little Picasso, Dance Moves and Spanish are being offered this year. *The registration deadline for Piano is*

today. Stretch N' Grow is open to 3 year olds and possibly 2 year olds as well. Dance Moves begins today and others start soon!

Milk Program

This year, CTMS is offering Coburg 2% milk for our children. The Program can be purchased either by semester or by the year. Please get your forms in now and call the office with any questions.