

The Friday Flyer

Charles Towne Montessori School

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Calendar

September 27— Montessori Education Night, CTMS, 6:30 pm

September 28— Family Visit, CTMS, 10:30-12:00 pm. No lunch at school. **School Closes at 12:00 pm**

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Montessori Moment

Education for Children

According to Angeline Lillard, Maria Montessori's insights about children brilliantly forecast several main tenets of psychological research today.

*The mind and the hand are closely related, and we learn best when we can move our bodies in ways that align with our cognition. This is no wonder, since our minds evolved for action, for behaving in an environment.

*People fare better when they can make choices about their lives and environments, not when others have all the control. Traditional schooling does not allow children this control, but in a Montessori classroom, the child decides what to do when, within the limits of what is constructive for the child and good for society.

*People learn best about the topics they are most interested in. Montessori allows each child to choose what to work on, and when, with occasional limits if a child is not getting the required parts of the program.

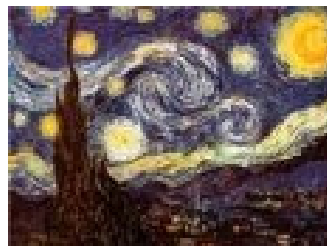
Source: A. Lillard, Montessori, The Science Behind the Genius, 2005.

Want to know more? See

Office Notes.

You're Invited...

You are invited to attend our first Montessori Education night of the year! As a school accredited by the Association Montessori Internationale, we place a high priority on providing education for our parents. This year, each teacher will prepare a topic appropriate to his/her environment. You are welcome to attend any session which interests you. We'd like to encourage parents who have children transitioning between levels or nearing transition, to attend the next level session. For example, parents of children transitioning soon from Primary to Elementary are encouraged to attend the Elementary session. Members of the Parent Association will be in contact with you over the next few days to invite you to this important event and will also be available in the After School Room that evening to assist with topic selection and directions.



Van Gogh

Education Night Topics:

Encouraging Infant Play, Kim

Montessori in the Home- A home for adults and children, Audrey (Toddler)

Montessori in the home for young children, Rhonda (Toddler)

The Primary Language Program, Mary Margaret (Primary)

Observing in a Montessori Classroom, Erin (Primary)

Practical Life-what is it and why is it important- Jennifer (Primary)

Montessori Elementary- What sets it apart from traditional education, Kevin (Elementary)

Family Visit

Our traditional Father's Visit has transformed this year into our Family Visit. On this day, children are welcome to have either their father or one special guest come to their classroom to observe their work.

Fundraising

Sally Foster Fundraiser

Thank you to all families who participated this year! Orders are now being processed and we should expect delivery toward the end of October.

Parent Association (PA) Off to a Great Start!

The PA had a great kick-off meeting with highlights that included a presentation about the "Scrip" program. This is an ongoing fundraiser that creates an easy way to raise funds for the school while making your everyday purchases.

Interested in making a difference at CTMS? **Committees** are calling you! Events, Fundraising, Building and Grounds, and the Education Committee all need your talents. Want to know more? Call the Office or PA Chair.

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Office Notes

Planning for the Future

Did you know that CTMS has a detailed Strategic Plan? A copy of the Strategic Plan and Budget are available for viewing in the Office.

Book Club

We'd like to gauge interest on starting a Book Club this fall, beginning with Angeline Lillard's book referenced in this week's Montessori Moment. Please email Lisa at lisactms@hotmail.com if you're interested.

Forms

Please help us keep our records up to date by completing and returning all required forms to the Office as soon as possible. *Failure to return forms by Monday will result in suspension from school.*

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.

Web Site

You will see updates to the Web Site over the next week. We appreciate your patience!

Thank you to:

Susan Beylotte for donating books to our Toddler After School Program.

Jody Huddleston for his help with picnic tables on the Toddler playground.

Carla Lathbury and Ellen Hart for assisting in the Office and both the Toddler, Infant and Primary environments.