

# The Friday Flyer

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## Calendar

**September 27– Tonight!**  
Montessori (Parent) 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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## A Montessori Moment in The Primary Environ- ment

### Control of Error

Montessori schools do not grade children, and teachers' comments on childrens' work tend to be fairly matter-of-fact, perhaps recording the date. This can raise the concerns such as how do children ever know what is right, and how do teachers know when a child has learned? The first way is via incorporation of a known as the control of error. Dr. Montessori incorporated feedback in the materials themselves.

For example, in the Primary Environment, the Wooden Cylinders, the set of graduated wooden cylinders control error because if a child puts a cylinder into a hole that is too large, there will be a leftover cylinder at the end. All sets of Sensorial Materials, such as Sound Cylinders and Color Tablets result in a leftover item if the child errs. For many Montessori materials, corrective feedback from the teacher is unnecessary; a child can clearly see if he or she made an error due to incorporation of control of error in the Montessori materials.

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

Want to know more? See  
**Office Notes.**

## Charles Towne Montessori School

### The Friday Flyer...On Thursday!

Dear Parents,

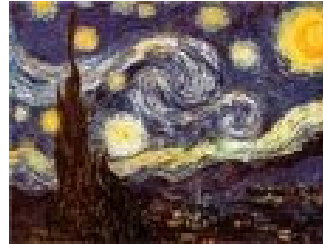
We are sending the Flyer out a day early this week because we have so much we'd like to share with you! Join us tonight for Montessori (Parent) Education Night. We'll meet in the After School room from 6:00 pm where we'll have some refreshments, School Directories and Committee sign up sheets available. We also have a surprise planned for you! Children who are registered for the childcare service this evening will remain in the After School Room while Parents attend the presentations. We are providing child care free of charge tonight. Please help us thank the "child care staff" this evening for supporting this event.

### Office Notes

#### Your child's health and safety at CTMS

The world's realities remind all of us that we must be vigilant when it come to protecting the safety and welfare of our children. We want to assure you that this is a top priority here at CTMS. As you've noticed, a great deal of improvements have been happening on our campus almost daily since the summer and are now nearing completion. We have been required to adhere to strict timelines in order to meet both State and Federal guidelines. These guidelines have necessitated some of the work being done during school hours. Anyone providing a service for CTMS is presently under contract and is in good standing with the business community.

We are currently looking for a permanent handyman at CTMS



Van Gogh

#### Family Visit

Our traditional Father's Visit has transformed this year into our Family Visit. This event is intended for fathers or, in the absence of a father, one special guest to observe their child's work in the classroom. School closes at 12:00 pm.

who will be required to have a background check, including a SLED review etc. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call the Office anytime.

#### We are Growing!

This spring, CTMS will welcome two of our own new "baby chicks." We are happy to tell you that both Mary Margaret and Erin are expecting additions to their families. As they are making preparations for their new arrivals, CTMS also has plans underway to ensure that our children in these environments experience the smoothest transition possible, and that we maintain the highest quality classroom experience you've come to expect from CTMS. We will make every effort to keep you abreast of plans as we move toward early spring. Please join us in celebrating these great expectations!

## 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)

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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### Web Designer Escapes to Hawaii!

Unexpected but true. Our web designer will return from her journey this weekend and will go to work for us. We appreciate your patience!

### 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 Montessori, The Science Behind the Genius. Please email Lisa at lisactms@hotmail.com if you're interested.

### 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.