

**"The adult must find within himself the still unknown error that prevents him from seeing the child as he is."** Maria Montessori from the *Tao of Montessori*

## **MFS El Cerrito Campus Weekly**

**Tuesday, April 15, 2008**

### **Coming Events:**

**Photo Day Make Ups** – Tues., April 22nd 8:15 am

**Silly Hat & Crazy Hair Day** – **This** Fri., April 18th

**Upper Elementary Drama Production** – Thurs., April 24th & Fri., April 25th

**Parents' Association Meeting** – Thurs., May 1<sup>st</sup> 7 pm – 9 pm

**Early Dismissal** – Fri., May 9<sup>th</sup> \*save-the-date

- Berkeley Campus Closes 12:00pm
- El Cerrito Campus Closes 12:30pm

**Elementary Campus Celebration** – Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

**Camp Cazadero** – Wed., May 28th – Fri., May 30<sup>th</sup> \*save-the-date

### **New Family Welcome**

- *El Cerrito Campus* - Sun., May 4<sup>th</sup>
- *Berkeley Campus* - Sat., May 10<sup>th</sup>

## **All School Information**

**We Need Your Help!** – We need parents from each site to represent the school at an information table at our new Elementary El Cerrito Campus. We are having a Community Open House, Art show and sale on June 7th and 8th (Sat. & Sun.) from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm. Each pair of parents will work a two-hour shift and answer questions about our school. Please contact Julie Smith at [julie@montessorifamily.com](mailto:julie@montessorifamily.com) or Gisele Thomas at [gisele@montessorifamily.com](mailto:gisele@montessorifamily.com) if you are available to help out. We are asking that you respond ASAP, May 9th at the very latest. We really need your help and this will be a fun event. Thank You.

**Read-a-thon** - The Read-a-thon is officially over, and it is time to collect and turn in the pledges if your child(ren) already have not done so. *Thank you so much for all of your support with this event.* I will be letting everyone know the results and presenting participation reward packets as soon as I receive all of the pledges. As always, if you have any questions, please contact Julie Smith at 236-8802 or [julie@montessorifamily.com](mailto:julie@montessorifamily.com).

**Come Celebrate!** – We would like you to join us on **Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 7pm – 9:30pm** to celebrate the progress your contributions have made to our beautiful, brand-new Elementary Campus. The evening includes, live music, endless Hors

d'oeuvres, champagne, beer, wine and soft drinks, **ALL FREE of charge**. Hope to see you all there. *THIS IS AN **ADULT ONLY** PARTY; we regret that we are unable to provide childcare.*

### Elementary Campus Information

**DNA Day** – Lisa Barcellos will come to the Upper Elementary class on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> to teach a DNA lab. The students will extract DNA and study it.

#### **Photo Day**

**\*April 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:15 am (Sharp)** – Make-up Photo day

**Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** – Proofs of your child's pictures and order form will be sent home.

**Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – All orders must be returned to the school with your check.

**Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** – Completed orders will be delivered to the school.

Orders must be paid for in full at the time the order is placed. You may pay by check or cash. **Credit cards are not accepted.**

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**Camp Cazadero** – The first packet of information and forms went home with your child yesterday. The Letter regarding the Camp Caz trip/Volunteer and Non-Prescription Pain Medication Permission Slip/Allergy Information forms are **due Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**. The Physician's Release Form is due **Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** whether or not your child needs a physician's release. *If your child requires a physician's release, then your child's physician must sign the Physician's Release Form.* **Please return all forms to your child(ren)'s teachers.**

**Summer Program** – The Summer Program will run **Monday, June 23 – Friday, August 1**. Space is still available, so come join us and have some fun! If you haven't received a Summer 2008 Brochure or enrollment form, please contact Margaret at 510-236-8802 or [Margaret@montessorifamily.com](mailto:Margaret@montessorifamily.com).

### Parent Volunteer Opportunity

***\*Don't forget that 5 of your parent hours must go towards Fundraising***

#### **The Parents' Association needs YOU!**

All parents at Montessori Family School are automatically members of the PA. Our Executive Board meetings are held from 7-9pm on the first Thursday of every month at

our new Elementary Campus. We are currently looking for parents to fill our vacant Board positions for next year. Available positions include:

Secretary

Treasurer

Hospitality Chairs (One for each site)

Spring Soiree Chairs

Tiffany Sutter (Hadley - LE II) will be returning as PA Co-President and Amy Urban (Abigail - Pre II) will be joining her for the 2008-09 school year. Robin Wenrick will be our PA/MFS Board Liaison.

This is a great way to get involved, meet other parents and have FUN! Please contact Tiffany Sutter at [Tiffany.Sutter@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:Tiffany.Sutter@cdph.ca.gov) or Trina Rymland at [trymland@comcast.net](mailto:trymland@comcast.net) from more information.