



MOUNTAINEER MONTESSORI SCHOOL

May 11, 2015

Calendar Review

5/12	Sixth Year Presentations and Moving Up Ceremony
5/14	Summer Planning Meeting
5/15	Race for Education
5/18	Board Meeting
5/19	Parent Education Night
5/22	Music Recital
5/25	No School, Memorial Day
5/26-5/28	Middle School to Asheville, NC
6/1	Tie Dye Day
6/3	Last School Day
6/4	School Picnic at Coonskin Park

Sixth Year Presentations and Moving Up Ceremony

Congratulations to our sixth year students **Ellis Bell, Skyler Brown, Maria Celeste Kershner-Leon, Sydney Loew, Anne Frances Melton, and Elizabeth Zacks!** Under the guidance of Darlene Spangler, these students have spent the year researching a topic of their choosing and writing a ten page, typed paper including bibliography. They are now ready to present their reports at a special ceremony on May 12th at the Middle School campus.

Race for Education

We are looking forward to our Race for Education on Friday, May 15! Thank you to everyone who has sent donations and mailing labels. For those of you who have been unable to send your labels, it's not too late! We are still hoping for 100% participation for this event. Participation can be in the form of mailing labels or a donation. *Remember, Nancy has volunteered to dye her hair neon blue and pink if we reach the 100% participation goal!* Thank you to Diana Johnson for organizing the Race for Education.

MMSP0 Summer Planning Meeting

Please join us at 8:15 a.m. on May 14th in the school kitchen for coffee and pastries, as we share ideas for a summer calendar of events. The MMS Parent Organization is heading up this effort in hopes that parents

and children can stay connected over the summer months.

Parent Education Night

We will host a special Parent Education night on Tuesday, May 19th beginning at 5:00 PM. From 5-5:30, Jennifer and Suzanne will meet with parents in the Upper Elementary room to discuss exciting summer opportunities for MMS families (*Glass Classroom! Festival! MMS family gatherings!*). At 5:30, current and future Primary parents will join Kathryn and Samantha in the Primary rooms for a discussion of 'At Home with Montessori'. Rising 1st year parents will join Becca and David for a preview of Lower Elementary, and rising 4th year parents will join Jason for a look at what's to come for their children entering Upper Elementary. The Plus program will be available that evening. Please call Beth to reserve a spot.

Get your 'M' on!

Please watch for an 'M' shirt order form in your child's bag. We are excited to be able to offer infant sizing and a v-neck women's shirt this year! Order forms will be due by Wednesday, May 20 with a delivery date of June 2, just in time for the picnic!

Music Recital

Bernard and Karen are working with their strings and ensemble groups to prepare for a recital on May 22 at 3:15 at South Ruffner Presbyterian Church. The recital will include performances by the strings students, the Orff Ensemble, Honor Choir and Recorder Ensemble. Thanks to Alisa Abdalla for coordinating refreshments for this event!

Step Up Days – Children who are set to transition from one classroom to another will participate in 'step-up days' on May 18, 19, and 21. These days offer a chance for the children to preview their future classrooms and spend some time working with the guides and classmates at that level.

Tie Dye Day

Karen Kelly will lead Tie Dye Day for the whole school on Monday, June 1st. Children need to bring a white, 100% cotton t-shirt that day, with their name written in sharpie on the tag. The shirts will be taken home in a plastic bag that day. Once you have the shirt home, it needs to be hand-washed separately in cold water, adding ½ cup of white vinegar to set the dye. After that, it can be washed with other clothing. An MMS tradition is to wear the tie-dyed shirts to the school picnic.

Last Day of School

Our last day of school will be on Wednesday, June 3. Elementary and Middle School students will be swimming that afternoon from 1:00-2:00. Please be sure they pack a swimsuit and towel that day.

School Picnic!

Please make plans to attend our annual school picnic on June 4th. We will gather at Coonskin Park's Riverside Pavillion from 11:00-2:00 to share good food and friendship. Please bring your own drinks and a covered dish to share. The school will provide the plates, napkins, cups and cutlery. Watch for more details from Beth.

Many Thanks to...

- George Phillips for leading the Carriage Trail surveying project with our middle school students.
- Eric Abdalla for replacing our laminator timer and fixing the art room light.
- JoEllen Zacks for sponsoring the songwriting workshop with Mira Stanley and Chuck E. Costa from *The Sea, The Sea*.
- Zeina Haidar for coordinating nutritious and delicious dinners for our staff meetings, and to all

of the parents who contributed those wonderful dinners.

- Lemonade Day organizers and volunteers: Gloria Lopez, Jason Winesburg and JoEllen Zacks, and the students and parents who prepared the lemonade and worked the booth that day.
- Diana Johnson and all the parent volunteers who have helped organize our Race for Education
- the many, many parent drivers who have taken students on a variety of field trips.
- Alisa Abdalla for coordinating refreshments for our spring recital and for the delicious spaghetti and meatballs on Teacher Appreciation Day.
- all the parent volunteers who have helped prepare classroom materials. We are still in need of some assistance. Contact Jennifer or Suzanne if you are available.
- Kristie Simmons for planting the beautiful flowers in the flowerboxes.
- Chad Cordell for working with the middle school students on the Little Free Library and for setting up equipment for Parent's Night Out.
- Aric Margolis and Diana Panucci for donating soil and a fence for the garden.
- Brent Best for bringing 'Trout in the Classroom' to MMS.
- The Simmons family for donating rocks for rock painting in the outdoor environment.
- Primary parents for bringing tasty and nutritious snacks all year.
- Katie McFadden for donating sewing supplies to Primary II.
- Elizabeth Scharman for providing materials and support for our chess team, the Gilliland Knights.
- the Hill family for purchasing Montessori math materials for Lower Elementary.
- the Boland family for making the bean bag target board for the playground.
- Andrew Lowe for contributing PVC construction materials for our playground.
- all the students who help set up the playground for Montessori Plus each day.

