
The Montessorian

June 7, 2013

Nurturing the hearts, minds and spirit of children and adults for 33 years!

Calendar

- June 10 Snack Week for Griffin Galgoczy, Nathaniel Shuhan & Zelia Hoffberg
- June 10 – 14 Mini-Courses for Extended Day, Junior and Upper Level Students
- June 14 “The Phantom Tollbooth” Performance, The State Theatre, 7 p.m.
Tickets available at EAC and The State Theatre Box Office
- June 17 Dawn & Katri’s Class Field Trip to Cargill and Museum of the Earth
9:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
- June 17 Melani & Becky’s Class Moving Up Ceremony 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- June 17 Scott & Deb’s Class Field Trip to Cargill 1:15 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- June 17 Upper Level Picnic at Terry’s 10:30 – 2:15p.m.
- June 18 Upper Level Graduation 9:30 a.m. Mini-Gym
- June 19 Middle School Graduation 10 a.m.
- June 19 Junior Level Picnic 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- June 19 Extended Day End-of-Year Celebration 2:15 p.m. in Liz & Sarah’s Classroom
- June 20 Last Day of School

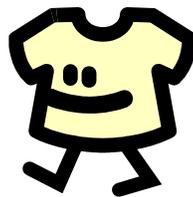


The Phantom Tollbooth Tickets Now On Sale!

Available through the State Theatre Box Office and our Main Office

Lost & Found

Our **lost and found** bin is overflowing! That lost sweatshirt, lunch box, shirt, (hat, even coat) you've been looking for could be sitting in our **lost and found**. You are always welcome to stop in and look through the items. Anything that has not been claimed by the last day of school will be given to charity.



Board of Trustees is looking for New Board Members

The Board of Trustees for EACMSI is looking to fill a vacant board position. The Board is responsible for financial oversight of the school, community outreach, fundraising, and event planning.

Ideal candidates would be enthusiastic and energetic, ready to contribute their time and ideas. Time commitment is between from 1-5 hours a month.

Anyone who is interested please submit a short letter reflecting your strengths to the office or to my email, petebrowning@verizon.net. Feel free to call with any questions.

Pete Browning
Board President
607-592-2576

Last Day of School Celebration

Dear Montessori Families

In celebration of our last day of school on June 20th, staff members with summer birthdays are continuing our fun-filled tradition by capturing the old time essence of summer vacation.

All classes, Primary through Middle School will come together in the afternoon around 1:15 p.m. After an opening ceremony we will have a group “tug of peace”, sprinklers, relay races and watermelon seed spitting contests.

At the conclusion of these events (at approximately 2:30pm), our Primary and Extended Day children will return to their individual classrooms. Our older children will gather in the mini-gym for a community circle to say good bye to students leaving our EAC family. Parents are welcome to join this gathering.

Students who wish to participate in water activities should have a bathing suit or change of clothes and a towel. Of course, all students should come to school that last day with sunscreen on them for the sun-filled afternoon outdoors. We do not want sunburns to be part of this summer tradition!

To help make the day a success we are asking for donations of *watermelons with seeds*. Thank you!

We look forward to a wonderful, exciting day to usher in our beloved summer!

Scott, Kate, Jim, Terry, Rebecca, Stephen & Melani



Extended Day Celebration

Dear Extended Day Parents,

On Wednesday June 19, the Extended Day class will be gathering to celebrate our exciting and eventful year. We look forward to wishing the children well in Junior Level or wherever their paths will take them. We will gather at 2:15 p.m. and you are welcome to join us.

Thank you for all your support over the year! We wish each other a happy, peaceful and fun summer.

Sincerely,

Liz and Sarah

The Phantom Tollbooth

We are excited to be performing The Phantom Tollbooth at The State Theatre. The performance will be Friday June 14th at 7:00 p.m.

We will have the opportunity to rehearse **at the theater** on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday June 11th, 12th and 13th. (Wednesday the 12th and Thursday the 13th will be the dress rehearsals). In order to transport our entire cast downtown that week we need as many parents as possible to drive children to the theater each of these days at **12:45 p.m.** Please let us know how many seatbelts you have!

❖ **Tuesday June 11th, Wednesday June 12th and Thursday June 13th @12:45p.m.**

- Students need to bring their costumes on Wednesday and Thursday in brown paper bags clearly labeled with their names.
- Students will go to the theater on Wednesday and Thursday in their costumes, carrying their street clothes in the paper bags.

All Junior and Upper Level students will need to be picked up from **The State Theatre**. **Only students who are regularly scheduled for AfterSchool can be transported back to school after the rehearsals.**

Below are two important forms for you to sign and return to us as soon as possible.

I have read the above plans for rehearsal on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday June 11th, 12th and 13th and have made the following plans for picking up my child from the theater on those days between 3:15 and 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday _____

Wednesday _____

Thursday _____

Child's Name _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

I will be able to drive children to the State Theatre on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday June 11th, 12th and 13th. I have ____ seatbelts.

Tuesday _____

Wednesday _____

Thursday _____

Name (print clearly) _____

Dismissal Reminder

As we approach the end of our school year, we notice that children are getting picked up later and later. The following is reprinted from our school handbook. Please make every attempt to pick up your child/children by 3:30 p.m.

“Ithaca City School District buses will arrive at Montessori at 3:00 p.m. and depart at 3:10 p.m. **Parents picking up children should plan to do so between 3:15 and 3:30 p.m.**

You may not pass a school bus with blinking lights or park in the Fire Lane under any circumstances as *it is against the law*. The driveway must remain clear for school buses, and it is a Fire Lane! Our driveway is a one-way circle, so you may not drive on the lower drive the wrong way. When you arrive, park in the lot and walk into the building for your child. (Feel free to double park behind any staff car.) One of our staff will get your child from his/her classroom. This will minimize disruption in the classrooms at the end of the day. If your child ever needs to leave school at the end of the day for a destination other than the usual one, or be picked up by another person, he/she must bring a note to school on that day or you may e-mail the office at admin@eacmsi.org by noon. Any changes after that time must be by phone. If you have not advised us of any changes the child will be sent home in the usual way.

Children who are not picked up by 3:45 p.m. (which is a 15 minute grace period) will be sent to our Afterschool Program and an \$18.00 fee will be charged. There will be no exceptions.”

Thank you for your continued help and understanding.



NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

With warmer weather upon us we would like to remind parents of school recommendations with regard to sunscreen use and application.

We request that students arrive at school each day with sunscreen already applied. Please choose sunscreens that will last throughout the school day. Sunhats and sunblock clothing are also recommended.

If children need sunscreen reapplied later in the day, complete the permission form below. Teachers and Afterschool staff will be available to assist as needed. Sunscreen for your child must be brought to school by an adult, in its original container, and labeled with your child's name. Please check ingredients to avoid sunscreens that contain treenut (including coconut and sheanut) or peanut products.

Primary and Extended Day: Please deliver your child's sunscreen to the Health Office. **Older children will keep their sunscreen in coatroom cubbies/lockers.**

If you have any questions, please call the health office at 277-7335. Thank you for your attention.

Your School Nurses,

Kelly & Nancy

SUNSCREEN PERMISSION FORM

Please complete the following if your child will use sunscreen at school:

I give permission for my child (name) _____

to use sunscreen as needed during school or the Afterschool program.

I will provide sunscreen for my child, in its original container and labeled with the proper name.

Note: No sunscreen is provided by our school.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teachers/Classroom: _____

PLEASE include this signed form with the labeled sunscreen.

Thank You!

To the generous community members whose donations helped us raise \$38,000 in this year's annual campaign. The Annual Fund supports special projects outside the scope of our budget. Many of those dollars go to tuition assistance for families already in our school community. This year we'll also be using some of the annual fund for kitchen improvements in our primary and junior level classrooms.

Please note, the Annual Fund is separate from our larger "From Acorn to Old Growth Forest" campaign to complete our new building. If you would like information about our current building project, please contact Lisa Smith in the office.

Eve Abrams & Jonathan Back
Lorraine M. Arnold
Deanna & Christopher Bailey
Carol & Ernie Bayles
Peter Browning & Ursula Kurman Browning
Lisa Bushlow
Joseph & Nan Bylebyl
Kristen & Mark Campagnolo
Julie Stone & Steven Carvell
Sue Cater
Anne & William Chernish
Robert & Jo Ann Clune
Helen Cyker
Laura & Lansing Day
Susan Fleming
Laureen Golden & Abraham Appleton
Laura Gottfried
George & Deirdre Hay
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Magdalena & Thomas Hohn
Mickie & Mark Jauquet
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Constance Wells & James Wells
Abby Westervelt & Hayden Pelliccia
Whitney Wiggins & Jeff Gerbracht
Paula Winner & Jay Russo

A FOSSIL DIG AT THE CARGILL SALT MINE

Scott & Deb's Class is going on a field trip!

On Monday, June 17th we will go to the Cargill Salt Mine to dig for fossils. We will leave at 1:15 p.m. and return by 3:00 p.m. Please dress for the weather. We recommend sturdy shoes and sun hats. The school van is already being used that day and we will need your help. We need drivers and chaperones.

Please let Rebecca or Whitney know if you can join us.



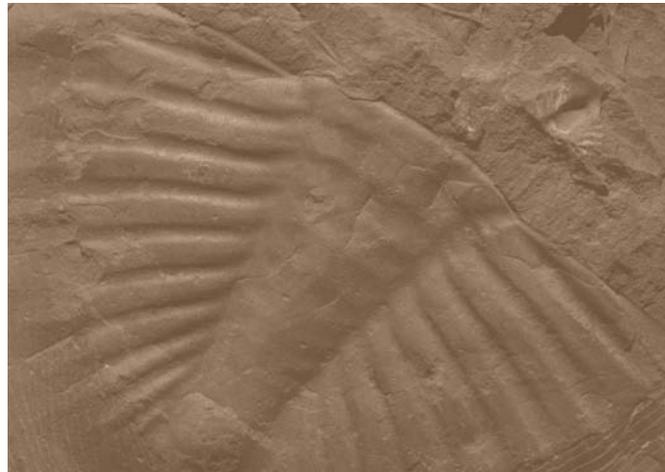
A FOSSIL DIG AT THE CARGILL SALT MINE & MUSEUM OF THE EARTH

Dawn and Katri's Class is going on a field trip!

On Monday June 17th we will go to the Cargill Salt Mine to dig for fossils. We will then go to the Museum of the Earth. We will leave at 9:30 a.m. and return at 2:45 p.m. Please pack a picnic lunch and dress for the weather. We recommend sturdy shoes and sun hats.

We will need a few drivers and chaperones.

Please let Whitney or Rebecca know if you can join us.



Junior Level Picnic

All Junior Level classes will be having a picnic on

Wednesday June 19th at Becky's house

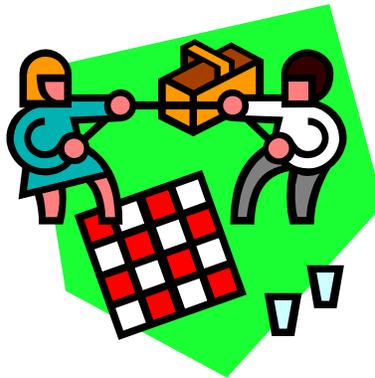
(176 Pearsall Pl., all the way at the end).

We will leave school at 11 a.m and return to school by 2:30 p.m. Children should arrive at school wearing sunscreen. They will need good shoes for hiking, a bathing suit and towel, and a picnic lunch. Snack food donations are appreciated.

Please help us as drivers and chaperones.

Let Rebecca or Whitney know if you can go with us.

Thank you!



Melani & Becky's Class Moving Up Ceremony

We will celebrate our oldest children and their readiness to
move on to Upper Level.

Our Moving Up Ceremony and class community lunch will
be held on

Monday, June 17th from 11:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.

in our classroom.

Please bring a dish to share. We will provide beverages,
plates, napkins and cutlery.

All families are welcome. Please call the office with the
number of people from your family attending and what dish
you are bringing so we can plan accordingly.

See you there!
Melani & Becky

Upper Level Picnic

The Upper Level will be having a picnic on Monday, June 17th at Terry's house (121 Brook Way, Ithaca).

We will leave school at 10:30 a.m. and return by 2:15 p.m.

Children should arrive at school wearing sunscreen. They will need a bathing suit, towel, sunscreen and a picnic lunch.

Please let Rebecca or Whitney know if you can drive/chaperone.

Thank you!



NEWS FROM THE NURSES

It's Spring! We're now spending more time outside in the tall grasses and woods, please note the following information regarding ticks and tick bites:

To avoid tick bites:

- Wear light colored clothing and tuck pant legs into socks.
- Apply insect repellent to clothing.
- Examine clothing and skin frequently for ticks, especially after being outdoors.
- Carefully remove ticks immediately.

****Remember ticks may carry Lyme and other diseases.****

How to remove a tick:

Using tweezers, grasp tick near the mouth parts, as close to skin as possible.

Pull tick in a steady, upward motion away from skin.

DO NOT use kerosene, matches, or petroleum jelly to remove tick.

Disinfect site with soap and water.

If you have questions or rash/ flu-like symptoms appear, contact your health care provider.

Disease risk is reduced if tick is removed within 36 hours.

For further information, call the Tompkins County Health Dept. @ 274-6616.

Also, a great online resource for tick identification is **www.tickencounter.org/**

Thanks,

Kelly and Nancy,

Your school nurses