
The Montessorian

March 15, 2013

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Calendar

- Mar. 18 Snack Week for Ezra Farred, Vivian Bradshaw & Sacha Lasser
- Mar. 20 Dawn & Katri's Class to Cornell for Entomology Field Trip 12:15 – 2:30 p.m.
- Mar. 26 Upper Level Second Year Students Field Trip
to the Clemens Center in Elmira 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Mar. 27 Scott & Deb's Class to Cornell for Entomology Field Trip 9:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
- Mar. 27 Melani & Becky's Class to Cornell for Entomology Field Trip 12:15 – 2:30 p.m.
- Mar. 29 – Apr. 5 **NO SCHOOL – Spring Recess**
- Apr. 10 No Afternoon Dryden Bus
- Apr. 10 Board Meeting 4:15 p.m.
- Apr. 14 – 23 Middle School Second Year Trip to Costa Rica
- Apr. 16 Upper Level Third Year Student Trip
to Johnson Art Museum 9:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Apr. 17 Brown Bag Lunch with Anne Robbins; Director of Wellness 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.
- Apr. 22- 26 Staff Appreciation Week
- Apr. 24 Upper Level Second Year Student Trip
to Johnson Art Museum 9:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Apr. 24 Melani and Becky's Class Field Trip
to Cornell Plantations 12:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
- Apr. 29 No Dryden or Lansing Buses
- Apr. 29 Art Show 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- May 2 **2013 Spring Concert**
Featuring: Beginning Band, Junior Band, Big Band,
Chamber Players, Concert Band, and Percussion Ensemble.
Hangar Theatre, Ithaca 7:00 p.m.

Busing Note

All requests for transportation for the 2013 – 2014 school year are due to your school district's Transportation Department by **April 1, 2013**. It is necessary to submit a request each year. Forms are available in our office if you need one. If the district receives the request after April 1st they reserve the right to deny transportation.



A Place of Goodness

Our first ever Family Fun Fest went off with a bang last Saturday at the Hangar Theatre. The event was sold out and included about 50 people from outside the EAC community who joined in our fun. And fun it was! Middle School students painted faces and worked on stage crew; lots of costumes were in evidence - whole families dressed up together! Children made kites and practiced umbrella twirling. Melani and Donyan riled up the audience and children descended to the stage to march and dance. The one and only Elizabeth Ann Clune sang along to the movie, and Ryan outdid himself as a one person band! It was EAC at its finest: creative, collaborative, high quality, and joyful.

This event was only possible because Board Members and other volunteers generously donated their time and their talent: lots of time and nearly unlimited talent.

What kind of place inspires people to give time and talent in unlimited quantities? I pondered this as I drove to the Hangar on Saturday feeling overwhelming love for these people and this community. What kind of place? A place of goodness. It's as simple as that. People recognize that what we have going on at 120 East King Road is precious and unique, and so they are inspired to contribute. Then, their contribution makes us even more precious and unique. What a fantastic cycle of self-perpetuating "fantastic-ness" we have going on! Or, as my friend and colleague Ryan succinctly put it: we are a well-oiled machine of love.

I love that! How many people on earth get to be a part of a well-oiled machine of love? Probably not many, so let's count our blessings and give thanks to each other.

Laura Gottfried



Brown Bag Lunch with our Director of Wellness!

On Wednesday April 17th, I will host a lunchtime presentation and conversation about children and digital media. Texting, cell phones, and the internet all present us with opportunities and challenges, as parents and educators. Please join me for a presentation that will include a modified power point presentation from Common Sense Media, (www.commonsense.org), geared toward parents of Lower and Upper Elementary students. We will meet in the mini gym from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please come and bring your lunch! RSVP: 277-7335.

Anne



Junior Level insect field trip



Junior Level Classes are going on a **field trip** to the **Cornell University Entomology Department.**

The children will do arthropod and insect works in the education lab and see insect displays and live insects.

Dawn & Katri's class – Wed., March 20, 12:15 – 2:30

Deb & Scott's class – Wed., March 27, 9:45 – 12:15

Melani & Becky's class – Wed., March 27, 12:15 – 2:30

As we will be driving our school vans and the Junior Level teachers will be with us, chaperones are not needed for this trip, although parents are welcome to join.

UPPER LEVEL SECOND YEAR STUDENTS FIELD TRIP TO THE CLEMENS CENTER

Upper Level second year students are going on a field trip to the Clemens Center in Elmira on
Tuesday, March 26th.

We will leave at 11 a.m. and return at 3 p.m.



We will be seeing *My Heart in a Suitcase*.

We need a few drivers and chaperones for this trip.

If you are able to help, please contact the office.

Library Lowdown- Book Fair report

I'd like to offer up a giant thank you to all of the families who participated in the Book Fair! What an exciting event, and what an incredible boon for our Library!

It was wonderful to see so many families come to our Book Fair events during the Upper Level and Junior Level Demonstration Nights, and during our Coffee, Bagels & Books event.

Since the Book Fair I have been meeting with each classroom to ask the children what they thought of the event, and whether they think we should have another Book Fair. So far response from the children has been overwhelmingly positive!

Our Book Fair was a huge financial success! By spending just two thirds of the funds we generated through the Book Fair we have already added over 200 new books to our classrooms and Library! We also now have a budget to use to fill in the holes in our Library selection, as well as to meet specific student requests throughout the rest of the year.

Parents, please provide feedback on the Book Fair. For those of you who did not have a chance to fill out a feedback form at one of our events please feel free to fill out the form now, either by printing out, completing and returning to the front desk at school, or by sending a response electronically to Library@eacmsi.org. I am looking for comments and suggestions from those of you who attended the Book Fair, as well as from those of you who did not. The more information I end up with, the better job we can do with the next Book Fair if we elect to have one.

Thanks so much!
Patrice Jennings
Librarian

Book Fair Feedback February/March 2013

Please let us know what you liked about this Book Fair and what you think could use improvement.

The purposes of the Book Fair are multiple: promoting reading, getting books into the hands of our children, and supporting the Library program by generating funds for more books!

Would you like to see the Book Fair become an annual event? Y_____ N_____

If not would you please tell us why?

What did you like most about the Book Fair?

What suggestions for improvement do you have for the Book Fair?

General Comments:

The Spring Art Show is almost here!

Monday, April 29th

Your help needed!

The annual EACMSI Spring Art Show is a festive and popular event that provides a wonderful opportunity to gather with new and old friends while viewing amazing artwork.

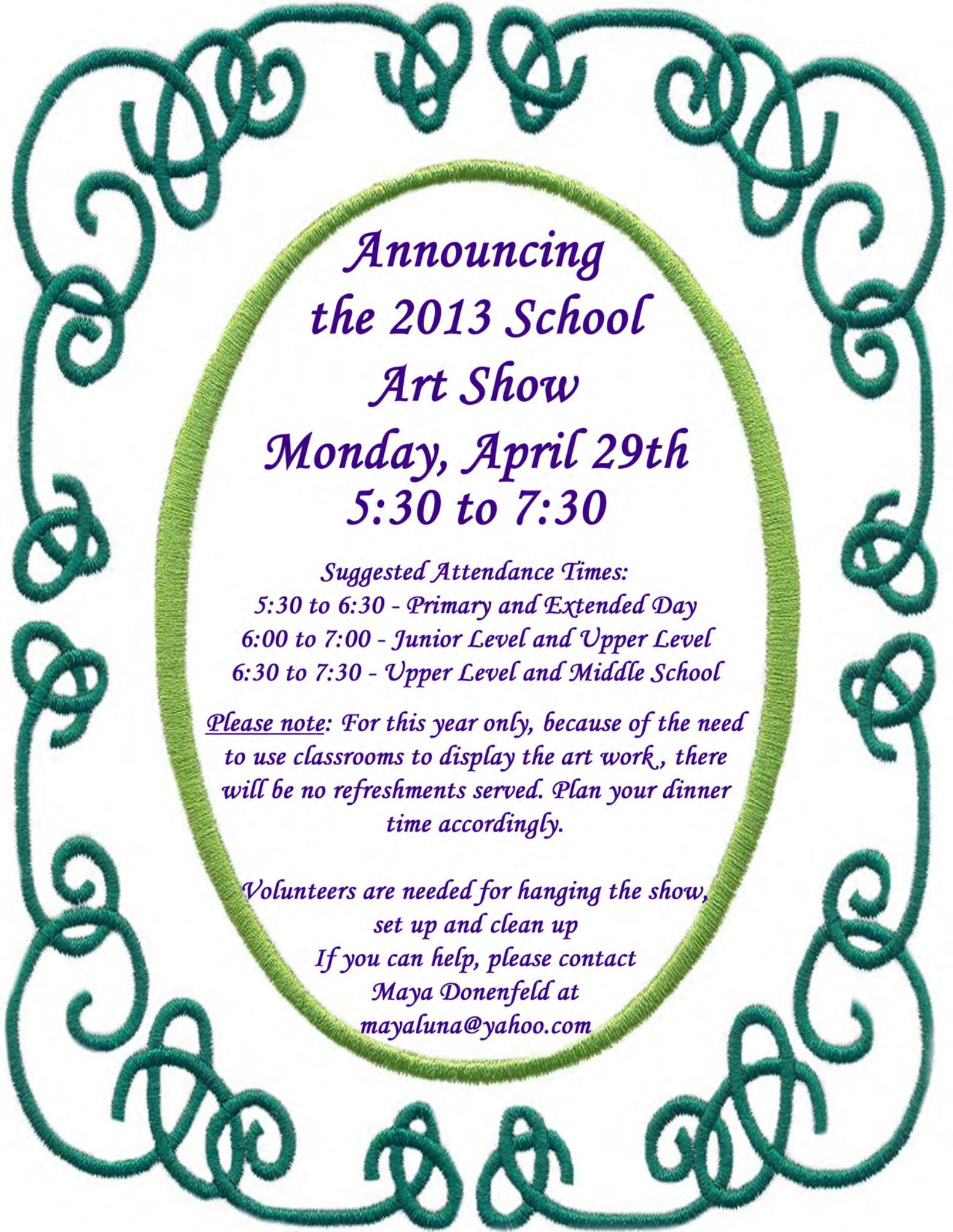
What a wonderful way for our children to share their artistic accomplishments with the entire EACMSI community! Marjorie and Jeff, our dedicated art teachers, put forth tremendous energy to offer this show each year. It is too big an endeavor to do on their own, and they count on the support of parent volunteers.

How can you help?

"Hang the Show" volunteers are needed to set up and take down the show. Our installation times are: Saturday, April 27th 1-5 p.m., Sunday, April 28th 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Monday, April 29th from early afternoon to 5 p.m. This is a fantastic way to give to our school and have some fun. Spend a few hours under the direction of the Art Staff hanging and displaying art with a bonus of sneak peeks and an opportunity to spend time with other parents. No special skills are needed, just your willingness to lend a hand. We will also need parents to help take down the show on Monday evening. If you are able to contribute even a few hours during one of those times please contact: Maya Donenfeld at mayaluna@yahoo.com or 220-3925.

THANK YOU we can't do this without you!





*Announcing
the 2013 School
Art Show*

*Monday, April 29th
5:30 to 7:30*

Suggested Attendance Times:

5:30 to 6:30 - Primary and Extended Day

6:00 to 7:00 - Junior Level and Upper Level

6:30 to 7:30 - Upper Level and Middle School

Please note: For this year only, because of the need to use classrooms to display the art work, there will be no refreshments served. Plan your dinner time accordingly.

*Volunteers are needed for hanging the show,
set up and clean up*

If you can help, please contact

Maya Donenfeld at

mayaluna@yahoo.com