
The Montessorian

March 28, 2013

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Calendar



- Mar. 29 – Apr. 5 **NO SCHOOL – Spring Recess**
- Apr. 8 Snack Week for Ian Golden-Appleton, Isaac Kaltman & Lawrence Perkins
- Apr. 10 No Afternoon Dryden Bus
- Apr. 10 Board Meeting 4:15 p.m.
- Apr. 12 Dawn and Katri's Class Field Trip to Johnson Art Museum 12:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
- Apr. 14 – 23 Middle School Second Year Trip to Costa Rica
- Apr. 16 Upper Level Third Year Students 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 Students 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.
- May 3 Dawn & Katri's Class Field Trip to Cornell Plantations 12:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

News from Melani and Becky's Class

The Ides of March are passing and Spring is on its way,
The birds are singing musically as mud seeps where snows lay.
hope for sun,
play in grey,
smell in dirt,
stand and say,
“Hurry Spring, bring your rain, bring the grass, shine your rays!
“Here’s to warmth, here’s to sun, here’s to play on sunny days.” Melani

March seems long, and for students as well as teachers is a challenge to endure. The children’s energy is high, the desire to work for long periods of time ebbs and flows. It is remarkable to see how much work children have accomplished and we look forward to saying “goodbye” to the end of Winter’s wiggles. Everyone is looking forward to Spring Break!

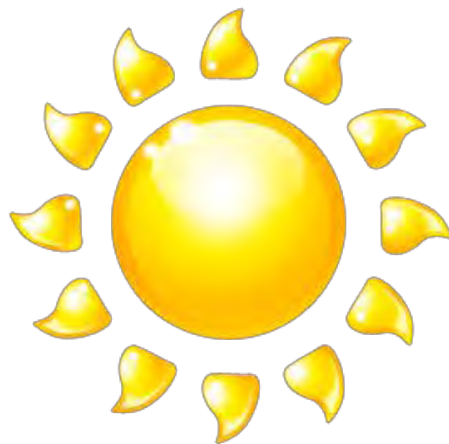
With their Lion year coming to an end, the oldest children are showing “senioritis!” They are working to memorize countries, cities, and land and water forms on the Pin Maps and to finish Biome and History projects. Learning the algorithm for long division, or, for a few, finding the common factors when reducing fractions has challenged their mathematical minds.

The Bears and Tigers are working to finish Biome projects, finishing four pictures for the Paleozoic Era in History, and continue to move through new math lessons with determination. Every student has completed a “Time of Day” book and each child is working to finish a “Picturing Writing” story. These beautifully written and illustrated books will be displayed in the Spring Art Show.

It was delightful to have time to touch base with parents during conferences. Becky and I feel blessed to work with your children, and blessed to be supported by such wonderful families.

Safe travels and peace!

Melani and Becky



PE News from Gary

Spring is officially here! Longer days and warmer weather means more opportunities to enjoy the outdoors without multiple layers of clothing and slippery surfaces. I will be taking classes outside to begin conditioning students for running distance (mile run), along with many other movement activities. Each student is expected to have one pair of outdoor sneakers as well as one pair of indoor sneakers. The outdoor track will be heavily utilized as each student attempts to break his or her Fall run time. This is a great time of year to get outside with your children and practice running on the many trails/tracks that surround Ithaca.

All of the classes have a chance to practice and played a game of bowling. We used plastic pins, soft balls, and the children to set the pins up. In our mini-gym, it was a perfect activity. Bowling is a life-long fitness activity and I encourage everyone to give it a try as a family outing! We have also been doing floor exercises with each class (wall sits, planks, yoga, sit-ups etc). These exercises can easily be done at home with your child- see what they can show you!☺



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 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



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

Dear Upper Level Families,

The big trip to Boston is coming up!

Just a reminder that if your child will need any daily or "as needed" medications (prescription or "over-the-counter") while they are away in Boston we must have a doctor's written order and a parent's signature.

It is important for these documents to be completed as soon as possible. For your convenience, we are attaching a copy of a **PHYSICIAN'S ORDER** which you can give to your child's pediatrician. This form can be mailed (120 E. King Rd. Ithaca, NY 14850), scanned and emailed (kseaman@icsd.k12.ny.us) or faxed at 607-277-0251. Please read this form carefully and sign.

Please have these forms turned in by **WEDNESDAY, MAY 1** so that we can follow up appropriately.

All medications must be in original containers and given to the nurses or Terry before the trip. If we have medications at school already we will send these with one of the Upper Level teachers.

Please feel free to call us with any questions or concerns.

Thanks so much for your help!

Kelly Seaman & Nancy Kaproth, your school nurses

PHYSICIAN'S ORDER FOR GIVING MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Physician and parents of children requiring medication in school: You are requested to complete this form so that required medication may be administered in compliance with the rules and regulations of the NYS Education Department.

Name of School _____

Child's Name _____

Diagnosis _____

Name of Drug _____

Dosage & Times To Be Given _____

Expected Effect _____

Possible Side Effects _____

Time Duration of Order: Months _____ Weeks _____ Days _____

Date Order Is Effective _____

PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS

Parent Request To School: I hereby request that my child, _____ be given the medication above as prescribed by the physician.

DATE

PARENT'S SIGNATURE

SELF-MEDICATION RELEASE FORM FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-12 ONLY

Date _____

Child's Name: _____ has been instructed in the proper use of the following medication procedures:

Physician signature _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____

We request that (child's name) _____ be permitted to carry the medication on his/her person or to keep same in his/her locker or PE locker, as we consider him/her responsible. He/She has been instructed in and understands the purpose and appropriate method and frequency of use.

SEASON PASSES FOR 2013-2014 NOW AVAILABLE DON'T MISS OUT!!!

The 2013-2014 ski passes are now on sale! Almost one-third of the students who attend EACMSI in the Junior Level, Upper Level and Middle School belong to our ski club. We rent a bus and take up to 8 trips to Greek Peak in January, February and March. If you are a skier or snowboarder, or want to learn, please consider joining.

It is very important that you buy your passes through the school because...

- This is a great price!
- The club accumulates points to help pay for chaperones to go with the students on the bus each week.
- Your child may qualify to ride our bus each week (additional fee is charged).

Please purchase your season passes online at <https://register.communitypass.net> Choose "Greek Peak Resort" as your community and continue. Don't forget to indicate EAC Montessori as your school.

If you have trouble figuring out what your login id is or you have difficulties with purchasing your pass, please contact Liz Johnson at Greek Peak directly at

[\(607\)835-6300 x6338](tel:(607)835-6300x6338)

or

ljohnson@greekpeakmtnresort.com

She's happy to help!



Field Trip to Johnson Art Museum Dawn and Katri's Class

On Friday, April 12th, Dawn and Katri's Class will be going on a field trip to the Johnson Art Museum to see "Beauties and Beasties in Children's Book Illustrations".

They will leave at 12:00 p.m. and return at 2:45 p.m.



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 us.