
The Montessorian

May 23, 2013

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

Calendar

May 24 & 27	NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day Recess
May 28	Snack Week for Jack Worob, Avital Sagan and Syam Wattoo
May 28	Marching Band Rehearsal 8 a.m. Mini-gym
May 28	No Chamber Rehearsal
May 29	Marching Band Rehearsal 8 a.m. Mini-gym
May 29	Ithaca Festival Parade 6:15 p.m.
May 30	No Band Rehearsal
May 30	Dawn & Katri's Junior Level Class
	Moving Up Ceremony 11 a.m., Pot Luck Lunch to Follow
May 30	Upper Level Research Fair 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
May 31	No Band Rehearsal
May 31	Melani & Becky's Class Field Trip to Cargill 9:45 a.m. - noon
May 31	EAC Montessori Big Band performance
	Ithaca Festival, noon, (details to follow)
June 3 – 7	Playmania Mini-Courses for Junior and Upper Level Students
June 5	Board Meeting 4:15 p.m.
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 18	Upper Level Graduation (details to follow)
June 19	Middle School Graduation 10 a.m.
June 20	Last Day of School

News From Ryan

Preparations for our annual strut down Cayuga St. in the Ithaca Festival Parade have begun. **The Parade is on Wednesday, May 29 at 6 PM.**

We will commemorate this year's "Where the Heart Is" theme with our rendition of The Beatles' "All You Need is Love." All experienced instrumentalists and interested family members are welcome. Dress is red top, with blue denim shorts, skirts, or jeans.

All rehearsals are listed in the EACMSI on-line calendar. If you wish to join us, please come get lyrics and music from Ryan, and listen to the original. We will be playing and singing in the same key, form, and time(s.) We would love to have *everyone* at the final rehearsal and practice march around our school, Wednesday May 29 at 8 a.m.

Also as part of the Ithaca Festival, on Friday, May 31, our Big Band, Percussion Ensemble, and Middle School Chorus will be taking the Dewitt Park stage at Noon. We'd be thrilled to have you in the audience!

HEY BAND! Ithaca Festival Parade Information

The EAC Marching Band is ready to strut in the Ithaca Festival Wednesday night May 29th.

- 1) Wednesday night, we will assemble (without cases!) at 6:15p.m. on Cayuga St., between Lewis and Jay Streets. We have been directed to enter via Lincoln St. We are #40. Local streets are closed to traffic at 5:30p.m. so plan your travel appropriately. The parade steps off at 6:30p.m. See the attached map.
- 2) Parents need to pick up their children at the corner of Buffalo and Tioga Streets, beside the Community Bank. Please arrive in time to pick them as soon as we finish marching.
- 3) Dress is red on the top, denim on the bottom (pants, shorts, or skirts.)

Love is all you need!

Ryan

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.

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

Dawn & Katri'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

Thursday May 30th from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 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.

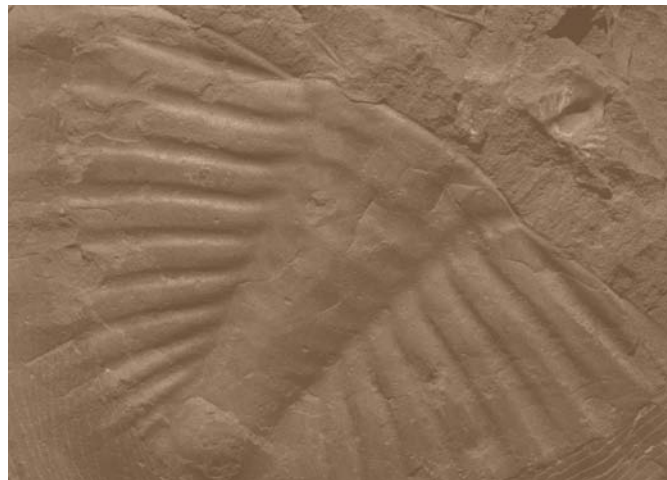
See you there!
Dawn & Katri

A FOSSIL DIG AT THE CARGILL SALT MINE

Melani & Becky's Class is going on a field trip!

On Friday May 31st we will go to the Cargill Salt Mine to dig for fossils. We will leave at 9:45 a.m. and return at noon. Please dress for the weather. We recommend sturdy shoes and sun hats. We will need drivers and chaperones.

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



Why do we make and buy a yearbook?

Often when reminiscing through family albums or scrapbooks, each of us stumbles across the school yearbook - and we hesitate for a moment and leaf through the book that evokes so many memories. The yearbook is a record of a school's yearly activities and is a community memory.

Top 10 Reasons to Buy a Yearbook

10. To have proof that you went to school with someone famous.
9. So that one day you can look back and laugh at your hair style and clothing and ask, "What was I thinking?"
8. Years from now, you will find something in it that will make you smile.
7. A way to remember all the things that have happened this year.
6. Yearbooks are a great deal! All this for \$20!
5. To read all the things that your friends have to say about you.
4. To see the beautiful photos of the many school events.
3. Because your school is the greatest and you want to keep those wonderful memories.
2. Only a limited number of copies are printed.

And the number 1 reason for buying a yearbook is...

1. So that you can join in on all the fun and excitement everyone has the day the yearbooks arrive!

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!

Stop by the Front Office and check out a copy of last year's book.

GOT PHOTOS?



We need your photos!

This year's EACMSI 2012-2013 yearbook staff is looking for photos from the EAC community -- If you have photos from 2012-2013 school events, field trips, special classroom projects throughout the school year, please e-mail and let me know -- I will send you a link to upload your photo(s) for possible use in the yearbook!

Send an e-mail to: vmclafferty@palisade.com with "YEARBOOK" in the subject line – thank you!

*The
Elizabeth Ann Clune*



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YEARBOOK

Place your order NOW!!!!!!

**There will be NO extra books ordered
and NO reorders.**

Families with multiple children may want to order more than one book due to the autograph pages.

Price: \$20.00

Order deadline is Monday, June 3rd
Yearbooks are delivered on the last day of school, June 20th.

Child's Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

of books: _____

(Payment must accompany order.
Checks should be made to EACMSI)

The Phantom Tollbooth



ATTENTION CAST MEMBERS!

All lines and songs must be memorized by the first day of rehearsal **Friday, May 31st**.

We are excited to be performing the musical at The State Theatre. The performance will be on **Friday, June 14th at 7:00 p.m.**

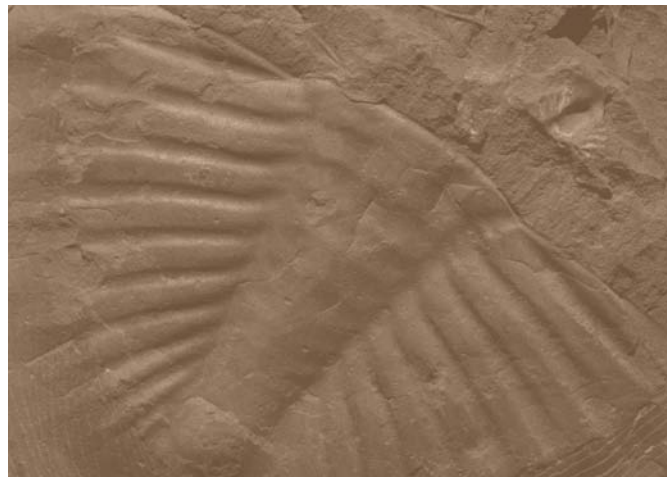
We will have the opportunity to rehearse at the State Theatre on June 11, 12 and 13. In order to transport our entire cast and crew downtown **we will need as many parents as possible** to drive for the afternoon rehearsals. We will leave school after lunch (exact times to be announced). Please let us know if you are able to help and how many seatbelts you have! All Upper Level students and the Junior Level students who are cast and crew will need to be picked up **from the State Theatre** on these dates. Dismissal times will be announced as the time draws nearer.

Tickets will be on sale at our school office beginning **June 3rd**. (Adults \$10.00, Children \$5.00). There will also be tickets on sale at The State Theatre box office the night of the show.

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Melani & Becky