
The Montessorian

November 2, 2012

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

Calendar

- Nov. 5 Snack Week for Ezra Farred, Isla Mulford and Jai Penalver
- Nov. 7 Board meeting 4:15
- Nov. 7 Middle School Portfolio Night 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- Nov. 8-9 **NO SCHOOL – Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- Nov. 12 **NO SCHOOL – Veterans' Day**
- Nov. 13 3rd year Upper Level trip to the Johnson Museum 10:00 – 12:00 p.m.
- Nov. 15 Coffee Shop and Coffee Talk with the Board 8:00 – 9:30
- Nov. 20 Thanksgiving Feast (more details to follow)
- Nov. 21 – 23 **NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break**
- Nov. 28 Middle School field trip to Auburn:
Harriet Tubman House and Seward Mansion 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Dec. 5 Board Meeting 4:15
- Dec. 6 EAC Winter Concert, Hanger Theatre 7:00 p.m. (details to follow)
- Dec. 7 Holiday Bazaar (details to follow)
- Dec. 20 Festival of Light
- Dec. 21 Holiday Break begins

Conferences are less than a week away!

Please contact the office to confirm your conference time.

News from Scott and Deb

The first six weeks of our class have centered on the theme of creation. Every year we come together as a new set of individuals and create a new community. This is always an exciting process as we set out on course to make new friendships and find new collaborators in work and play. This year half of our students are new to the class. So it really is starting at the beginning for all of us. Creation and birth are always a challenging process, and give us hope for something wonderful to arise.

We've been exploring the creation of the universe these past six weeks. We started out by reading and acting out creation stories from around the world. We then studied the scientific theory of the "Big Bang" or more accurately called the "Great Expansion". We've looked at the formation of galaxies and stars and now our own solar system.

In science, our study has focused on matter and energy, and the elements that make up our world. The children have been conducting experiments that illustrate the three states of matter and gravity. We have introduced the Five Kingdoms of biology to the class and we are currently studying the plant kingdom.

In geography, we've been exploring the foundations of mapping using the cardinal and secondary directions on a compass. We've worked with how to interpret the symbols on a map using a map key. The class has also been researching the countries of their family's heritage. We will be studying North America in the next few weeks.

Field trips, field trips, field trips! We have gone on three field trips this year, which is a record for us this early in the year. Our visits to the Johnson Art Museum and the Cornell Plantations correlated with our studies in art and science. Everyone has enjoyed observing in the community what we are studying in the classroom.

Many children in our class have been coming to school tired. It takes time for children to get back into the routines of class and the demands of academic work. Please make sure your child is getting to bed by 9 o'clock at the latest. There is no replacement for rest and a good night's sleep!

Deb and I are looking forward to connecting with all of you at our conferences next week. Please take time to fill out the conference questionnaire thoughtfully. Your input before the conferences helps us to make the most of our time together.
See you soon!

Scott and Deb

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Our November Parent – Teacher Conference schedules have been emailed. Please look for them! It is important that you contact Whitney or Rebecca to confirm your scheduled time.

Thank you for your attention to this matter!

School Photos Are Available For Viewing & Ordering!

Information about viewing and ordering school photos online has been emailed. Please look for this message.

You can view school pictures online at: www.carolchaplin.com

The deadline for ordering is Friday, November 9th

Take Time to Relax and Smell the Coffee...



Come meet Board members and other parents! On Thursday, November 15, during the Middle School Coffee Shop parents can gather and relax over coffee and pastries, baked fresh by our Middle School students. Tables and chairs will be set up in our mini-gym so parents can linger, chat and enjoy their goodies. Younger siblings are welcome. Proceeds of coffee shops support a variety of Middle School community service projects and trips.

Coffee Shop runs from 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Hope to see you there!

Baby It's Cold Outside!

With the cold weather approaching we need to remind each family to be sure to provide their child with snow clothes. We will go outside every day as long as the temperature is 20 degrees or above.

Some suggestions for clothing:

Warm boots that do not have removable liners. Boots should be tall enough so that snow cannot get in between the bottom of the snowpants and top of the boots.

Coats that are easy to fasten and are long enough to cover the top of the snowpants so that snow cannot get in.

Waterproof mittens or ski gloves with strings or mitten holders attached to the coat.

Please avoid thin knitted gloves. They are difficult to get on and are not warm.

Hats should cover the forehead and cheeks. Please be sure the coat or hat provides neck coverage.

Snow pants/coats/full snow suits – Please purchase what your child can put on independently.

Getting the children outside is very important to us and the children love it, except when their clothes do not provide proper warmth, protection or ease of use. With your help and forethought your child can be independent, warm and safe!

Thank you in advance for your attention.



SCHOOL PHOTOS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING & ORDERING ONLINE!

View school pictures online at: www.carolchaplin.com

Press the Turquoise EVENTS Tab at the bottom of the home page & you will be redirected to the Events site.

Enter Gallery Code/Keyword (lower case) : eacmsi

Enter password: blue

Please read the Welcome message before entering site. Below you will find additional content.

1) DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS

FRIDAY, NOV. 9th

2) **Late orders** will be charged an additional 25% fee (contact photographer) – no exceptions.

Orders placed on time will be delivered to the school BEFORE Winter Recess.

3) **PACKAGES:** All package prices are based on ordering from the SAME proof. You may order additional packages or single items from additional proofs, but they may NOT be split among different proofs, (for ex: you may order Item 1 with 2-5x7 individual or 2-5x7 class photos, but NOT 1 OF EACH)

Note: Packages A, B & C come with a class photo*.

* You can upgrade the class photo from a 5x7 to an 8x10 on Packages B or C by adding Item 15.

4) **CLASS PHOTOS** are available as 5x7 or 8x10 ONLY, **NOT 4x6.**

Class photos can be ordered by clicking on the first image in each class's individual proofs

5) PAYMENT:

ONLINE: Online Payment can ONLY be made by credit card due to new regulations. Your billing statement will be charged as "Photo Checkout".

OFFLINE Payment can also be made by mailing a check along with your completed order to my address. Order Forms are available as a separate attachment for your use. View photos and packages online, then complete the order form attached and mail with payment to:

CAROL CHAPLIN 20 ESTY DRIVE ITHACA, NY 14850

6) TAX, HANDLING & SHIPPING:

NYS sales tax and a handling fee will be added automatically to your order at check out

The **PICK UP** option means **School Delivery** as all orders will be delivered to the school.

This is the default option at check out.

If you prefer your order mailed, please ADD ITEM # 16 to your order and a \$5. shipping fee will be added. Please note the address you would like photos shipped to in the Order Notes Box. Shipping info is required at check out even if your order will be a "Pick Up" from school.

7) **SITE NAVIGATION:** Click on "CATEGORIES" to select classroom. For ease of viewing, press the arrow under the first image you enlarge to watch all images of your child as a slide show. Then you can write down the images you want to revisit. There is also a magnifier icon under the viewer to enlarge images. Click "PRODUCTS" icon (top right) to see price list. Scroll over items for pop up descriptions. Click "IMAGES" icon (top right) to go back to photos.

8) **RETOUCHING:** Please note in the "note" box if you want any retouching of facial bruises, stained shirts, etc.

9) **RETAKE POLICY:** Photos are retaken only at the photographer's discretion if there are technical errors.

Comments such as "forgetting it was picture day", "wrong outfit", "hair not right", etc. do not warrant retakes.

Remember, you are under NO OBLIGATION to order any photos.

10) **FOR ANY REQUESTS,** use the "order notes" box on order form or contact the photographer by phone 272-4629 or email cchaplin@twcny.rr.com.

EACMSI Middle School

Thanksgiving Coffee Shop!!



Thursday, November 15th, 2012
8:00 – 9:30 a.m. in the mini-gym

The Middle School invites you to our first coffee shop of the year!

Featuring delicious fresh-brewed coffee
with our scrumptious student-made treats!



🍂 Scones 🍂 Brownies 🍂 Quick Bread 🍂 Chocolate and
Vanilla Shortbread 🍂 Spinach Puff Pastry 🍂 Cookies



ALSO, JOIN THE BOARD FOR COFFEE TALK!

Thank you for supporting EACMSI Middle School trips and community service projects.

THANKSGIVING FEAST TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

As is our Montessori tradition, our school Thanksgiving Feast will be held on **Tuesday, November 20th**. Each class will prepare part of the meal for lunch. Half day Primary children are invited to stay: parents should plan to pick them up at 12:30 p.m.

If your child will not be at the Feast, please let the office know.

We need cider donations (pasteurized only for the health of our children, please) as well as help setting up, serving and cleaning up.

Please contact the office if you are able to help.



Field Trip to Johnson Art Museum Upper Level 3rd Year Students



On Tuesday, November 13, 2012, Upper Level 3rd Year students will be going on a field trip to the Johnson Art Museum. They will leave at 9:40 a.m. and return at 12:30 p.m.

We need drivers for this trip. Please call the office to let us know if you can help.

Help earn cash for our school with the Box Tops for Education Program

EAC Montessori is continuing the Box Tops for Education program this year. This fundraiser allows us to raise money without any additional cost to you other than buying your usual groceries. The program has three easy steps:

1. Clip Box Tops Coupons from participating products (see below for sample).
2. Send your box tops into school. There is a collection box in the front office. We will collect the coupons and send them to General Mills.
3. General Mills will send our school a check worth 10 cents for each coupon sent in.

To see a list of all the products that support the Box Tops program, go to www.BoxTops4Education.com. Qualifying products include Betty Crocker, General Mills, Cascadian Farm, Old El Paso, Ziploc, Kleenex, Pillsbury, Green Giant, Nature Valley and many more.



An easy way to collect is to place an envelope on your refrigerator as a reminder and collection place for the coupons.

Questions? Please call Alex Pfeifer at 592-9030, or email at alexpfeifer@gmail.com