
The Montessorian

November 20, 2012

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

A Thanksgiving Message from Laura

Getting into my car after casting my vote on November 6th, I had a moment of giddiness at the immensity of what I had just done. I don't remember ever before consciously appreciating my ability to have a say in our government. Like so many other aspects of my life, I tend to take my rights as a citizen of this country for granted. And yet for centuries, the concepts of participatory government and the rule of law were unheard of-- yearned for freedoms by countless humans far less fortunate than I. But sometime long ago, an idea was born that birthed a vision for the future in the psyche of people. Then, through collective will, ingenuity and conviction of purpose, the vision became a reality. And so it is with history.

It is easy to lose sight of just how revolutionary the ideals that created the United States were. In fact, the United States is still radical, so this Thanksgiving I am choosing to appreciate my liberties as an American. My life as I live it today, after all, could only be lived here in this United States.

In this United States, two women had an idea 34 years ago and went with it. EAC was a risky proposition at its inception: nine students, rented space, young and idealistic founders. And yet, here we are so many years later, hundreds of students and families have passed through our doors. With the ripple effect multiplying the impact which EAC alumnae have had in our world, surely a difference has been made. Vision, collective will, ingenuity, and conviction of purpose.

Here at EAC we have a cup that truly runneth over. Let's not take that for granted.

We have a vision for our future: the continued gathering of young people of all ethnicities and abilities, guided by loving and respectful adults, working together towards the development of peaceful, fruitful human beings.

We have collective will on all fronts: teachers who work tirelessly, children who bring forth their best - sometimes overcoming great obstacles to do so, families willing to sacrifice to make EAC a possibility for their children, and Board members who donate their talents and time.

We have ingenuity, daily. Just come by during recess and children will show you their forts and share with you how they barter for goods and services. It is present in a staff meeting when we unfold how to feed 220 children a Thanksgiving Feast cooked by our students, with no cafeteria. And let's not forget the all-school musical... 3 weeks from the first rehearsal to opening night: that's ingenuity, with a little of the miraculous thrown in for good measure!

The conviction of purpose that infuses our entire community has made EAC prosperous, so prosperous in fact, that we are poised to begin the next phase of our journey together. At our Thanksgiving Feast we all joined together to sing and celebrate our good fortune. We donned hard hats and tool belts and gave a cry of excitement for the impending arrival of cement trucks, backhoes and dump trucks. What could be more thrilling than watching the construction of a building from start to finish? A building that represents so many different things: the realization of Andrea's dream; the proof of our commitment to the future; our belief in what we can accomplish together. EAC's "Big Dig" ...our manifestation of collective willpower, ingenuity and conviction of purpose, only possible in this United States.

Be well and have a wonderful holiday,

Warmly,

Laura

Calendar

- Nov. 26 Snack Week for Jack Worob, Avedis Smith and Uma Delotsang
- Nov. 27 Middle School Costa Rica Trip Informational Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 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.
- Dec. 7 Holiday Bazaar (details to follow)
- Dec. 8 Primary Parent Workshop,

Montessori: Connecting Home and School

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., contact the office for more information
- Dec. 13 Ski Club meeting for parents and children 4:30 p.m. in the mini-gym
- Dec. 17 Middle School Trip to Target
- Dec. 20 Festival of Light
- Dec. 21- Jan 1 **NO SCHOOL - Holiday Break**

Pizza Lunch

Pizza lunch for the spring term will begin on Friday, January 4th. Lunches for the remainder of the year are \$76.00. If you have already paid for the entire year, then no payment is necessary. If you do need to pay, please give your payment to the office by **Thursday, January 3rd**. After the second week in January, no add-ons will be permitted, nor will it be possible to purchase pizza for just one Friday. We appreciate your support for this fundraiser for the Upper Level May trip to Boston.

Music News from Ryan

Please join us for the Winter Concert.

EACMSI Winter Concert

Thursday, December 6, 7PM

Hangar Theater

Featuring performances from:

Beginning Band

Junior Band

Concert Band

Percussion Ensemble

Junior Level "Lion" Chorus

Upper Level Chorus

Middle School Chorus

Holiday Bazaar

The Holiday Bazaar is Friday, December 7th. This event is an opportunity for Extended Day, Junior Level and Upper Level children to purchase gifts for family members at bargain prices! Our Middle School students in cooperation with The Advocacy Center will sponsor a local family in need and the proceeds from our Bazaar will support this effort.

We ask each family to search their home for “treasures” (unused items...white elephants) that can be donated to the Bazaar. **In considering a particular treasure, ask yourself if you would like to receive it as a gift.** All items will be priced at an affordable level (between 50 cents and a few dollars). In previous years, we've noticed that there is a shortage of items for adult men (dads, grandfathers, uncles...). If you have items to share in that category that would be especially nice.

The children look forward to this event because they can participate in the holiday spirit of giving, making choices for their loved ones by themselves, at prices they can afford! Please bring all donated items to the main office at Montessori beginning on **Monday, December 3rd**. Please do not bring items before that date, due to lack of storage space.

We would appreciate **parent volunteers** to come in and assist our Middle School students as they sort and price items and also act as shopping and packing assistants. This event is full of Montessori spirit and is well worth an afternoon of your time if you are able to be with us! The Bazaar will be held **Friday, December 7th at 1:00 p.m.**



DIG THIS!

Attention EAC families! If you see construction vehicles or workers on campus in the coming days and weeks, don't be surprised. We're preparing for something big!

For many years we've been dreaming about completing our campus with a new building to comfortably accommodate our current enrollment and programming...and we're getting really close to fulfilling that dream!

We'll be making an important announcement at the Winter Concert at the Hangar Theatre on December 6th at 7:00 p.m, and we hope to see you there. But if you can't join us for the live announcement, just check the December 7th edition of The Montessorian for the big news.

If you have any questions, please contact Pete Browning, Board President, petebrowning@verizon.net.

Help support our school!

Order this year's
t-shirts and
hoodies! School
apparel makes
great gifts.



Order deadline is
November 30.
Orders will be
distributed before
December break.

Apparel Order Form 2012/13

School apparel makes great gifts! Order Deadline Is November 30. Orders will be delivered to school for pickup before the holiday break. All items are printed in colored ink on black fabric. To take a look at unprinted samples, stop by the front hall in the main building.

	Youth S	Youth M	Youth L	Ladies S	Ladies M	Ladies L	Ladies XL	Adult XS unisex	Adult S unisex	Adult M unisex	Adult L unisex	Adult XL unisex	Adult 2XL unisex	Subtotal
Short Sleeved T-Shirt 100% cotton, black	\$12 Qty	\$12 Qty	\$12 Qty	\$13 Qty	\$13 Qty	\$13 Qty	\$13 Qty	\$13 Qty	\$13 Qty	\$13 Qty	\$13 Qty	\$13 Qty	\$13 Qty	
Long Sleeved T-Shirt 100% cotton, black				\$17 Qty	\$17 Qty	\$17 Qty	\$17 Qty	\$17 Qty	\$17 Qty	\$17 Qty	\$17 Qty	\$17 Qty	\$17 Qty	
Pullover Jersey Hoodie Lightweight t-shirt fabric, black								\$24 Qty	\$24 Qty	\$24 Qty	\$24 Qty	\$24 Qty	\$24 Qty	
Pullover Fleece Hoodie Heavyweight sweatshirt fabric, black	\$21 Qty	\$21 Qty	\$21 Qty					\$24 Qty	\$24 Qty	\$24 Qty	\$24 Qty	\$24 Qty	\$24 Qty	
ORDER TOTAL (Payment due at time of order, make checks payable to EACMSI. Deadline is November 30.)														

Special Instructions?

Name _____

Classroom/Teacher _____

email _____

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