



NEWSLETTER

October, 2006

"It is through seeing and hearing, that one's personality is molded and developed"

Maria Montessori

Well....

Our first newsletter of the year. Welcome back everyone! We've had this run of fabulous weather and there has been many trips to the park for the children.

PUMPKIN PATCH

We have lots of wonderful plans for this fall, the first being the PUMPKIN PATCH for the pre-school and kindergarten children.

We have booked the date of **Monday, October 23rd**

The morning class will meet at the pumpkin patch at **9:05 a.m.**

The afternoon class will meet at the pumpkin patch at **12:05 p.m.**

Please remember to have the children wear boots since even if it is not raining, the fields will probably be muddy. The children should also bring a plastic shopping bag and it's probably a good idea to put a garbage bag down in the floor of your vehicle.

There are direction maps available at the classroom or you can head to the north end of Laity Street and turn left. The pumpkin patch is approximately 100 metres on the right hand side.

See you there!!!

And on to....

much more official business. The AGM or Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. here at the school. This is an opportunity for you to get involved in your child's education and assist in the further development of Meadow Montessori School. We are continuing to grow and our Board is the driving force behind this. All new and returning families are encouraged to get involved and make a difference! And just so you know, there are no regular monthly meetings to attend as most of the communication between

board members is done via e-mails.

CONSTRUCTION ALERT!!!

As most of you are aware, there is construction going on in the gym. The wall for our new Elementary Classroom is going up and this means it is not a safe area for the children to be in. We have closed off the sidewalk leading to the gym doors due to boards and other debris often left outside. This is temporary and we are very excited about the new classroom!

Thank you...

to all families who ordered meat, pies and cookies. The order should arrive this week, Thursday, at 11:00 am sharp. Please be there or have someone pick up your order as it is all frozen and we have no room to store it.

Also, we have decided to have Purdy's Chocolates available in time for Christmas. Last year many

families enjoyed the easy Easter shopping and we felt Christmas was another time we often give gifts of chocolate. And what better chocolate to give? Mmmmm.

Scholastic is up and running and we are expecting our first shipment of books any day now. We have already received the October order forms and will hand those out shortly. Thank you to everyone who orders from Scholastic. The books are wonderful additions to any household and the school benefits greatly from your orders.

bingo..

A very big THANK YOU to Corrigan Clay (Keziah's daddy) for helping us out with bingo in September. We have October covered but could use someone in November (see sign-up board). It really is an important event for the school and is even fun and easy!

OOOOHHHHH...

The dreaded reminders....

Please be sure and bring in two pictures, a change of clothing and your child's emergency kit if you have not already done so.

m = mom, mud, many

k = kangaroo, key

Each week we do 2 sounds of the week. This week is 'm' and 'k'. We focus on those sounds in both lessons and group activities and they can easily be reinforced at home. You can ask your child if he/she can say any words with those beginning sounds or help them practice sounding them out or writing them. There are many ways to assist your child with school activities, *but only if they are interested.*

Please try and fill the snack spots on the list if possible. We usually have some raisins and such but sometimes it can be slim pickins'. But.....a huge thank you to all parents who do sign up for snack.

Just one more tiny thing...

Please, please, please,

do not teach your child to write with capital letters. We teach the lower case since that is what they will be using in their continuing education. Many adults, myself included, use capitals when they print and this can be quite confusing to the child. *(like it was last year on Valentines day. The kids could not read the names*

written in capitals by well-meaning parents.)

smile...

PICTURE DAY will be Friday, November 10th. Children who attend on that day come as usual and Tuesday, Thursday children will come for group and individual pictures at 9:00 am. and 12:15 respectively. Parents of these children stay and take them home after pictures are done. A further reminder will follow.

It's all Elementary...

Parents of Elementary children are reminded to please be on time picking up your children from the gymnastics program on Tuesdays and Thursdays in October. The name of the club is Quantum Gymnastics and directions are available at the school.

So... to sum it all up.

Welcome, blah, blah, blah, Pumpkin Patch blah, blah, blah, MUD! blah, blah, blah, Annual General Meeting, blah, blah, blah, Construction, blah, blah, blah, Thank you, blah, blah, blah, chocolate, mmmmm blah, blah, blah, Bingo, blah, blah, blah, 'm' and 'k', blah, blah, blah, no caps and Smile, blah, get kids on time.