



2009

May has arrived and brought with it some fairer weather for us to enjoy. The children are as busy as bees in a hive, learning, growing and developing new skills. It's amazing how a little sunshine brightens and energizes all of us.

We wish to thank everyone for your input in our recent survey regarding the balanced calendar year. The results of the survey will be discussed in future board meetings since the findings were quite supportive towards trying out the balanced calendar. The teachers decided that if we were to change it would be best initiated for the 2010/2011 school year. Further information regarding the possible calendar will be posted on the website after the next board meeting.



### BOARD BUSINESS

The next meeting of the board will be May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm; all parents are encouraged to attend!

If you wish to contact the board directly email:

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# NEWSLETTER

## The virtue for May is Courtesy

**What is courtesy?** Courtesy is being polite and having good manners. It is a gracious way of speaking and acting which gives others a feeling of being valued and respected. "Please", "Thank you", "Excuse me", "Hello", "Goodbye", "You're welcome" are not just words. They are courteous expressions that show people you respect them and care about them.

**Why practice courtesy?** When a person doesn't practice courtesy, people feel insulted and disrespected. Practicing courtesy gives people a sense that they are valued. Bring courtesy home, your family needs it most of all. Courtesy helps life to go smoothly.

(Reference: The Virtues Project Educators Guide, Linda K. Popov)

### Courtesy

*Courtesy means you say please, thank you, you're welcome, excuse me.*

*Courtesy means you wouldn't tease and make someone feel badly.*

*"Most smiles are started by another smile."*

~Anonymous



Meat Fundraiser Orders  
Due Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

Scholastic Book Orders  
Due Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

Pro-D Day Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>  
NO SCHOOL

Victoria Day Holiday  
Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
NO SCHOOL



Happy Birthday!

Greetings for May

Preschool - Vanessa  
Elementary - Nia  
Nicolas

### Exciting News!!

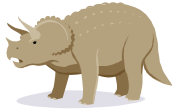
As a school we are well on our way to becoming a GREEN school. We have now received our silver and gold certificates and are getting close to achieving our GREEN status! We should all be very proud of our students and staff caring for our earth!



## Preschool Update



It's a month of exciting prehistoric lessons, as we will be learning all about dinosaurs! Concentrating on five different creatures the children will definitely be enthralled with the idea that they used to roam the earth long ago. So listen for some of that knowledge coming home. ROAR!



Of course with **Mother's Day** just around the corner there are some **top-secret** crafts keeping our fingers and creative minds busy!



Please remember to fill out your water conservation checklist and bring it to school - even one small change in our water consumption can really make a difference! Also, now that the sun is out more than not, it's a good idea to protect those little heads with a good sunhat, remember to bring it to school for our outings at the park!

DO you have access to a Serger sewing machine? The preschool has pre-cut towels that need to have the edges finished before they can be used. Please let us know if you can help. We also need CLEAN bones for our dinosaur unit...



## Elementary Update

Rock climbing, gymnastics, totem poles, poetry and relief map construction are just some of the things that kept us busy in April. This month is full of interesting new subjects and activities as well. The older children will be joining in an introduction to kickboxing, wrestling and Jiu-jitsu at the Raptor Athletic Club for a couple of weeks - can't wait to hear about it!



As you may remember, we are participating in the Scholastic Book Clubs Classrooms-Care Program. When our class finishes reading 100 Books by May 31, 2009 Scholastic Book Clubs will make a donation of books to children in need through its Literacy Partners. We are close to our goal so keep reading!

### SPRING

Spring is coming!  
Pink butterflies are hatching.  
Roses are sprouting.  
I am excited!!  
Nice rainbows are coming.  
Growing is fun!!!

By Erica

### Group Haiku - Scared Bunny

White bunny rabbit  
Hopping through the forest  
scared.  
Run away from harm.

By Erica, Jessica & Simon



Please remember, the children of Meadow Montessori School are asked to each donate 25¢ at the beginning of each month towards supporting Guerdy, our sponsored child in Haiti.



Together, we can make a difference in Guerdy's life.



## Fundraiser!

All of you should have your forms all ready - if you need more, please do not hesitate to ask! This opportunity has the potential to pay for some unexpected expenses we incurred due to a freak windstorm at the home show overnight - so fill your freezer and help us pay the bills!

