

# AROUND THE HOUSE



## OUR COMMUNITY

We are happy to have many returning families for 2020-2021 school year. We are open to all new families now. Please email or call if you have any questions regarding your application. Remember our referral program if you bring in a new family!

We are looking forward to our summer camp as well. We will send home more information soon! Summer camp will be six weeks in the summer (June 1-5, 8-12, 15-19, 22-26 and July 6-10, 13-17). We hope you can join us for a week or two! There is a discount for all six weeks. Feel free to share the information with friends and neighbors. All are welcome!

Please sign up for a conference time with your child's preschool teacher. Conferences will be held the week of March 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. This is a valuable conversation for all.

Thank you for your support! Danielle Giuseffi, Director  
~Office Hours: Monday-Thursday; 7:30 to 11:30~

## THANK YOU!

... the PTO for all their support  
...the School Board for all they do for our school  
...the Development Committee for their vision  
...for all who were able to attend the Montessori Movie Screening and participate in great discussion  
...the Frybargers for lending us their popcorn machine  
...to all parents who were able to attend the Montessori Show & Tell  
... Matt Koupal for shoveling  
...Dr. Brittany Bury and her assistant for a wonderful dental education program.  
...Carol Suzuki for sharing Heart Math with our elementary students  
...Peter Strong and Jay Pond for the cool art experience at Racing Magpie

## MONTESSORI MINUTE

Does following the child mean allowing the child to whatever the child wants? Maria Montessori once told the story that a woman visited her school and, without understanding Montessori principles, said to a child, **“So, this is a place where you do what you like, is it not?”** The child answered, **“No, but we like what we do!”**

A Montessori environment encourages responsibility and self-discipline. The child learns how to work within the framework of the classroom (e.g., the work is returned to the shelf when completed, the chair is pushed back under the table). Older children even learn to take responsibility for helping younger children in the classroom who may be struggling with a concept they themselves have already mastered.

When children know they are responsible for their own behavior and their own success in learning, they feel more motivated to regulate their own behavior. In a Montessori classroom, the more self-discipline a child exhibits, the more they are rewarded with freedom to pursue learning the way they enjoy most!

“Scientific observation then has established that education is not what the teacher gives; education is a natural process spontaneously carried out by the human individual and is acquired not by listening to words but by experiences upon the environment.” – Maria Montessori

## FROM THE PRIMARY CLASSROOMS

8:15 /8:30

The kids are starting their continent study. In March we will be talking about Asia, Europe, South America and North America. The children are making a world map which they will take home once we are done studying all the continents. All students will be planting marigold seeds this month and watching them grow. The kids will be responsible for tending their plants until we send them home around Earth Day. We will also be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday this month with all of his books that we can read!

Sincerely, Mrs. Butler, Miss Parastou, Mrs. Verchio, & Mrs. Gibson

### KINDERGARTEN

Due to illnesses, tying shoes and writing questions were delayed until this month. In their writing journals, Kindergartners will begin learning how to construct a question with who, what, why, where, when or how and using a question mark. They will also be writing a response to their questions. To give students practice in asking and answering questions verbally, we will begin having show-n-tell each week. A note will be sent home in the Wednesday folder with a theme from which your child can choose a related object to bring to school each Friday. Other lessons will occur with 2-dimensional (flat) shapes versus 3-dimensional (geometric solids) shapes, rhyming, and push and pull.

Sincerely, Mrs. Verchio

## FROM THE ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM

Spring is approaching and we, in elementary, are really excited! We have been enjoying the sunshine and fluffy snow by having longer recesses to sled, make snowforts and snowpersons!

Upper elementary is working on long division material, fraction material – adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions. They are writing their own stories in writing and a few are sharing/helping with keyboarding in lower elementary.

Lower elementary has begun arrays, simple multiplication and story problems. The younger ones are continuing with the stamp game of adding and subtracting 4 digits! They have also been studying North America and its 14 countries.

At the end of the month we have an opportunity to attend the Cultural Fair at the School of Mines! We always look forward to that! One reminder: we ask that if your child has an orthodontist, dentist or other doctor appointment that you pick them up in the office. This helps us maintain the children's focus and concentration in the classroom.

Sincerely, Mrs. Pena

March 5<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 p.m. –  
Board Meeting

March 19<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL for  
preschool; Kindergarten and  
Elementary on regular  
schedule

March 20<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL for  
ALL Students

March 25<sup>th</sup> @3:10 p.m. – PTO  
Meeting

March 26<sup>th</sup> @9:00 a.m. to  
2:30 p.m. – Cultural Expo–  
Kindergarten and Elementary

March 28<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 p.m. –  
Potluck – all are welcome!