
Discovery Montessori News

May 2015

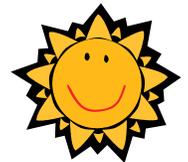
DATES TO REMEMBER

Please keep these dates in mind for this Spring and Summer.

- May 15th Parents' Day Program 1:00 pm -3:00 pm**
Students need to arrive at 12:30 p.m. and go their respective classrooms.
- May 25th Memorial Day Holiday NO SCHOOL OR DAYCARE**
- May 19th Preschool Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium Field Trip**
- May 27th Traditional Piano Recital 2:00 pm** (All parents welcome to attend)
- May 28th Suzuki Piano Recital 10:30** (All parents welcome to attend)
- May 28th Last Day of School** (Regular school day with daycare.)
- May 29th Potluck Picnic at Long Lake 11:30-2:00** (For all children and their families)
- June 8th First day of Summer School**
- Aug 21st Last day of Summer School**

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER AND FALL

After May 1st we will be opening up registration to children who are not returning students. We advise parents of returning students to turn in the registration form and your registration fee so we may guarantee your child's placement. Space is becoming limited so don't delay.



Due to large enrollment we will have a combined K-2 class and an upper Elementary class for summer and fall. Mrs. Nelson & Mrs. Geiss will be teaching in the K-2 class. Mrs. Franks will be teaching in the Upper Elementary.

PARENTS' DAY PROGRAM

On Friday, May 15th 2015, the children will be presenting a program in honor of their parents from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Kitsap Room.

All children should be in their classrooms at 12:30 pm.



There will be refreshments for the parents and children in gym following the program. There will be **no childcare or school** that day except when the children attend the program. Please allow extra time, as parking can be a problem with this many parents arriving at the same time. All children need to eat before they come to school.

Children will also be giving their parents a special gift. Each class is doing something different. The Preschool will have **\$1 charged to their school account**. K-1 class will have **\$8 charged to their school accounts** and the Elementary will have **\$5 charged to their school accounts**.

SCHOOL PICNIC



Our **potluck picnic** will again be held at Long Lake Park on **Friday, May 29th, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Children, parents, grandparents, siblings, and childcare givers are welcome. On that day you will be responsible to watch your own children and any other children you might bring. There will be a sign-up list posted in each of the rooms so that we will know how many will be attending and what you will be bringing. The school will provide hot dogs, buns and ice cream.

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

We will be celebrating summer birthdays on May 28th for those children who will have a birthday during the summer and will not be in school.



ACCOUNTS

We have sent home a statement in this week's Friday Folder to help you with your last payment. Please make your payment for the amount shown. If you have any question about your statement, please see Ms. Valerie in the office. You can also call her between 8:30 and 4:15. We would like the accounts to have a **zero balance by May 15th**. Thank you!

STUDY OF THE MONTH

Elementary & K-1- Cultural: Australia and Antarctica, Geography/Science—review cartography, chemistry. Art Appreciation: Johnny Bulunbulun—*Bark Painting*. Art, Music/Movement, Cooking, Spanish, Sign Language, May Musical.

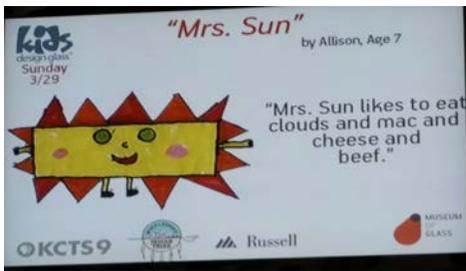
Preschool - Cultural: Introduction to continents of Australia and Antarctica and the culture of Australia and New Zealand, learning country names, making maps and flags. Art Appreciation: Johnny Bulunbulun—*Bark Painting*. Art: paint on stone and/or bark (aboriginal)—scratched animals, Spring art, calendar art using different mediums. Music/Movement: "Kookaburra," "Waltzing Matilda," "Marsupial Sue," "Tie Me Kangaroo." Cooking: May flower, Kiwi and Strawberries, Trail Mix for Antarctic Explorers, Teacher's Choice. Show'n'Tell: Australian or Antarctic animals, item from Australia or New Zealand, a pentagon or a hexagon. Spanish. May Musical.

END OF THE YEAR INFORMATION

This month we will be weighing and measuring your child and we will be sending home info on his/her growth. At the end of the school year we will be assessing the children and you will receive a written report on your child (provided all fees are paid). We will be sending home all spare clothes and slippers on your child's last day of school, even if your child is planning to attend summer school. This is a good time to check the slippers and clothes for wear, fit, and appropriateness for warmer weather.

COOL KID ALERT

Our very own Allison Brown had her art work chosen by Tacoma's Museum of Glass to be made into a piece of glass art. Allison and her family got to watch her creation being made and she got to keep it. Congratulations Allison on being chosen out of all of the many contest entries received for this honor!



SUMMER SCHOOL



Summer school this year will start on Monday, June 8th and continue until Friday, August 21st. School will be from 9:00-3:00 for full days and 9:00-11:30 or 12:30-3:00 for half days.

The fees for the full **11 week session** will be charged on a weekly basis. See Mrs. Valerie for a copy of the pricing.

We will have a week of tennis lessons by Dennis Stojewa, a USTA certified tennis instructor who has special training to teach tennis to young children under 10, as well as adults. These lessons will be the week of July 13th- 17th.

Summer 2015: Montessori materials, grace, courtesy, and walking field trips. Painting. Sewing: sewing machine projects. Summer science: Study of Plant Kingdom, molds, dehydration, and rehydration of foods, chemistry, electricity. Woodworking.. Field trips to Blackjack Creek, Plant nursery, Art Museum. Cooking: Potato or Green Salad, Fruit Pie, Pita Pocket Sandwiches, Orange Smoothie. Sports—baseball, soccer, tennis or others. Summer Musical: To be determined.

*Curriculum is subject to revision

BOX TOPS & CAMPBELL'S

Help us finish the year strong by sending in your Box Tops and Labels for Education! Every box top or label helps us raise money and purchase supplies for our school. Any box tops or labels sent in the last weeks of school will be saved for submission at the beginning of next school year. Thank you for your help and dedication to our school.

THANK YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers that have helped throughout the school year: the readers, chaperones, classroom helpers, and speakers. Without you, our program would not be as rich and fulfilling for the students or the staff. We would also like to thank the following businesses for generously donating supplies and edible plants to our schools shared gardens:

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Spring is here



PEARSON'S PICK

Type in “Observational drawing” into Pinterest and you will find a plethora of ideas and inspiration. My favorite was [Introductory Observational Drawing](#) and here is what it said:

“Observational drawing is a powerful way for children to heighten their attention to detail, and closely inspect any number of subjects / objects (primarily still life). It gives a child the ability to explore and refine their drawing skills slowly over time.”

Helpful beginner tips:

1. The simpler, the better – initially
2. Resist directing the child's work
3. Make drawing a habit. Draw with your child
4. Display the drawing afterward.

Materials:

- Paper
- Pencil
- Object to draw

Remember that it's about observation and attention to detail. Model the expectation and acceptance of mistakes. Emphasize practice not perfect and HAVE FUN.

