

January 28, 2010

Calendar:

Tomorrow, January 29, Reenrollment Contracts for Fall 2010 mailed

Saturday, January 30, Pancake Breakfast, Terra Linda Community Center, 9:00AM

Saturday, January 30, Child Visits for Pre-Primary Siblings

Thursday, February 11, Elementary Parent Child Night, 5 & 6PM

Friday, February 12, Reenrollment Contracts Due

Friday, February 12, Minimum Day, Noon Dismissal – No Childcare

Monday – Friday, February 15-19, Mid-Winter Break, No Classes

Tuesday – Thursday, February 16-18, Pre-Primary/Primary Mid-Winter Camp

Enrollment Contracts:

Reenrollment Contracts will be sent tomorrow, Friday, January 29, and will be due Friday, February 12.

For those who completed their Tuition Assistance applications by the due date (January 15), your

Reenrollment Contract will be mailed Friday, February 12, and will be due Friday, February 26.

Contracts returned after the due date will be considered on a space available basis.

Pancake Breakfast: This Saturday

Our Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held this Saturday, January 30, from 9-11AM at the Terra Linda Recreation Center, 670 Del Ganado Rd. If you are able to attend but haven't yet RSVPd, please respond to the Evite today. We still need volunteers in the following areas: Cooks (7:30-10:30), Clean-up (11-12:30), Servers (8:45-9:45 & 9:45-10:45 shifts) and one Cashier/Greeter for the 9:45-10:45 shift. Please email kate@mdtl.org if you are interested in any of these positions. In the spirit of keeping green, we ask that you bring your own reusable plates, cups and utensils to the event. Back by popular demand, the East Bay Vivarium will return with their reptile show starting promptly at 10AM, and new this year, a Pancake Breakfast Raffle! Tickets will be available the day of the event for \$1/ticket. Extended family and friends are welcome, and to make sure that everyone can enjoy pancakes, this year we will feature a special allergy-free pancake batter. For information on this batter, contact Sofia Alexander at akabellasmom@yahoo.com. A \$10 donation per family is requested to help offset costs.

Mid-Winter Camp:

We invite our toilet-trained Pre-Primary and Primary students to join Laurin and Marissa for cooking, music, games and crafts at this year's Mid-Winter Camp, Tuesday-Thursday, February 16-18.

Registration forms were distributed yesterday.

Dine and Donate Fundraisers:

Thank you to BJ's at Northgate for hosting our first Dine & Donate night. We had 20 families in attendance and everyone enjoyed time to relax around good food and conversation. Join us next month on Thursday, February 18th at Wipeout Bar and Grill at Bon Air Center in Greenbrae. They'll be participating all day and will donate 20% of participants' bill. Also mark your calendars to dine at Chevy's in Novato on March 18, and Finnegan's in Novato on April 15.

February Billing:

There will be no tuition installment due in February, as there will be an enrollment fee due with reenrollment contracts. We will only be invoicing for before and after care hours next month. Regular billing will resume in March.

Moonlight Masquerade:

Preparations are underway for MdTL's 18th Annual Auction, Moonlight Masquerade! As we approach the February 1st deadline for donations, we are receiving some very exciting items! Remember, each donation earns one volunteer hour.

Annual Fund:

Thank you to the LaRue Family for their generous donation to the Annual Fund!

MdTL on Twitter:

Are you following Mary on Twitter? She sends out interesting updates and facts about Montessori and education. It's also a great way to know about upcoming school events during the week. To follow Mary, visit our new website at www.mdtl.org and click on "Follow Mary, our Head of School, on Twitter" in the bottom left section of our home page.

Volunteer:

- Several positions are still available for this Saturday's Pancake Breakfast. The volunteer sign-up sheet is located on the Primary sign-in table. See above for details or email kate@mdtl.org for more information.
- We are looking for a handy person to upgrade the fencing on the Bungalow ramp – perhaps create wooden rails. David Cullinan has an idea that he would love to hand off to somebody ready to execute.

Thank you!

- Andy Greenberg and Julie Ansara for creating a very awesome and unique Moonlight Masquerade Save-the-Date video.
- Heidi Phan-Peterson, Pam Samaniego and Alan Ryman for all of their marketing efforts in promoting last Saturday's Community Open House.
- Cheryl Jagoda for providing her delicious baked goods and for attending last Saturday's Community Open House.
- Maria Whitaker for organizing the Dine and Donate fundraiser.
- Tanihara Family for the donation of a bathroom scale to the Upper Elementary classroom for the purpose of monitoring MdTL's garbage to fulfill the Green School Alliance Pledge.