

February 25, 2010

Calendar:

TOMORROW, February 26, Tuition Assistance & Pre-Primary Sibling Contracts Due

TOMORROW, February 26, Willow House Farmer's Market, 3PM

Monday, March 1, Final Auction Meeting, Mina Home after drop-off

Monday, March 1, Green Committee Meeting, Room 8, 8:45AM

Friday, March 5, Minimum Day, Noon Dismissal – No Childcare

Monday – Friday, March 8 – 12, Auction Pre-Registration, during drop-off

Tuesday, March 9, Moonlight Masquerade Online Auction Closes, 8:59PM

Thursday, March 11, Pre-Primary Parent/Child Night - 3 groups, 3:20, 3:55 & 4:30

Saturday, March 13, MdTL's 18th Annual Auction, Moonlight Masquerade, Mill Valley Community Ctr, 6-11PM

Tuesdays, March 16 – May 4, Positive Parenting Series for Parents of Toddler/Preschool Aged Children, 7-9PM

Wednesdays, March 17 – May 5, Positive Parenting Series for Parents of Elementary Aged Children, 7-9PM

Wednesday, March 17, Class Picture Day, beginning at 8:30AM

Thursday, March 18, Dine and Donate at Chevy's in Novato, all day – donating 25%

Tuition Assistance and Sibling Contracts: Due Tomorrow!

Award letters and contracts for current MdTL families who completed their Tuition Assistance applications and have been processed by SSS were mailed two weeks ago, and the contracts, along with a non-refundable enrollment fee, will be due TOMORROW, February 26. Pre-Primary Sibling Contracts were mailed at the same time and are also due TOMORROW with a non-refundable enrollment fee.

Upper Elementary Farmer's Market: Tomorrow

Yesterday, the Upper Elementary students enjoyed a wonderful meal, with the help of MdTL parent, Chef Michael Mina, using the produce harvested from our garden. There was an abundance of produce, and as a result the Willow House will have a small farmer's market tomorrow at 3PM. There will be an assortment of organic produce, grown by our students right here at school, available to the school community! We will have booths outside of the Willow House and in front of school, weather permitting. If it is raining, the market will take place inside the Willow House.

18th Annual Auction

Moonlight Masquerade

Saturday, March 13th, 6-11PM

Mill Valley Community Center

Auction Meeting: This Monday

The Auction Committee will hold its final meeting before Pre-Registration Week this Monday, March 1, at the Mina Home, after drop-off. Everyone is welcome so if you would like to be involved in MdTL's largest fundraising event of the year, you are encouraged to attend.

Online Auction:

The bidding wars have begun! MdTL's Moonlight Masquerade Online Auction opened last Sunday, and the bidding has been fast and furious! Visit www.mdtl.cmarket.com to bid on a variety of items that suit all interests and to preview items that will be featured in our Silent and Live Auction on Saturday, March 13. Remember, you don't have to be a MdTL parent to participate - spread the word to friends and family so that they can get in on some of these great deals! Act fast, our Online Auction ends Tuesday, March 9 at 8:59PM.

Auction Invitation:

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Live Auction on Saturday, March 13. Not only will we enjoy an evening of magic, mystery, and fun, we will also have the opportunity to experience the cuisine of world-renowned chef, Michael Mina! Auction invitations have been sent to our current parent body, and if you have family members or friends outside the community who would like to attend the event, please forward their name and address to kate@mdtl.org so she can send them an invitation. RSVPs are requested by Monday, March 8.

50/50 Raffle:

This is a fun and lucrative fundraiser, with half of the money raised going to MdTL and the other half going to the lucky winner! Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 12 for \$100. Ticket stubs and money can be turned in to the 50/50 Raffle envelope in the front hall. The winning ticket will be drawn the night of the Live Auction. And remember, you don't have to be a MdTL community member to win. Anyone who purchases a ticket is eligible (grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors and coworkers!). It is not necessary for the winner to be present at the Live Auction to win. An envelope with 12 tickets (2 books of 6) was distributed to all families a few weeks ago, and additional tickets are available in the front office.

Positive Parenting Workshops: Coming in March!

The Positive Parenting Workshop will be returning to MdTL this spring! This popular series, led by Terese Bradshaw, will be a little different this session: We will offer one class geared towards parents of toddler and preschool age students on Tuesday evenings, and another class geared towards parents of elementary age students on Wednesday evenings. Classes are from 7-9PM beginning the week of March 16 and run through the week of May 4 (with a week off for Spring Break the week of April 12). The cost for this seven-week series is \$115/parent. Brochures were distributed earlier this week. The class minimum is 15 students/class. If you are interested in attending, please return the registration form (on the back of the brochure) along with your payment to Kate in the front office.

Notes:

- From time to time, intriguing pieces from the classroom and bungalow works mysteriously disappear. If you are a parent of a Pre-Primary or Primary child, please check your child's coat and pants pockets. If you come across something, please return it to your child's teacher, or to the front office.
- The Birthday Basket items will be delivered to the Marin Community Food Bank in celebration of the February birthdays. Thank you for caring and sharing.

Annual Fund:

Thank you to the Goldmacher Family, the Samaniego Family, the Sun Family, and the Wychocki Family (alumni) for their generous donations to the Annual Fund.

Thank you!:

- Khalifa Family for caring for Lemody Griffin, our bunny, over the Mid-Winter Break.
- Julia Butler (Ben's mom from the Acorn Room) and Kristin Shoet (Ethan's mom from the Maple Room) for the intricate paper cutting you did to prepare art projects for the children to enjoy.