

February 4, 2010

Calendar:

Friday, February 5, Auction Table in front of school at drop-off

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

Friday, February 12, Reenrollment Contracts Due

Friday, February 12, Tuition Assistance Contracts Mailed

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

Monday, February 22, School Resumes

Wednesday, February 24, Parent Association Meeting, in the Sanctuary, after drop-off

Friday, February 26, Tuition Assistance Contracts Due

Enrollment Contracts:

Reenrollment Contracts were mailed last Friday to currently enrolled families and are due with a non-refundable enrollment fee next Friday, February 12, to secure a space in our program next year.

Contracts with tuition assistance offers will be mailed out next Friday and will be due back on February 26. **Contracts returned after the due date will be considered on a space available basis.**

Auction: Table TOMORROW

The Auction Committee will be showcasing some of our exciting Sign-up Parties out in front of school (or under the eaves outside of Lower Elementary if it is raining) tomorrow morning at drop-off. So stop by for a cup of coffee and check it out. Also, the deadline for submitting Auction donations has been extended. Donations will be gratefully accepted until next Friday, February 12. Remember, each donation earns one volunteer hour! Don't forget to update the volunteer log.

Elementary Parent/Child Night: Next Thursday

Lower and Upper Elementary Parent/Child Night is next Thursday, February 11 at 5 or 6PM. This is a wonderful opportunity for your Elementary child to show you some of what he/she works on during their school day. Sign-up sheets are located outside of the Elementary classrooms. Childcare for our currently-enrolled siblings will be available in the Bungalow. Space is limited.

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. Return your registration form along with payment by next Friday, February 12, to reserve a spot for your child.

Glimpse into a MdTL Classroom:

In mail folders today you will find a "Glimpse into a MdTL Classroom", with this first issue featuring the Aspen Room. These essays are written by the head teachers and provide a look at the recent happenings in the classroom.

Parent Association Meeting:

Please join the Parent Association in the Sanctuary after drop-off on Wednesday, February 24, to listen to a conservationist and offer ideas about how you, your family, and our school community can get involved in volunteer activities to preserve our local watersheds. It's easy and fun to get involved!

Elementary Spring Camp:

This year, Julie will be offering a week of arts & crafts activities for all Elementary students over Spring Break (April 12-16). In addition to daily drawing instruction and experimentation with a range of color media, the children will learn the basics of printmaking using a variety of techniques. Registration fliers will be distributed upon our return from Mid-Winter Break.

It's a Boy!:

MdTL Music Teacher, Amanda Hahn, and former MdTL Music Teacher, Kevin Gerzevitz, welcomed a baby boy on Thursday, January 28, at 7:58 in the evening. The happy parents are still deciding on a name, but baby boy Hahn-Gerzevitz weighed in at 7lbs 1 oz and measured 20 ½" long. Everyone is doing well and resting comfortably at home.

Pancake Breakfast:

The hard work of so many, in preparation for and during this year's Pancake Breakfast, resulted in a very well-attended, fun and delicious community event! Over 200 people turned out this year, and we would like to thank the following people for volunteering to make this a wonderful morning for so many: The MdTL Parent Association – Erin Giacoppo, Diane Mina, Michelle Sebastian, and Jennifer Tucker-Darby – Sofia Alexander and Matt Boucher, Jenn Allison, Randy Boysen, Josh and Julia Butler, Bob and Chris Cook, Marc Finkel, Nada Grkinich and Scott Myers, Sarah Haltom, Cheryl Jagoda, Brian and Lauren Mathews, Amy McKelvey, the Mina Family, Heidi Phan-Peterson, Walter Pritchard, Natalie Quinan, Bill Reinke, Sarah Weber, and Jamie Williams, and a special thank you to students Hannah Jagoda and Sam Mina for helping with the raffle. We also want to thank Bank of Marin for sponsoring the event, and the following companies for their generous donations: Azure Farms, Bunn, Kohls, Peets Coffee, Safeway, The Good Earth in Fairfax, and Trader Joe's in San Rafael. Thank you to all of you who attended and remembered to bring your own plates and silverware. This event was a beautiful reminder of how strong our community is.

February Billing:

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

MdTL on Twitter:

Are you following Mary on Twitter? This week she gave a link to the movie trailer "Race to Nowhere". Are our children learning or just performing? 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.

Featured:

Rosalynn Blaisdell, a 2nd year Elementary student, and Trae Sebastian, a 3rd year Elementary student, have artwork featured in the February issue of Fast Forward Magazine.

Thank you!

- Bottmeyer family for planting the fruit trees on the Primary yard.
- Samaniego family for donating towels.