

December 17, 2009

Calendar:

TOMORROW, December 18, Priority Deadline for Sibling Applications

TOMORROW, December 18, Minimum Day, Noon Dismissal, No Childcare

Monday-Friday, December 21-January 1, Winter Break, No Classes

Monday-Thursday, December 21-24, Pre-Primary/Primary Winter Camp

Monday-Thursday, December 28-31, Pre-Primary/Primary Winter Camp

Monday, January 4, Staff In-Service Day, No Classes

Tuesday, January 5, School Resumes

Friday, January 8, Reenrollment Information Forms mailed

Saturday, January 9, Community Open House, 10AM – Noon

Tuesday, January 12, Session III of our Afterschool Programs begins

Friday, January 15, Tuition Assistance Applications Due

Monday, January 18, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, School Closed

Priority Sibling Application Deadline: TOMORROW

Please submit your application with the \$70 application fee for younger siblings who you would like to start in our program next summer or fall. We will schedule child visits for siblings in January.

Winter Camp:

Our Primary and toilet-trained Pre-Primary students are invited to our Winter Camp where they will enjoy various winter-time arts and crafts, games, and holiday cooking projects! Megan and Marissa will lead Week 1, Monday – Thursday, December 21-24, and Julie and Anahata will lead Week 2, Monday – Thursday, December 28-31. Space is still available for both weeks. If you would like your child to attend camp, please submit your registration form with payment by tomorrow, Friday, December 18. Drop-in care will be available if space allows – please call 24 hours ahead to check availability.

Annual Fund:

The holiday spirit of giving is in the air! As we near the end of this calendar year, we are a little over a quarter of the way to our goal of 100% participation in the MdTL Annual Fund with 27% of our families having donated so far. There are two weeks left if you would like to make your tax-deductible donation in this current tax year. We would like to thank the Arellanes Family, the Gold Family, the Torto Family, and the Young Family for their generous donations!

Tuition Assistance Applications:

Applications for Tuition Assistance for the 2010-2011 school year are now available in the Front Office and Business Office. Families currently receiving assistance must reapply each year. Second-year Primary students through Elementary are eligible, as are First-year Primary siblings. We encourage families to apply online as it is less expensive for parents and the reports are available to us much faster. To apply online, visit <https://www8.student-1.com/SSS/> - our school code is 3300. If you have any questions, please speak with Karen in the Business Office. Applications are due by Friday, January 15.

eScrip: Holiday Shopping

If you are shopping online this holiday season, be sure to go through eScrip.com before you make your purchase. Just about every major retailer participates in eScrip, donating anywhere from 1 – 20% back to our school. Be sure to designate Montessori de Terra Linda as your organization if you have not done so already. Also be sure to register your Safeway and/or Macy's cards as both of these stores donate to eScrip. Questions? Email Julia Myers, our eScrip coordinator at juliaannmyers@gmail.com.

Community Garden:

Dixie School District is looking to start a community garden open to residents and schools in the area at the Santa Margarita campus, a few blocks up from MdTL. MdTL is interested in having a plot for each class. This is in the very early planning stages and logistics are still being worked out. At this point Dixie is gauging interest in the community. If you think your family might like to participate with its own plot, please email Karen@mdtl.org.

Volunteer Opportunity:

- Our Primary gardening table needs a coat of paint. Please email kate@mdtl.org if you can help with this project.

Thank you!

- Stuart Schiffman and Jun Hua for hosting the Parent Association Holiday Party last Friday, and thank you to our dedicated PA Chairs, Erin Giacoppo, Diane Mina, Michelle Sebastian, and Jennifer Tucker-Darby for their tireless efforts in planning and organizing for a fabulous evening!
- Zach Jagoda for presenting Hanukkah to the Aspen Room and to Cheryl Jagoda for making delicious latkes for the class to enjoy.
- Jacob Hershman, Aspen Room alumni and current Lower Elementary student, for sharing his musical talents on the violin with the Primary students in the Aspen Room.
- Valerie Young for sharing her valuable nutritional knowledge at yesterday's Parent Association Meeting.

WISHING YOUR FAMILY A JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON AND A FABULOUS NEW YEAR!

