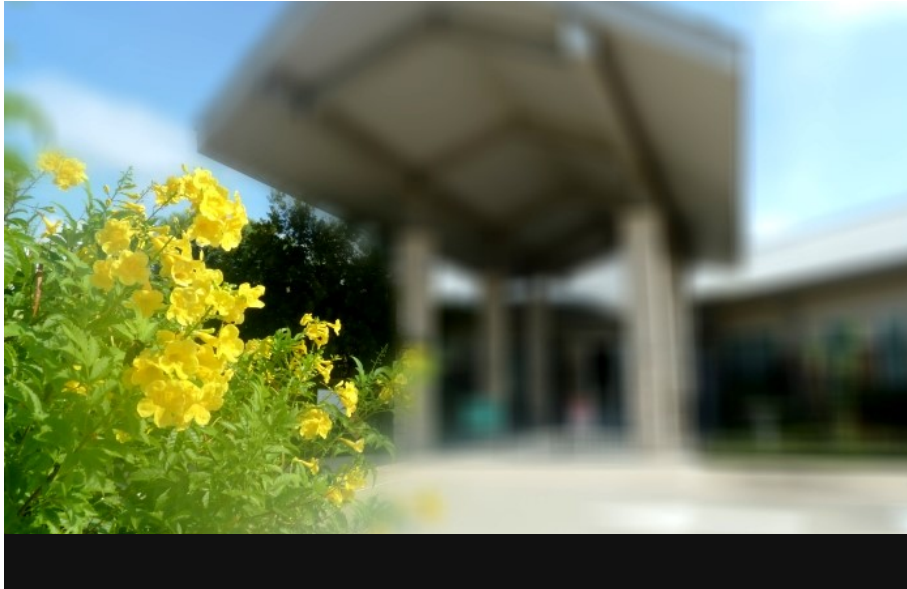


Community News



Montessori House for Children

September 2014



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Welcome Back to School

Everyone at MHFC wishes to extend a very warm welcome to all new and returning families!

The start of a new year is full of anticipation of growth and change to come. It is also a great time to remind ourselves of who we are at our core, so that growth can be inspired and directed. At Montessori House for Children, our core is our mission: to prepare our students socially, emotionally and academically to be fulfilled individuals who make a positive contribution to family and society.

We thank you for putting your faith in us, and joining us in our mission. The committed parents of Montessori House for Children contribute to the success of our School. We anticipate a school year filled with wonder, enjoyment and learning.

Welcome back to school!

“Our care of the child should be governed, not by the desire to make him learn things, but by the endeavor always to keep burning within him that light which is called intelligence.”

— Maria Montessori



Field Day Parent Volunteers

Parent Association

We are very pleased to announce the formation of a Parent Association.

The Parent Association will function as the backbone of the MHFC volunteer force. Its primary goals will be to build and enrich the experience of the school community and to support the school in fulfilling its mission.

There is space for every parent and every skill is valued. Please come to the upcoming PA meeting and see what role is right for you!

**Parent Association meeting:
Saturday, the 20th of September
9-10 AM (adults only please)**

The Elementary Community

Most people are very familiar with the Toddler and Early Childhood Communities at our school. The beautiful classrooms built to a child's scale charm our senses. The intense concentration of the children while working belies our cultural concepts of what young children are capable. We watch with joy as they grow and blossom, developing their confidence, maturity, self motivation, intellect and love of learning. They know their place in the world, and they stand confidently in it.

These wonderful Toddler and EC Communities are pieces of the Montessori Pedagogy which find their culmination in Montessori Elementary, Middle School, and indeed Montessori High School as well. At Montessori House for Children we are very pleased to offer a wonderful Elementary Program which builds upon the growth which occurs in the Toddler and EC Communities. It is the hidden gem in our school, and we would like to share it with you.

No matter what your child's age, we invite and encourage you to schedule a time to observe the Elementary Community. There are many books and articles written about the value of Montessori Elementary education, what it is, and the differences between it and traditional school. Nothing can compare with actually observing a class in action. The Elementary Community is ready and waiting to welcome you!

To schedule an observation please contact Ms. Norm at:
norma@montessorihouseforchildren.com



Elementary Math Lesson

Month at a glance.....

Peace Flag Project

In honor of Peace Day, MHFC will be taking part in a Peace Flag Project. Please keep an eye out as materials and further information will be coming home in the Friday folders of EC and Toddler children.

How you can be involved...

Parents and family members are welcome to join the project! We will have materials available in the lobby for family members who wish to contribute their own message of peace.

Thank you!!!!

Special thanks to our parent volunteers:

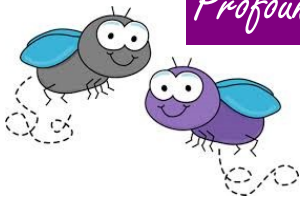
Drive Through: Stacy Ripple

September

- Sep 11th Parent Coffee 8:30- 9:30am
- Sep 11th Book Club 6-7pm
- Sep 17th Vision and Hearing 9-11am
- Sep 19th Peace Rally 9-9:30am (EC and EL parents are welcome)
- Sep 19th Gardening Day (detailed information will follow in the classroom pages)
- Sep 20th Parent Association Meeting (Volunteer Organization) 9-10am at MHFC (Parents only please)
- Sept 25th Parent Ed: 'Montessori Education' by Zareen Balsara 6-7pm (Parents only please)
- Sept 26 Early Release

Classroom Bzzzzzzzzzz.....

Profound, sweet and often hilarious statements heard in the classroom



- EC 3: When asked how the first week of school was going, a child nonchalantly replied: ***"It's just crying season"***
- Toddler 2: Two toddlers were overheard mid conversation...: T1: ***"You need to use a tissue."*** T2 quickly replied: ***"Why don't YOU get me one!"***
- Toddler 3: At lunch, a toddler seated next to his teacher leaned over, pointed to her food and said, ***"We can share that...it's ok!"***
- EC1: When asked if he brought 'show and tell' a small boy, who had been having a hard time at the start of the week, replied ***"no, but I brought my smile!!!"***
- EL: A child was laying out a piece of math work and said ***"look how I laid out my work in a nice and organized fashion!"***

SPOTLIGHT



Featured Art

Some of the beautiful art produced this week
in the class led by Mrs. Gongyi

“If help and salvation are to come, they can only come from the children, for the children are the makers of men.”

~Maria Montessori

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT...

A ten year old graduate of MHFC faced bullying at his new school. He explained to the bully that bullying him wasn't nice, and shouldn't be done. The bully eventually agreed with him and said he would leave him alone. Later in the day our alum told the boy that he was doing a great job not being a bully anymore, and he was proud of him!

He told his mom he thought it was "uncommon" for the approach to actually work, but he was glad it did!