



2019 End of Year Newsletter

MONTESSORI HOUSE FOR CHILDREN
& ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Upcoming Community Events:

- ◆ 5/9 Parent Appreciation Coffee 8:30 am
- ◆ 5/10 Open House: Invite your Friends 9 – 11 am
- ◆ 5/17 Moving Up Ceremony 9 – 11:30 am
- ◆ 5/24 Early Release & Last Day of School
- ◆ 5/24 Community Meet-Up & Picnic:
George Bush Park, Pav. 3, 5 – 8pm
- ◆ 5/27 School Closed: Memorial Day
- ◆ 5/28 - 5/31 Staff In-Service: Full Day Students Only
- ◆ 6/3 Summer Camp Session I



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Letter from Head of School:

Here we are, nearing the end of another successful school year, and like most of you, we are filled with a range of mixed emotions – gratitude, joy, hope and “saudade” *; especially for those who are moving on, that we’ve grown very close to.

In this years’ Moving-Up Ceremony, we wish to recognize our students and their devoted parents and teachers, to celebrate their completion of Early Childhood, Lower or Upper Elementary program:



Early Childhood

Lina Alchatta	Henley Barta	Sebastian Brown	Arjun Chadha	Sofia Chinello
Israa Dbouk	Eamon Dossin	Aarini Girishan	Parker Gill	Cameron Gray
Rishi Kacham	Aanya Lalani	Philimon Leder	Ema Ordonez	Lili Saltanat
Paxton Walsh	Schuyler Zhan			

Lower Elementary

Safiya Bouska	Daniel Casino	Liam Courtney	James Delescen	Alla Dbouk
Graysen El-Moussa	Kavya Kannan	Stefan Lukic	Liam Monarrez	Kavya Mudunuri
Iker Samaniego	Julia Singer	Lars Zhang		

Upper Elementary

Aya Dbouk	Alexa Rivas Gassan	Melissa Ripple	Allyson Ripple
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Congratulations to all of our students – may they go forth in confidence and compassion and with the will to never stop learning!

Our mission is to ‘cultivate the greatest potential within every person’ and this would not be possible without trust and support of our parents and the dedication of our teachers...

“Free the child’s potential, and you will transform him into the world”

~ Maria Montessori

**Saudade - a beautiful word of Portuguese origin, meaning “the love that remains” after someone is gone. It’s the recollection of feelings, experiences, places or events that once brought excitement, pleasure, well-being, which now triggers the senses and makes one live again.*

Special mention goes to the Dbouk family, who celebrate their daughters’ completion of EC, Lower and Upper Elementary – all in the same year! Aya has been a student of ours for a full 10 years!
Congratulations Aya,, Alla, Israa & Parents!

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- 5/9 Parent Appreciation & Coffee 8:30-9:30 am
- 5/10 Open House 9-11am
- 5/17 Moving-Up Ceremony 9:00-11:30 am
- 5/24 Early Release
Last Day of School
Community Meet Up: Pot Luck Picnic!
George Bush Park, Pav. # 3, 5-8pm
- 5/27 School CLOSED: Memorial Day
- 5/28 - 5/31 Staff In-service:
Only 'Full-Day' Students Attend
- 6/3 Summer Camp Session I Begins
- 7/4 School CLOSED: 4th of July Holiday
- 7/8 Summer Camp Session II Begins
- 8/9 Summer Camp Ends
- 8/12 – 8/16 School CLOSED: Staff In-Service Week
- 8/19 First Day of School





2019/2020 REFERRAL PROGRAM

When you refer a friend or family member, you will receive a \$100 credit towards your next month's tuition upon their enrollment. Your referral will also receive a \$100 credit towards their first month's tuition.

SO BE SURE TO INVITE A FRIEND TO THE OPEN HOUSE!

Congratulations to our first group of graduating 6th graders!

The elementary guides and students are thrilled to see our first group of 6th graders graduate. We have had the privilege to watch this group grow, problem-solve, take ownership of their education, and develop a clear sense of their purpose and responsibility to society.

Included is this group:

- Aya Dbouk
- Alexa Rivas Gassan
- Allyson Ripple
- Melissa Ripple

We wish them all the happiness as they continue development in their new schools!



PAV Update...

As we close out the school year, I want to take a moment to thank all of our parents & volunteers for another amazing year! We send special thanks to our outgoing PAV Officers:

Antonieta Cadiz, President

Katherine Clair, Vice-president

Margie El-Moussa, Treasurer

Evelyn Tirmizi, Secretary

They did an amazing job of organizing events that brought our community closer together and, through generous contributions, helped to raise **\$8,651.75** for the MEFI Fund!

The MEFI Board voted to allocate funds as such:

\$5,000	Tuition Assistance
\$1,500	Community Outreach
\$1,500	Slush Fund

We look forward to working together next year, thank you!



MEFI 2018/2019 Update:

• Book Fair	\$1,705.01
• Annual Pledge Donations	\$4,189.50
• Spirit Night	\$145.00
• Corporate Donations	\$460.00
• Legacy Wall	\$1,122.31
• Miscellaneous Fundraising	\$1029.93
• TOTAL	\$8,651.75

Thank you to our PAV and families who made this possible!

ECO Team Update:

In our first few years of development, we depended on leadership of a few highly dedicated and motivated parents, who volunteered their

time, sweat and resources to establish our Eco-School program, bringing us to the 'silver award' status.

This year, our primary goal was to transfer ownership of this invaluable program, from parents, to students, while continuing to improve upon each of the three established pathways – bio-diversity, waste & consumption and schoolyard habitats.

We are thrilled to announce the successful transfer of ownership! Our students have embraced ownership and would like to report to the community, their accomplishments and hopes for the coming year...



Waste & Consumption Team:

- Gave presentations about the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling.
- Wrote a letter to parents of our school, requesting that students help to pack their lunch.
- Conducted Lunch Survey
- Wrote a letter to the food catering company sharing survey results.

Schoolyard Habitat Team:

- Established weed control within the pocket prairie & butterfly habitat
- Organized efforts for the community garden day
- Planted and harvested potatoes, green beans and potatoes.

Bio-Diversity Team:

- Built bird houses
- Maintained butterfly gardens for Monarch butterflies

Ideas for the coming year include

- Gaining better understanding of where trash and recycling waste go and how it affects our environment.
- Learning more about birds including visiting a nature preserve and inviting guest speaker.
- Interested in supporting more bees!
- Better management of the compost bin "it's very stinky, there are flies, and we want to use tools (instead of hands) to work with compost next year".



Looking Back:

Just to highlight a few events since our last newsletter... Spring family gardening day for all communities, Elementary visited the Houston Museum of Natural Science and the Early Childhood community has focused country research!

Continuous Professional Development:



This past March many teachers attended the American Montessori Society (AMS) Annual Conference in Washington, DC. They attended many workshops and look forward to sharing and implementing information learned. Thank you, for this opportunity to grow professionally and bond with colleagues!

Parent Resources:

[Check out this list of Montessori readings for parents and popular Montessori blogs](#)

[The 10 Best Summer-Inspired Montessori Activities](#)

[Summer Montessori Activities to Do with Your Toddler](#)

[Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Reading List](#)

[3rd – 5th Grade Reading List](#)

[6th – 8th Grade Reading List](#)

Summer Camp registration going on now...

Summer is always an exciting time of year for us. In between pajama days, crazy hair days and splash days, the children learn new cultural dances, recipes, crafts and more!

[*CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION FORM »](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR SUMMER MINI CAMP SCHEDULE »](#)

*Limited availability for Early Childhood summer camps

Summer Camp & Mini Camp details:



SUMMER CALENDAR

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JUEGA CONMIGO KATY 2019 SPANISH IMMERSION SUMMER CAMP

Open the world for your children! Let them learn Spanish having fun through exciting activities. Discover our full immersion unique program this Summer!!!

\$225 per week

Ages: 6 to 12 years old

Siblings discount available!

Monday through Friday

from 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Week 1 (Paint, Music, Theater):
June 17th - June 21th

Week 2 (Grow, Pick & Cook):
July 15th - July 19th

Week 3 (Discovering Nature):
August 5th - August 9th

The camp will be held at:
Montessori House Elementary School
20625 Lakemont Bend Ln, Richmond, TX 77407
Registration online:
www.languageinstitute4today.com/summercamps
Phone: (832) 600-0312



JUNE 10TH TO JUNE 14TH
Electronics Makers Workshop

(Ages 6-12 years) \$125

JULY 29TH TO AUG 2ND

Drone, Design, Program & 3D Printing

(Ages 6-12 years) \$150

3 HOURS HALF DAY CAMPS!

Summer Camps

MAD SCIENCE

**Mad Science Camps at
Montessori House for Children!**

Jump into our world for a week and have a BLAST this summer the Mad Science way! Our week long camps are filled with eye-popping science that will spark any child's interests. Children will take a fun science ride through hands-on experiments and interactive demonstrations. Mad Science will have children learning to love science in no time!

FUN STEM! SUMMER CAMPS!

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