



Montessori Messenger

December 2009

Letter from the President

Dear FLMS Families,

Happy Holidays!

On the evening of December 17th, the children will be singing Christmas carols at the school. It's a brief program followed by cookies and socializing. Each family is asked to bring a plate of cookies to share. (There will NOT be extended day on that day.)

It may sound like a broken record, but we are in need of volunteers for next year's Parent Board. We need the following:

- President (Chris Novak has expressed interest. We'll be voting on the President position at the January meeting.)

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary (Lori Anderson is willing to continue writing the newsletter but needs someone to write the Meeting Minutes.)

It is critical that we fill these positions. The sooner they are filled the smoother the transition. If you have any questions about the positions, please feel free to contact me or any of the board members. The Parent Handbook also has a rough outline of the responsibilities of each position. Please keep in mind that the teachers won't sign their contracts unless we have a fully supported Parent Board. Thank you in advance for your willingness to do your part for our Parent-Run school!

Vice President's Report

Hello FLMS Families,

Our first fundraiser was a SUCCESS. Cookie sales were \$ 561.00; 66 bags of cookies, which **264.00** of that was **profit**. The cookies were provide by Gregory Foods, who also mass produces Sweet Martha's cookie batter. I hope you enjoy the quick and effortless cookies.

We have already started our second and third fundraisers. The Roastery 7 Artisan Coffee fundraiser will be ending on Thursday, December 3rd. The third and final fundraiser for 2009, is our Poinsettia Plants. This fundraiser will be ending on Friday, December 11th.

Delivery of the Roastery 7 Artisan Coffee, will be on

We're also still looking for a host for the End of the Year Picnic. The picnic is a casual potluck. A committee will be formed to organize the picnic and assist the host in preparation for the picnic. If you're interested in hosting the picnic or have any questions about what's involved, please contact me as soon as possible. If we don't have any volunteers before January, then we'll explore other options for the picnic.

Please join us on **Tuesday, January 5th, 2010**, for our next meeting!

Have a great month and a Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,
Melissa Barrows
(Thomas' Mom)
Parent Board Co-President

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Monday, December 14th. The delivery for the Poinsettia Plants, will be on Thursday, December 17th.

I look forward to additional successful fundraisers, thank you to all who have participated.

Michelle Duren

(Kendra's mom)



Insight from Maria Montessori:

"Education starts at birth."

From the Teacher's

Check your calendar for these dates:

On Thursday, December 17 at 7:00PM the children will be singing Christmas songs at the school. Following this short program, refreshments will be enjoyed. We ask that each family please bring a plate of cookies to share. (NO extended day this day)

On Friday, December 18, the children will be singing at Birchwood Nursing Home in Forest Lake. We will travel by private vehicle.

Wednesday, December 23 is our classroom party . The children will exchange gifts and three families will be asked to provide treats. Watch for further information regarding the gift exchange. (NO extended day this day)



12/1 Ava O.
12/18 Callie B.
12/24 Caroline O.

Calendar

December

December 17th-Christmas Caroling at 7:00PM

NO extended day

December 18th-Christmas Caroling at Birchwood

December 23rd-Christmas party-NO extended day

December 24th-NO school

Winter break until 1/4/2010

January

January 4th-Welcome Back!

January 5th-Parent Meeting 6:30PM

January 18-NO school

January 25th-NO school

*Parents: Please refer to your handbook to review birthday celebrations.

The following information is from the Minnesota Department of Health and was distributed to all parents in the 831 School district, you have already received the complete letter, and this is a brief reminder.

Parents please keep your children home if:

1. Fever (100 degrees or greater) before giving fever reducing medicine.
2. Sore throat and cough
3. Runny nose, headache, body ache, vomiting and diarrhea (in addition to the fever and a sore throat and cough).

Students that have these symptoms will be sent home.

Sick children should stay home for at least 24 hours AFTER their fever is gone (without the use of fever reducing medications like Tylenol), this is usually 5 -7 days.
