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## Montessori Messenger

### May/June 2009

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### Letter from the President

Dear FLMS Families,

Another year nearly over!  
It goes so quick.

There are still great events to look forward to this year, like the Alex's Lemonade Stand on May 28<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 3pm. There are many volunteer opportunities for this event, such as helping make street signs to put out the day of the event. This is a great cause, and I hope you can lend a hand because the more that contribute the more successful the event! Please direct friends and family to our fundraising website at:

[www.alexlemonade.org/events/forest-lake-montessori-alex-lemonade-stand](http://www.alexlemonade.org/events/forest-lake-montessori-alex-lemonade-stand). If you're interested in helping out with the Lemonade Stand, please

contact me.

We also will be having an End of the Year Picnic at the Caye's residence on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The picnic is a potluck, and a sign up sheet will be posted at the school towards the end of the month. Thank you to the Caye's for hosting the event!

Thank you to all our families who are moving on next year! A special thanks to our Board Members, Traci & Chip Cravaack and Dan Pearson, for serving the school! The school's success is dependent on parent's participation, and we all appreciate your work on the Board.

Speaking of parent participation...Maryanne Obst and I are working on a system

to more fairly distribute the duties of the school, ensuring everyone is contributing. We will be discussing and approving a new system at the final Parent Meeting of the year on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Please be sure to join us and have your ideas and opinions heard!

Another reminder for returning families ~ If your signed application, first month's tuition, and fundraising fee are received by May 15<sup>th</sup>, we'll waive the \$25 application fee. Sign up early and save!

I hope everyone has a great summer!

Sincerely,

Melissa Barrows  
(Andrew & Thomas' Mom)

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### Vice President's Report

Hello FLMS Families,

I would like to thank all of the families able to participate in our current and last fundraiser for the school year. We sold 25 flower baskets, for a total of \$ 550.00 in sales. Which \$ 225.00, was profit to our school. Delivery of our Flower Baskets will be on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, when we pick up our children. Just in time for Mother's Day.

Our 2008 - 2009 School Year of Fundraising has earned the school at **Grand Total of \$ 1233.80.**

A big **THANK YOU**, to all of you who have participated in are fundraising totals for the school year. Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Michelle  
Board Vice President  
Kendra's Mom

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### **Insight from Maria Montessori:**

**“The land is where our roots are. The children must be taught to feel and live in harmony with the earth.”**

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## **From the Teacher's**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parent-officers: Melissa Barrows, Michelle Duren, Dan Pearson, Chip & Traci Cravaack and Lori Anderson. We appreciate their willingness to sacrifice their time, energy and peace of mind so that Forest Lake Montessori can remain a viable, parent-run school.

For Earth Week, the children picked up the grounds around out building.

NO School Monday, May 25

Last day of class Wednesday, June 3

End of year party Thursday, June 4



## **Calendar**

### **May:**

May 5th **PARENT MEETING 6:30PM**

May 25th **Memorial Day-NO SCHOOL**

### **JUNE:**

June 3th Last day of class

June 4th End of school year picnic

**Lydia S. 5/26**  
**Kendra D. 5/27**  
**Zachary S. 6/2**

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

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