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Issaquah Montessori



September 2009

General News

Thank you to everyone who came to our Taking Care of Business Day. Despite having to work around contractors, we managed to pull off a successful day. Classrooms and teachers were ready and eager to greet your children. It was great to see returning families and welcome the new ones.

Our thanks to those parents who have taken the time to log in to RenWeb to view and edit information. If you have not yet logged, we encourage you to take advantage of this easy way to keep your family's information current. The instructions are repeated in this newsletter.

We're looking forward to all that the upcoming school year brings, and the opportunity to spend it nurturing your children and expanding their world of learning. Thank you for the trust you have put in us to do just that!

THANK YOU!

We would like to extend a huge "Thank You" to Alison Thompson and Meg Crow for their contribution of Microsoft software to IMS. We appreciate your generosity!

Dates to Remember

- 1 - Taking Care of Business Day
- 2 - First Day for Kindergartners ONLY
- 3 - Kindergartners and 4-year-olds attend
- 4 - All Primary students attend
- 7 - Labor Day—No School
- 11 - All School Picnic—Ebright Creek Park
- 22 - Primary Parent Connection (Curriculum Night)
- 24 - Toddler Parent Connection (Curriculum Night)

Drop Off & Pick-up

Please make sure your visor is down with the name card showing as you pull in the driveway at arrival as well as dismissal. All Toddlers will enter through the rear driveway and be walked in by parents. All Primary parents, please stay in your car. Enter the east driveway (by the Loft) and pull forward forming 2 lanes. Keep moving forward as cars pull out to prevent a back up on the street. Cottage children will be let out in front of the Cottage. Loft and Nest children will be let out at the middle gate. Loft and Nest cars may exit via the middle exit. There will be several staff out helping to expedite the process and ensure safety. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week, we will have a state trooper directing traffic during both arrival and noon dismissal. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and patience as we all get used to this new process.

First Week of School Schedule

Our 2009-2010 school year for **Primary** students will officially begin on September 1st. The first week is a staggered start so please read the schedule below carefully to know when to bring your child to school. **Toddler** parents will receive individual information regarding their slow start for **new** students. Toddlers who have attended this summer will continue their regular schedules.

Wednesday, Sept. 2nd:

Kindergartners only come to school.

Thursday, Sept. 3rd:

Kindergartners and 4 year olds come to school.

Friday, Sept. 4th:

All students attend school.

Potluck Picnic

WHO: All Issaquah Montessori Families

WHAT: Start of New Year Potluck Picnic

WHEN: Friday, September 11th at 5:30-7:00 PM

WHERE: Ebright Park, Sammamish (Directions sent out that week)

Please join us for a fun social gathering to kick off the new school year. Catch up with old friends and help to make our new families feel welcome and part of our close community. We hope to see everyone there!

Please bring:	Cottage - Main dish	Garden - Salad
	Nest - Main dish	Sprouts - Salad
	Loft - Dessert	

The school will provide drinks, plates, cups, napkins and tableware.

September 1, 2009

Dear Issaquah Montessori Families,

I am very excited to continue teaching Spanish to your children and to meet with the new students. During September I am planning to teach them to say "Me llamo..." "My name is," and to understand when someone asks them "¿Como te llamas?". "What's your name?". I will read them books such as Spot Va a la Escuela (Spot goes to school), Vamos a la Escuela (Let's go to school), Dora va a la Escuela (Dora goes to school).

New words

La escuela—school,

la maestra-teacher

el estudiante—student

el amigo(a)—friend

nombre-name

mi clase—my classroom.

Muchas gracias,

Luz Concha

Remember to Log In to RenWeb!!

RenWeb will allow you to:

- view your account statement on line
- read the current newsletters
- update your family and student information
- update emergency contact information
- view the current school calendar
- read current announcements

Below are instructions on how to go into RenWeb:

Go to www.renweb.com

- Click on first time user
- Type in the district code of AS-WA (it may automatically appear)
- Type in your family email address that you provided to Issaquah Montessori (this is the only email address it will recognize)
- Click on New Parent Login

RenWeb will in turn send you your password to log into RenWeb in the future. You will have the option of changing your password at this time.

Parent Education

“Montessori Education: Preparing our Children for the 21st Century”

With **Dr. Betsy Coe, PhD.**

American Montessori Society 2008 Living Legacy Honoree

The world is changing at an extremely rapid pace, affecting the essence of how we learn, interact and work. To educate children for tomorrow's world is a continued challenge for us as parents and teachers. During her presentation Dr. Coe will speak about how Montessori Education is helping children adapt to the future by teaching the survival skills necessary for them to be successful in the 21st century.

Whether you are a parent or an educator, attend public or private school, or your child is three or thirteen, you won't want to miss this informative and revealing discussion.

Thurs., Sept. 10th
6:30-7:30 pm

Sammamish
Presbyterian Church

22522 NE Inglewood Hill Rd.
Sammamish, WA 98074

Free to the general public
No Registration Required

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Dr. Betsy Coe



- Dr. Coe has been in the spotlight of Montessori education for over thirty years
- Internationally known and respected Montessorian who has made significant contributions to education, Montessori teacher education, research, and Peace Education.
- Founder and creative designer of the middle and high school programs at the School of the Woods in Houston, TX, where she serves as principal and teacher.
- Dr. Coe has written articles for Montessori Life magazine, M Magazine, the NAMTA Journal, and has a chapter in the book, *Montessori in Contemporary American Culture*. She holds a B.S. in Elementary Education, M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction, and Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology and Adolescence as well as being AMS credentialed: Early Childhood, Elementary 1, Elementary 2, Secondary 2.

