

Chesapeake Montessori School

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CLASSROOM NEWS

Coming soon!
We are awaiting
important news about
our new building.

Join us in welcoming
Jasper Gioglio-Weaver
1/31/09
7 pounds 8 ounces

Big Sister
Mahlina Weaver
Proud Parents
Michaelene Weaver
and
Marc Gioglio

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

This Saturday,
February 7th
10a.m. - 12p.m.

Broadneck Evangelical
Presbyterian Church

Jump rope, keep fit,
and support the
American Heart
Association

Wear Red!

It will be a blast!

In this newsletter we want to share with you the wonderful life at CMS. We have news from the classrooms, an update on the Winter Escape, and a message about our Cultural Arts program.

See you on February 21st at Winter Escape at the Annapolis Maritime Museum.

Toddler Community

Gail Guthery

We welcome two new members to our community, Laila and LaVar Arrington. We are very pleased that they have joined us.

We are very busy working on our auction project. Shhh... It's a secret!

We have been playing in the snow and find it harder to catch a snowflake on your tongue than we thought it would be. But, we keep trying.

The construction next door continues to delight us. We wonder at how many times the dirt is picked up by the power shovel and relocated by the dump truck. We love watching it!

Primary Classes

Monica Anselm, Jessica DiMartini, and Lara Landrum

With snow, ice, and celebrations, the Primary Classes have had a happy start to 2009. We made red paper lanterns for the Chinese New Year and enjoyed a special snack as we welcomed in the Year of the Ox. The children were glad Phil saw his shadow and are enjoying all the wintery weather. Next week we will begin decorating bags for our Valentine exchange on Friday, February 13th, which promises to be a lovely day in spite of common superstitions.

All classes are also preparing for the Winter Escape on Saturday, February 21st. Mrs. DiMartini's class completed a "spin art canvas". Ms. Landrum's class is busy felting a colorful wall hanging, and Ms. Anselm's class thanks Carleen Birnes for her help on their precious metal clay project.

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Each afternoon class has literary accomplishments to report. Mrs. DiMartini's class finished E.B. White's Stuart Little and is beginning The Wizard of Oz, while Ms. Anselm's class finished The Wizard of Oz and has begun The Magic Treehouse. Ms. Landrum's class has no current plans to travel the yellow brick road, but is enjoying Mr. Popper's Penguins and hopes to finish it before the snow moon on February 9th.

February Birthdays

February 4: Lindsey Wendkos turns 6!
Hannah Degen turns 4!

February 12: Thomas Umidi turns 5!

February 14: Mason Kucik turns 6!

February 23: Grace Slavin turns 6!

February Celebration Days: We celebrate the summer birthdays of Amelia Gunisor, Evan Wendkos, Caity Reiter, and Juliette Troxell.

EARLY ELEMENTARY

Allison Charapp and Kathy Sage

The early elementary classes are exploring the Silurian and Devonian periods, early man, and the fundamental needs of man. Thanks to the Steiner family (Monica Anselm's class) for loaning us some Devonian fossils to liven our discussions.

We want to thank Mr. Hargrove, Cierra's grandfather, for coming to talk to our students about the work he did to prepare for last month's inaugural celebrations.

Our classes are enjoying read aloud books: Peter Pan in Mrs. Sage's class and Despereaux in Mrs. Charapp's class.

Happy birthday to Ceara Slavin (9), West Pilarski (8), Ian Murphy (8), and Evan Buckwalter (7).

We are working so hard that we are out of pencils! Please send in yellow Ticonderoga pencils labeled with your child's name.

We have seen some ants around the lunchboxes. Please make sure that all parts of the lunchboxes are free from stickiness.

UPPER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Weaver's Class

We celebrate the birth of Jasper Gioglio-Weaver, sister of Mahlina and new daughter of Michaelene and Marc. Jasper was born on January 31st. We are so glad she is here!

We welcome Dody Goldberg as our substitute during Ms. Weaver's absence.

We are in the final stages of completing our unique, one-of-a-kind classroom auction project for this year's Winter Escape. See the unveiling on February 21, 2009!

Thanks to Mrs. Bricker, our guest reader, for sharing The Phantom Tollbooth with us.

Work in our classroom includes book discussions of presidential biographies, analysis of poetry, history of Maryland (groups include colonists, native Americans, and slavery), square roots of numbers from four to nine digits, decimal fractions, and common fractions. Next week we will start our study of the ecology of the Chesapeake Bay by growing bay grasses. (Mrs. Goldberg is impressed by the students knowledge of the Bay!) Chinese New Year was celebrated with wonton soup. Thanks to Jacob Paglia, Kate Selley, Hayley Maness, and Sophia Abel who shopped for and prepared homemade wonton soup for the class.

We are very grateful to the parents who are helping us to do our shopping for baking and pet care supplies.

CULTURAL ARTS

February 3, 2009

Good Afternoon Parents!

Deborah Bricker has asked me to take a moment for an update about the current Cultural Arts program. Cultural Arts brings relevant and entertaining presentations to the school and is funded through the Chesapeake Montessori School PTO.

We began the year with a historically accurate play presented by the Historic Annapolis Foundation. It was a two person play based on the lives of a well-known local Annapolis family, the Paca family. It was both educational and enlightening and got the children talking! In December, arrangements were made to have the older primary and elementary students attend a special presentation of The Nutcracker, performed by the Ballet Theater of Maryland at Maryland Hall. If your child was able to attend, you know how much this was thoroughly enjoyed! We hope to have begun a new CMS tradition. Most recently, the children were entertained by Mary Ann Jung of History Alive. She does amazing presentations of women’s roles throughout history. We were lucky to have her present us the portrait of a sea-faring woman from the 1800’s. Next up is Kinobe with songs and stories from Uganda on Thursday Feb 19th. March brings “Animal Sounds,” a live animal presentation sponsored by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. In April, we have the return of Story Interact Theater which includes both workshops and a theatrical presentation for the students. And finally, we are also booking a puppeteer for the month of May. She will be using traditional Indonesian puppets to depict the folktale “The Widow and the Fishes.”

If you are interested in helping with Cultural Arts, please feel free to contact me or Kim Wendkos (the president of the PTO). We will work with staff to ensure that we have continuity of programs and that they complement the work of the children in their classrooms.

On an equally important note, the opportunity to sponsor specific programs is available. If you have a particular passion that you would like to bring to the school or just a fan of the arts and this aspect would interest you or your family, please contact Deborah Bricker directly.

Kind Regards, Debra Pilarski (Forish@yahoo.com)

Also helping this year: Julie Reiter & MaryJo Dickinson

NEW BABIES

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1/26/09
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CALENDAR

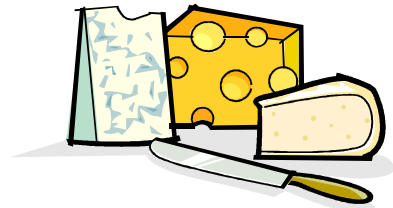
Sat., February 7	Jump Rope for Heart 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Broadneck Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Mon., February 16	NO SCHOOL - President's Day
Fri., February 20	8:30 a.m. Coffee Klatch
Sat., February 21	7:00 p.m. Winter Escape "A Night in Napa"
Thurs., February 26	Classroom Group Photos
Fri., February 27	Grandparent's Day - more news to come!
March 9 - 13	Mid-Winter Break

Kudos to Ashley!

Chesapeake Montessori School sincerely thanks Ashley Stubbs for all her hard work on creating our 2007—2008 school yearbook.

CMS Spring Fair Planning Meeting You're Invited!

It may be months away but the Spring Fair takes some planning. We need your help to make it a success. This year's theme is "Carnival" and we have some fun new ideas to share and hope you have even more ideas. There are opportunities for everyone whether you're new to CMS or have been part of the community for years.



Please join us on Saturday, February 7th at 4:00 p.m. at the Tonner-Fuhrmann's home, 3 Danielle Court, Eastport, MD 21403 (Right across from the Wild Orchid Café). Your hosts will be Kevin and Terri Siegel and Janet Tonner and David Fuhrmann.

RSVP to Janet Tonner 410-295-9063 or email ja.tonner@verizon.net.