



**Montessori School of Iowa City  
Newsletter  
April 22, 2005  
<http://www.montessori-iowacity.org>**

**Montessori Reading & Discussion Group**



Does your child come home talking about the pink tower or the 45 layout? Do you wonder what these are and how they help your child learn? The PTO is sponsoring a reading group for parents to learn about the

theory and practice of the Montessori educational approach.

We encourage all parents to participate in this group. It is a great way to be involved in your child's education and support our teachers. We will be reading from Cam Gordon's book "Together with Montessori." Our first time will be arranged at a later time. Contact Shaun Vecera (call 354-1872 or email [shaun-vecera@uiowa.edu](mailto:shaun-vecera@uiowa.edu)) if you are interested.

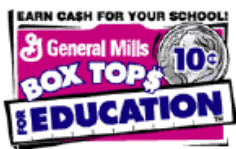
Another way to learn more about the Montessori Method is to check out books available on the white shelf in the lobby. Use the clipboard to sign your selections in and out.

**Be Part of A Winning PTO Team**

Would you like to volunteer your time or talents to the PTO next year? Contact current PTO President Colleen Schilling at 446-9118 or [coschilling@yahoo.com](mailto:coschilling@yahoo.com) if you are interested. And watch your Friday folders and enrollment packages for more information about volunteer opportunities in the 2005-2006 school year! There is more information on the flip side.



**Box Tops For Education**



Keep sending in your Box Tops for Education. We will save them for next year. We have earned well over \$200 this year. Thank your for your

support of this activity.

We have met both our first and second semester goals for Boxtops for Education. As a reward, the children will be putting their hand prints on the northeast stairwell before the end of school. We need 3 morning volunteers and 3 afternoon volunteers to make this fun event happen for our children! Please contact Teri Ault at [tandkault@mchsi.com](mailto:tandkault@mchsi.com) or 358-9902 to volunteer.

**Arbor Day Next Friday**



Next Friday we will be planting seven Snowdrift and Prairiefire Crab trees along the parking. The trees are being purchased in part with the money from pop and beer cans and bottles you have been dropping off.

We will be posting pictures of this special event on our web site. Be sure to check it out at [www.montessori-iowacity.org](http://www.montessori-iowacity.org).

**Voting Soon On Board Of Directors Vacancies**

Next Friday you will receive a ballot in your Friday Folder to vote on new Board of Directors. There is still time to place your name on the ballot. If you would like to take part in the governance of the school, you may pick up an application form from Gordon or Judy.



**May PTO Meeting**



The last PTO meeting of the school year will be Tuesday, May 10th at 7PM. We will be discussing end of year parties, summer school, back to school clean up day, ice cream social, new parent orientation and much more. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Return Contracts ASAP**

A reminder to those of you who have not returned contracts for summer school and/or the regular school year. Please get them in ASAP. We have a pool of parents waiting for openings.



**Teacher Workroom Volunteers Needed**

Do you have a bit of time to volunteer in the teacher workroom? We are trying something new to help our teachers. Volunteers can come to the workroom at their leisure and complete one or more requests. We hope this new process can free up valuable teacher time for what they do best – teaching our kids! For more information contact Colleen Schilling at [coschilling@yahoo.com](mailto:coschilling@yahoo.com) or 466-9118.



# IMPORTANT PTO INFORMATION

**The PTO is pleased to welcome these new officers and coordinators for the 2005-2006 school year.**

President – Shaun Vecera  
Vice President – Cindy Rundle  
Secretary – Cindy Hoppe  
Treasurer – Carla Illman  
Room Parent Coordinator – Julie Smith  
Faculty Representative – Margaret Allen  
Box Tops Coordinator – Candice Palya  
Fall Carnival Coordinator – Laura Wolf  
Recycle – A – Can/Plant – A – Tree Coordinator – Bluford Adams

**We are still seeking individuals to fill the following positions:**

Staff Appreciation Coordinator	Coordinates staff birthday appreciation with the room parents and organizes the staff appreciation dinner in May. Coordinates recognition of the school director on Boss' Day and the secretary on Administrative Professionals Day.
Ice Cream Social Coordinator	Organizes the beginning of the year Ice Cream Social on August 18 <sup>th</sup> .
Back to School Clean Up Day Coordinator	Organizes the back to school clean up day on August 20 <sup>th</sup> .
Tower Wish List Coordinator	Maintains the Tower Wish List over the holiday season.
Fall Carnival	
Volunteer Organizer	Coordinates volunteers for the games, food, and set up/take down.
Game Organizer	Maintains games. Orders prizes. Coordinates game set up/storage.
Food Organizer	Solicits and coordinates food donations.
Auction Organizer	Solicits basket auction items, coordinates basket assembly/display.
Set Up/Take Down	Organizes volunteers in the set up and take down process.
Chili Supper Coordinator	Organizes the Chili Supper and Raffle in February.
Book Fair Coordinator	Organizes volunteers for the fall and spring book fairs. Coordinates Library T-shirt day and promotes the summer reading programs.
Picture Day Coordinator	Organizes volunteers for the fall and spring picture days.