



**Montessori School of Iowa City
Newsletter
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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 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 you for your support of this activity.

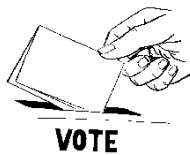
Arbor Day Pictures On The Web

Last Friday we planted seven Snowdrift and Prairiefire Crab trees along the parking. The trees were purchased in part with the money from pop and beer cans and bottles you have been dropping off. Pictures of this special event have been posted on our web site. Be sure to check it out at www.montessori-iowacity.org.



Board Vote

On Friday April 29th you received a ballot to vote for candidates for the Montessori Board. The ballot is due no later than Friday May 13th. There is a ballot box on the counter in front of the office. Thank you for returning your ballot.



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.

Thank You From Judy

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone so very much for the flowers, gifts, and the special book of pictures from the children for Administrative Professional's Day. I truly was overwhelmed by your generosity and appreciate all of you!! As you can tell, I have been enjoying everything very much! The office smells wonderful!! Thank you, again, and I truly enjoy being around all of the children!!



A Big Thank You From The PTO



A big thank you to Julie Smith for organizing our Administrative Professional Day surprise for Judy.

Thanks to Teri Ault for coordinating our Teacher Appreciation Week activities and thanks to all the parents and children who participated.

Thank you to Bluford Adams and Doris Witt for overseeing our Recycle – A – Can/Plant a Tree program. The new trees in front of our school were purchased in part with money generated by this program. Keep bringing in your recycling over the summer!

Paper Work Due

If you have not returned the various forms that were a part of your enrollment packet, please do so at your earliest convenience. It will be a great help to Judy to have these materials as early as possible.



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 or 466-9118.

IMPORTANT PTO INFORMATION

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

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
Tower Wish List Coordinator - Kathy Dumont
Recycle - A - Can/Plant - A - Tree Coordinator - Bluford Adams
Book Fair Coordinator - Kathy Dumont

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 th .
Back to School Clean Up Day Coordinator	Organizes the back to school clean up day on August 20 th .
Fall Carnival Volunteer Organizer	Coordinates volunteers for the games, food, and set up/take down.
Fall Carnival Game Organizer	Maintains games. Orders prizes. Coordinates game set up/storage.
Fall Carnival Food Organizer	Solicits and coordinates food donations.
Fall Carnival Auction Organizer	Solicits basket auction items, coordinates basket assembly/display.
Fall Carnival 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.
Picture Day Coordinator	Organizes volunteers for the fall and spring picture days.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please contact Colleen Schilling at 466-9110 or coschilling@yahoo.com.