



**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](mailto:coschilling@yahoo.com) if you are interested. There is more information on the flip side.



**Thank You**



A big thank you to all the parents and children who brought in treasures for our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. And, a special thank you to the

following people who donated for the Staff Appreciation Dinner:

**Food and Beverage**

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| Julie Smith                          | Angelika Kieffer |
| Elizabeth Shriver                    | Renda Greene     |
| Sarah Heilskov                       | Mandy Jan        |
| Tanja Sadecky                        | James Nisly      |
| Cathy Dickson                        | Teri Ault        |
| Suzanne Summerwill                   | Cindy Rundle     |
| Kun Sang Lee & Young Yoon            |                  |
| Dina Yousef-Zahra & Khalil Abu-Zahra |                  |

**Monetary Donations**

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| Laurie Fajardo             | Tiffany Olejniczak |
| Meg Smollen                | Maria Erlewine     |
| Bluford Adams & Doris Witt |                    |

**July PTO Meeting**

The summer PTO meeting will be Thursday, July 14th at 7PM. We will be discussing back to school clean up day, the ice cream social, our fall festival and much more. Everyone is welcome to attend.



**Sun Block**

Children are now spending more time outside in the bright sun. It is imperative that they have the protection of sun block. Please remember to send a bottle of sun block to school with your child's name on it.



**Summer Reading**



It's time to start thinking about your local library's summer reading programs. The theme for this summer is "Dragon Dreams and Daring Deeds". Babies through sixth graders may participate with a check off sheet of reading related tasks. Upon completion of

the sheet, children earn either a T-shirt (Coralville and North Liberty) or a book (Iowa City). The North Liberty kick off will be at Hills Bank in NL May 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7PM. The Coralville kick off will be at Hills Bank in Coralville May 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 – 7PM. And the Iowa City kick off will be during Children's Day on the Ped Mall on June 5<sup>th</sup>. You may also sign up at your local library.

**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.



**Back To School Clean Up**



Our main goal for Back to School Clean Up day this year is to take out the railroad ties in the west parking lot and build a new wall using inner locking pavers. Individuals with wall building experience

(or just strong backs!) should contact Scott Rundle by phone at 665-8394 or e-mail at [scottrundle@yahoo.com](mailto:scottrundle@yahoo.com) to volunteer.

**Child Care Over Breaks**

Are you having trouble finding child care over school breaks? Would you be interested in coordinating a child care co-op with other Montessori families? If so – e-mail Colleen Schilling at [coschilling@yahoo.com](mailto:coschilling@yahoo.com).



# We are still seeking individuals to fill the following PTO 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>.

## 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](mailto:coschilling@yahoo.com).