



# Montessori School of Iowa City Newsletter August 26, 2005 www.montessori-iowacity.org

## September PTO Meeting

The September PTO meeting will be Thursday, September 8th at 7PM. We will be making plans for our fall festival and much more. Everyone is welcome to attend.



## Silent Auction Items from Your Work Place



It is not too early to begin thinking about our Fall Fun Festival! This year, we have hopes that our silent auction gift baskets will be even better than last year. Parents, if you work at/for a local business which you think might be able to make a

donation that will tempt bidders, please contact Auction Solicitation Coordinator Lea Haravon Collins at [Leslea-haravon-collins@uiowa.edu](mailto:Leslea-haravon-collins@uiowa.edu) or phone at 337-4590. Any donation that these businesses make is tax deductible, and the businesses will be mentioned in our newsletter, on our website, and at the Festival itself. Creative and unconventional donations welcome, as well as the standard good stuff. Thank you!

## Enrollment Forms

As school gets underway, there are many forms that need to be filled out and returned. It is easy to forget one or two. Please check with Judy to be sure that she has all of your forms.



## Recycle For Trees

We recycle beverage cans and bottles. The money will be used to buy trees and shrubs for the school. Please make sure that the cans and bottles are stamped for Iowa recycling



and that the bar code is intact. Water bottles cannot be recycled for cash. Thank you for your help.

## What's Going On At School?

You can keep up on what is happening at school from any where in the world by going to our internet site at: [www.montessori-iowacity.org](http://www.montessori-iowacity.org).



## Back To School Work Day

Montessori families and staff showed their pride in our school on Saturday, August 6. We worked hard, had fun, and ate well. Fortunately, the weather was perfect. We have our stage back in the multi-purpose room! Laura Wolf and Sarah Fletcher led the team that organized the library. They sorted all of the books by curriculum subject into tubs that are now stored in the closets upstairs. The remaining books were organized onto shelves for free reading time. Colleen and Paul Schilling loaned us their power washer so the whole front of the school received a good bath. Scott Rundle even received a job offer from a gentleman driving by who was interested in having his buildings washed. Sean Vecera and Maureen Marron led the weeding and mulching team. Ihab (Grace) Sawan led the window washing and they are spotless. Doris Hill (Ethan Rundle's grandmother) kept an eye on the children while they enjoyed the playground. We want to say a very special thank you to the Schultz family. Ulrike Schultz was ready for work at 7:45 and the whole family worked until past noon. I apologize if I forgot to thank someone.



Thank you!

Colleen & Paul Schilling  
Ulrike & Hendrik Schultz  
Bob & Sarah Von Harz  
Meganne Masko  
Lori Winfield  
Jane Anderson  
Gordon Cook  
Sarah Fletcher  
Scott Rundle

Brenda Akins  
Kate Dale  
Kathy Dumont  
Sean Vecera  
Maureen Marron  
Ihab (Grace) Sawan  
Doris Hill  
Laura Wolf  
Cindy Hill Rundle

## Heifer International Goal Achieved

Heifer International was a special fund raising project for our school last year. We met our goal of \$1000. We will purchase the "Milk Menagerie." It includes one quality-breed heifer, two goats and a water buffalo--that's four milk-producing animals. After families who are to receive the animals get extensive training in livestock management, they will enjoy gallon after gallon of nutritious milk from each animal in the Milk Menagerie.



### Montessori Training



The PTO would like to acknowledge the efforts of three teachers, Jane Anderson, Sarah Fletcher and Marlys McKaig, who participated in Montessori training classes over the

summer. We appreciate the time and effort our teachers put into their training because it benefits both our children's education and the quality of our school. Congratulations and thanks to a job well done!

### Student Pictures

Picture Day is September 16<sup>th</sup>. Individual and class pictures will be taken. Watch your Friday folders for more information.



### T-Shirts For Sale



The new kelly-green t-shirts are a great way to show your school spirit. In this week's Friday Folder you will find a flyer for purchasing t-shirts for the

entire family. All t-shirts may be purchased for \$10 each. If you would like t-shirts, please complete the form on the flyer and return it to the school office no later than Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Front Door Code

Safety first. The school has a coded locking system on the front door. It has been placed there to deter entrance to the building by unauthorized persons. All parents and guardians are welcome in the building at any time. If you did not receive the code or if you have forgotten it, please contact the school office.



### Circle Drive - Parking

Drop off and pick up has been going quite well. In an effort to make it even better, here are a couple of reminders. If you are going to leave your car to bring your child into the building, please remember to park in the west parking lot. For everyone's safety, please do not double park in the circle. Remember Gordon or Judy will be at the front door to help your child into the building. Thank you for your help in making drop off and pick up times safe and efficient.



### One World Under One Roof

Montessori schools promote respect for all cultures, tolerance, non-violence and peace. Our student body is made up of children from many different countries. We thought it would be fun to show how we represent the world. This year each classroom has taken the name of a continent. By giving each classroom the name of a continent, we are symbolizing how we can bring the world together under one roof.

The classrooms are as follows:

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| Marlys and Shannon | Oceania       |
| Cindy and Margaret | Africa        |
| Susie and Beth     | Europe        |
| Sarah and Tennille | North America |
| Jane and Liz       | Asia          |
| Wanda and Casie    | South America |
| Kirsten            | Antarctica    |

### Check For Ticks



We have been finding ticks on the play ground. You should check your child to determine if he/she might have picked up any.

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For Choosing  
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