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**Montessori School of Iowa City Newsletter**

**October 20, 2006**  
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**Fall Fun Festival This Sunday October 22**  
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Don't forget the Fall Festival this Sunday, October 22nd from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Each child will need a \$5 passport which will give them unlimited access to dip the duck, ring toss, bean bag toss, bat catcher, pumpkin weep, lollipop pull, hole in one, body art, and craft area. At the end of the day, the passport may be redeemed for a grab bag of goodies. Tickets for the cake walk are \$1 each or \$5 for 6 tickets. Salads, pizza, cookies, coffee and juice will also be available.

The festival will be a great time for you and your family to spend and enjoyable afternoon with other Montessori families. Please come and support your school.

**Flu Clinic November 1st**  
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We have arranged with the Visiting Nurse Association again this year to have a flu clinic at the school. It has been scheduled for November 1st from 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM. Flu shots are \$22 with cash or check. Pneumonia shots are \$35

**Make Up Pictures On October 30th**  
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If your child's picture has not been taken or if you did not like the sample picture you received, the photographer will be at the school on Monday October 30th. He will be at the school from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

**Scholastic Book Orders Due**  
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Scholastic book orders must be in the office by Monday October 23.

**Student Pictures Returned**  
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The photographer will be notified to pickup student pictures on Monday October 23.

**Parent Teacher Conferences**  
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Parent Teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday November 14. Teachers will be asking you to sign up for a conference time.

**Usborne Book Sale**  
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The annual Usborne book sale will be held on November 13 and 14. The book display will be ready by noon on November 13 and throughout the day on November 14. November 14 is also Parent/Teacher conference day.

**Halloween Activities**  
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The Halloween activities will be held on Friday October 27th. A parade to the bank and nursing home will be scheduled weather permitting.

## **November PTO Meeting**

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The Montessori PTO will meet Thursday November 9th at 7:00 PM. Every Montessori parent is a member of PTO. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

## **BOXTOP FOR EDUCATION--Some Basic Information**

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Our school participates in the 'Boxtops for Education' program sponsored by General Mills. This program earns easy money for us; up to \$20,000 per year! Here are the basics: We earn 10 cents per boxtop proof of purchase that we clip off participating products and mail into General Mills. You will find these on nearly every General Mills food product plus an assortment of other things such as Kleenex, Ziplock baggies, etc. They are very colorful and easy to spot, and have 'official coupon' at the top. Clip these (neatly please) and drop them into the big cardboard school box at the front desk. I will collect them and mail them in. We are paid twice a year- Next collection deadline is OCT 31st, and we will receive our check DEC 15th or so.

Every month GMILLS has special coupons available for certain products. I will print a copy and put it in the plastic tray on the wall next to the collection box so you can see what they are. You can go on line to [www.boxtopsforeducation.com](http://www.boxtopsforeducation.com) (click on **Boxtops For Education** below) and print a copy yourself to get them all. These boxtops are really small change compared to the big ways to earn money for the school -

Go to the website and take a couple minutes to fill out a survey- that earns easy credit. You pick Montessori by ZIP CODE and the money goes right to us. Also, by shopping on line at the dozens of participating retailers you get a direct 1%-8% donation. Participating merchants include LANDS END, SEARS,BEST BUY, TARGET, GAP, 1800FLOWERS, etc. - you can see the whole list and their contributing percentage on-line. Those of you who like to shop on line could earn a lot for us just by signing up. Also, apply for a BOXTOP VISA and 1% of all purchases go automatically to the school, plus I believe an initial 50 coupon (\$5 effectively) contribution for the first purchase of \$25 or more. So if we all get a card and use it only once we can still create a couple hundred dollars pretty easily.

Its a neat program. Several schools across the country have earned more than \$15,000 annually - you can see the top 10 list on the site, and see our past earnings and rankings. Every little bit helps! Call me with ideas or questions-

Scott Cochran - BOXTOPS CZAR 2006

## **October Lunch Menu**

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Just a reminder that the lunch menu is available on line. You may use the link below to access the menu.

## **Coupon Book Fund Raising Event**

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In your child's book bag today you will find a coupon book 'Enjoy the city Cedar Rapids/Iowa City. Please look it over and if you would like to purchase it send a check for \$15 made out to the Montessori School. The school will make \$7.50 for each book that is sold. If you do not want the coupon book, just sent it back to school with your child. Thank you for your help in this fund raising event.