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Summer Camp

MCS offers a wonderful 8 week Summer Camp program for Toddler, Casa and Elementary children. If your child is interested in any of our themed weeks for the summer, please come to the office to pick up a brochure and a registration package.

Accounts

The end of June is also our year end from an accounting perspective, so we will be making a big push to collect all year end balances before the end of the term. If you need to pay for music lessons, extended hours, etc. or if you need us to prepare a refund for prepaid extended hours, please see Mrs. Schembre or Mr. Dixon at the office.

Parent Update

Dear Parents

It continues to be an exciting time at the Montessori Country School. The staff is busy concluding final reports and putting the finishing touches on the many special events that conclude our year. On behalf of Ms. Hastie, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Schembre and all the MCS staff, we would like to wish you a very safe and happy summer!

Administration

Starting July 1, 2007 we will be changing Joanne Hastie's title at our school from Vice Principal to Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Joanne's role at the school has evolved to the point where she is accountable for all aspects of curriculum and instruction in Nobleton. Joanne's 20+ years of experience in Montessori Education and her key associations with CCMA and TMI make her the best choice to lead the program at the school. Along with our Administrator, Greg Dixon, and our Administrative Assistant, Nina Schembre, I believe that we have the team that can lead us to our World Class Montessori mission. My role as Director of Education will be to continue to advise Joanne and Greg in

Nobleton and to oversee all of the locations of the Montessori Country School.

If you have any questions about the leadership of the school please feel free to contact me.



Jack Rice
Director of Education

Joanne Hastie
Vice Principal

Gregory Dixon
Administrator



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Staffing

This time of year always brings some updates on the staffing front for the next school year.

In our Elementary department, Dawn Whitehead will be returning for her fourth year as our Upper Elementary teacher. In Lower Elementary, Mark Wagner will return and also continue to act as the Elementary Department Head until Marisa Girimonte returns from her maternity leave on November 1. Due to an increase in enrollment, Tracey Durisin, who filled in admirably for Mrs.



Girimonte in her absence, will have her own Lower Elementary classroom next year. We are currently in the process of filling the two month maternity leave position in Lower Elementary B until Mrs. Girimonte returns.

In Casa 1, Janey Trudeau will, unfortunately, not be returning in September. She has chosen to take a position a little closer to home. Janey has been a valued member of the MCS team and we wish her all the best in the future. Pam Spurling will be taking Janey's place in Casa 1. Pam has been teaching in our Toddler department this year, after several years spent teaching Casa at Trillium Montessori School in Orangeville.

In Casa 2, Rosalie DeFrancesca will be returning, as will Wendy Robinson and Cindy Dean in Casa 3 and 4 respectively. Rosalie has also accepted the Casa Department Head position vacated by Janey.

In our Toddler Department, Sheila Croker will be returning as Toddler Teacher, however, due to the growth in that department, we will be adding a second Toddler Teacher in September. Never one to sit idle, Joan Farley, our assistant from Casa 1, has completed her Toddler Training and is, therefore, eager to start applying her knowledge in the Toddler classroom.

At this time, we are in the process of completing our staffing picture with all of the assistants, specialists and extended hours staff. Currently, we are not anticipating any changes; however, we will update you on any changes that take place in future correspondence.

Graduation

Graduation from the Casa program, Lower Elementary and Upper Elementary are all events to celebrate. Look for invitations in your child's mailbox and please remember to R.S.V.P. The Casa Graduation will be held on Monday, June 18th at 11:00 a.m. in the gym. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. The Elementary Graduation will be held on Tuesday, June 19th at 11:00 a.m. outside on our lovely property, weather permitting. Lunch will be served afterwards.



Spring Arts Festival

We are looking forward, once again, to hosting our annual Spring Arts Festival. The Casa evening will be held on Wednesday, June 13, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. This evening will include performances by all of our Nobleton Casa classes, which will be held in the gym. We will host Casa 1 & 2 parents at 7:00 and then we will have a short intermission. Between 7:30 and 7:45, Casa 3 & 4 parents can take a seat in the gym for their children's performances. In the front foyer, visual arts from all Casa students will be on display. There will be a violin concert and a piano recital on this night as well, for all violin and piano students, both Casa and Elementary.

On Thursday, June 14, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., the Elementary students will have their chance to be in the spotlight. Plays by Lower Elementary B and Upper Elementary classes will be held in the gym, as will a showing of LE A's class film.

Music programs with Mr. Plock will be held in the Music room and visual arts from all Elementary students will be on display in the front foyer. On this night, the school choir will also be performing.



More program details will be coming to you soon - check your mailboxes!

Picnic

Our annual MCS picnic will be held on Thursday, June 21, starting at 10:00 a.m. and finishing at 1:00 p.m. Parents must attend this event with their children, as teachers will not be available to supervise their students. Teachers will be busy manning several of the events. We hope that all our families can attend this year-end celebration as it features many favourite events from years past, as well as some new and exciting activities. More details on the event will be provided soon, as we are still in the process of planning the activities. Some parents had inquired about bringing their pets to the event. Unfortunately, however, we are not able to accommodate this request.

SCHOOL CLOTHING

We are happy to announce that we have reached an agreement with RJ McCarthy's to provide school clothing for the 2007/8 school year. We have chosen a selection of pieces for physical education and also added a few dresser items for selected field trips and special events. We will have the order form out to you by the end of June.

YEARBOOK

The PAC is, once again, putting together a yearbook. I am eagerly awaiting this year's edition, as last year's was spectacular. If you have not received an order form, please see one of the members of the PAC or Mrs. Schembre in the office.

