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Important Dates:

Mar. 13

Parent/Teacher Confer-
ences—NO SCHOOL

Mar. 26

Science Fair

Mar. 27

Easter Egg Hunt

Mar. 30-Apr. 3

Spring Break
NO SCHOOL

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Gardening & Special
Person Day

Apr. 27-May 1

ITBS Testing (Grade 2-6)



Wisdom



Knowledge



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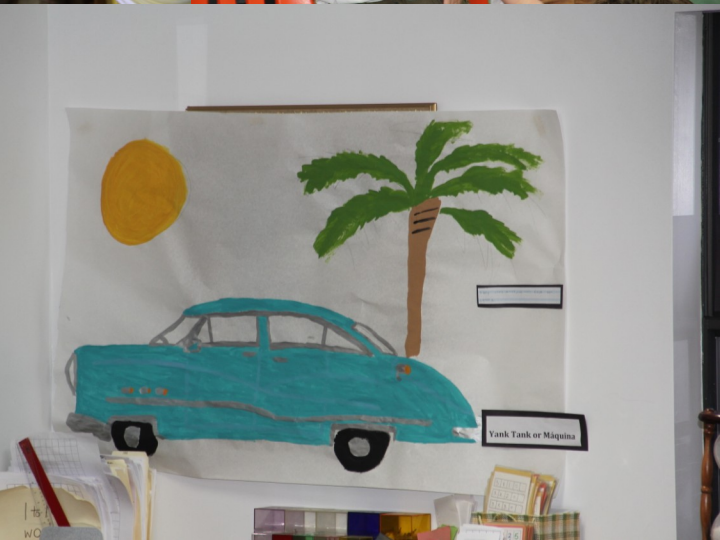
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March Birthdays

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| Carlos C. | 3/03 |
| Elsa Quay C. | 3/03 |
| Elijah E. | 3/06 |
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| Maggie M. | 3/31 |

INTERNATIONAL DAY



Toddler News from Ms. Ginny & Ms. Pam



Hope you all enjoyed the snow! I hated it interfered with our International Day schedule, but we finally had it and it went fine. I want to thank you for signing up for the lunch. Everything was really, really good!! The children were introduced to a lot of different Australian animals and we talked about the aboriginal art (dots). We had a wonderful large book shared

by Emma's mom, Wendy, that the children loved! We read it several times! We also let them watch some TV that had the real kangaroos with the joeys sticking their head out of the mama's pouch, koalas, emus, saltwater crocodiles, dingoes, wombats and so many more so they could see what the animals really looked like. We also watched one on the Great Barrier Reef so they could see all the beautiful coral and sea creatures that lived there.

Now, we are ready for March. We will be talking about the farm animals and things that happen on a farm. The children always enjoy this theme with all the fun songs and crafts that go along with it. We



have decided to cancel the field trip that we were planning on for March.

There will be a sign up sheet on the door for conferences scheduled for Friday, March 13. There will be no school for children on conference day.

On Friday, March 20, we will have our school auction. You will see all the details in the newsletter from the office. This is an adult only event. It's always fun and gives our families a chance to mingle and get to know each other better! The classrooms have worked hard on their auction projects and there are always many more things, other than our classroom projects, to bid on!! I



sure hope you save the date!! I would LOVE to see 100% of my parents there. That would be awesome!!! I want to thank Geri, Blake's mom, for taking care of having our project made!! Now, all we have to do is let your sweet little children do the finishing touches :) !!

We are so hoping for warmer weather soon!! The children really need the outside time to run and play and release all that built up energy!! With the time change coming up this weekend, it will be even cooler if we do get to go outside, so please continue to dress them in warm clothing. Also, check their clothing boxes and make sure they have extras :) !!

We have a new student, Anika Glover. She and her brother, Charl, join us from California! Welcome Anika!



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Toddler News from Ms. Shannon & Ms. Dana



International Day was a huge success! Thank you all for your help. The food was delicious! I hope you enjoyed hearing all the kids had to tell you about Peru. Did you see the three amigos (Rex, Tripp, and Cooper) in the paper?

This month we will learn about the

farm. We will talk about what you get from the farm. We will also learn about the animals. If you have anything fun to send in to share please feel free. We will not have our field trip to Berry.

It's conference time! Please see me to schedule a conference time. I can start conferences this week. I can meet before class time, nap time, or at dismissal. Let me know what works for you. There will be no school on March 13 because of parent/teacher conferences. I will be here until 12 on that day if you can not meet before then.



March 27 will be our Easter egg hunt. Each child needs to bring in a dozen stuffed plastic eggs. You can stuff them with candy (not chocolate), stickers, or small toys. Please tape eggs shut. The elementary kids will hide the eggs, and we will hunt them



on the playground. You are invited to attend if you would like. Your child will also need a basket to hunt eggs with that day.

Spring break will be March 30-April 3. I hope you have a great break! Hopefully you can go find some sun and fun!

News from Ms. Ana Maria & Ms. Cayce



Hello! I can not begin to say enough thank yous for international day! Thank you to the parents and grandparents who came in to paint. Thank you to the parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents who cooked for us. Thank you to everyone who helped during the lunch. Thank you to every one who contacted me to see if there was anything else they could do or anything else the class needed for international day. Ms. Cayce and I appreciate everything you all do for the class, and we just can not even begin to say enough thank yous. The children worked so hard on international day and had so much fun that day. My father was able to video tape the performance, and I am in the process of trying to figure out a way to send it out to those who could not come. Thanks again for everything! I can't wait to see what international day is like next year.

This month we are studying mammals and reptiles. These studies are always a favorite! Please let me know if your child has anything they would like to share this month.

Conferences are Friday, March 13th. The sign up sheet is posted beside the closet door. There are only times for Friday on the sheet. Please let me know if you need another time. When choosing a time, please make sure it is a time both parents can attend.

St. Patrick's day is Tuesday, March 17th. The children are welcome to wear green and bring in anything about St. Patrick's day to share with the class. (Once again, please label anything that is sent in.)



The Auction is Friday, March 20th. Please mark your calendars! This auction is always a fun time to get together with our Montessori community. I may be a little biased, but I think our auction project is adorable!!

The Easter Egg hunt is Friday, March 27th. Be on the look out for more information.

The children are starting to tell me about their activities. I have heard about everything from dance classes to soccer and basketball. Please let me know if there is ever an event I could attend. I can not always come, but I certainly will try.

We have a new student, Charl Glover. He and his sister, Anika, join us from California. Welcome Charl!

Thank you for everything this year!! Ana Maria



Primary News from Ms. Angie & Mr. Chase



Thank you!! Thank you!! Thank you!! International Day was a huge success. I couldn't have done it without the help of my wonderful parents. Our visit to the island was amazing. It is a blessing to have such great parents.

There is so much happening in March. We will begin our studies of the deserts and reptiles. The children always enjoy this theme of lessons. With 13 boys in class, I am positive that we will discuss reptiles a lot.

Spring conferences are here. Conference date is Friday, March 13th. There is a sign up sheet posted outside our classroom door. Please try to choose a time that both parents can attend. If you need a day or time that is not posted, please let me know. My schedule is flexible as long as I know in advance. I love to share the joys and work that your child has mastered in class.



St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 17th. We will partake in a leprechaun treat with our lunch. Don't forget the wearing of the green.

The Silent Auction is Friday, March 20th. We have a beautiful porch swing for the auction. Our parents have done a great job with making it and painting it. I am very excited to see the finished product. I am sure that each of you are going to want it. More details about the auction will be coming soon. I hope to see everyone there. It's a nice time to fellowship with our Montessori family and support the boosters.



Elementary Science Fair is Thursday, March 26th. We would love for you and your family to visit the science fair. I am always amazed at the projects/ ex

Our Easter Egg hunt is Friday, March 27th. We will have more information coming soon.



Primary News from Ms. Dagmar and Ms. Emily



How wonderful it is to be part of a school where cultural learning is wholeheartedly encouraged! The students at the Montessori School of Rome receive such incredible exposure to so many things, and they are richer for it. Would that all the world would offer its children such opportunities to learn - about their world,



and about each other. It was our privilege and pleasure as a class to share Argentina with this community. We thank Jennifer

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lege history professor and mother of Clementine and Langston - for coming twice to our class to share pictures and experiences with our class. We are so grateful for her time. The feast on International Day was wonderful, despite the fact that the date was shifted due to the snow we suddenly had. Our parents are truly fantastic! While we're sorry that a couple of our students had to miss Monday's festivities, we did get some entertaining feedback from Newman's mom, Kay. Their family was traveling (flights had been booked before the weather became uncooperative with our program plans), and Newman apparently enthusiastically regaled all who

would listen with abundant, varied, and accurate information about Argentina.

The children were so happy to get back to a normal work routine on Wednesday after enjoying the beautifully presented research on The Philippines, The Netherlands, and Ancient Egypt (the elementary kids did a great job). We even welcomed a brand new first-year student to our class this week! Om is busy learning about our class, school, curriculum, practices, etc. What a week. (Perhaps you noticed the full moon, as well...)

This month, we will talk about Dr. Seuss, and read several of his books. We will discuss parts of the book, how one becomes an author, and media that illustrators can use. We will also be discussing the desert biome, and reptiles. As always, resources, pictures, examples, and artifacts are welcome, as are craft and cooking ideas and/or assistance. We welcome a St. Patrick's Day snack and treats on the 17th, please let us know if you would like to contribute in this way. We look forward to the Science Fair on the 26th, and the Easter Egg Hunt on the 27th. Spring Break begins on the 28th, and we return to school on April 6th. Please send flower and vegetable seeds to school this month so that we can start our seeds immediately following Spring Break.

March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.

Will that be the case in 2015?



Elementary News: Ms. Diane and Ms. Michelle

We hope everyone enjoyed their tour of the Netherlands! Wasn't our 'Netherlands Jeopardy' a wonderful show? A special thanks to Ms. Michelle for coming up with this fun, new, creative way to share all our interesting research with all of you. The children had a wonderful time. Thank you all for your contributions to our delicious, hearty feast. What a wonderful day!

It's hard to believe, but Parent/Teacher Conferences are next week!!! About half our families have already signed up. If you have not had a chance to sign up yet, please do so in the next day or so. The sign-up sheet is in the hallway, behind our door. We look forward to meeting with you and discussing your child's progress.

This month is all about gearing up for the Science Fair. Evening presentations will be held at the Dept. of Housing's gymnasium on Thursday, 3/26; same location as the Historical Timeline event. All children need to attend. Teachers will transport projects and boards that afternoon. We will also be presenting in class for one another. 3rd years will need to bring their boards and projects to share on Monday, 3/23, 2nd years on Tuesday, 3/24, and finally the 1st years will have a chance to share their presentations on Wednesday, 3/25. Thank you for all your hard work and keeping up with these due dates!

Finally, it is your last chance to order some cool t-shirts or beach blankets through the Adolescent fund-raiser. We sent out catalogues with your child's homework several weeks ago. If you cannot locate it, we have extra in the front lobby on the display. The deadline to order is this Monday, 3/9. Thanks for your support!



Elementary News: Ms. Dolores & Ms. Karla



International Day was incredible! We learned so much about the culture of other countries, had fun decorating our room, sampled some scrumptious food, and enjoyed having parents and visitors tour through our classroom.

Thank-you so much for your participation: to all helping with decorations,

who brought food (everyone), Natalie and Kim for Rebecca for loaning us some Filipino jewelry, and Ms. Karla for pulling out her previously-hidden artistic talents and for taking over in the 11th hour to make sure the Tinikling dance was a “go”. One of the things we teachers love so much about the Montessori education is how much our children love to perform and share their knowledge. Many of your children are begging to bring some bamboo home, so brush up on your tapping skills.

Science fair is just a few short weeks away, and I am anxious to see the end results of all the children’s efforts. Please, please, please help your child to stay on schedule. As we return to our normal afternoon

schedule, we will be focusing again on the scientific method, the importance of each step, and how to integrate the



process into the non-scientific areas of our lives. If you need to reprint any of the science sheets or have lost the science fair schedule, you can find them online where our weekly homework is posted.

Parent/teacher conferences will take place next Friday, March 13, but I will have times available all week in the mornings and afternoons. A sign-up sheet is posted outside the classroom on the bulletin board. Please find a time that will be convenient for both parents to attend; let me know if you need a time that is not listed.



News from Ms. Rebecca and Mr. Eric



The Upper Elementary had a hugely successful International Day this year, complete with large-scale artwork, detailed and fact filled research, and a more performance-based approach to guiding guests through Ancient Egypt. The food was amazing, the students performed wonderfully, and we had a fantastic turn out from our parents. We want to thank all of the parents who prepared the exquisite cuisine from Egypt and who helped make this International Day successful in a myriad of other capacities.

We have such a busy month, that we thought it best to provide a listing of upcoming activities and events. As we get back into the swing of regular work cycle in the mornings, we will be incorporating our Art Auction project and Science Fair research in the afternoons. Here is a listing of what is to come:

- Conferences begin Monday, March 9th and go through Friday, March 13th. We have sign up sheets in our classroom window. There is no school on Friday, March 13th.
- We are *finally* going on our fieldtrip to the Michael C. Carlos Museum at Emory on March 18th, to visit their Planetarium. This trip will coincide with our science focus throughout the month.
- The Art Auction is on Friday, March 20th. We are very excited about this project and **we need more varieties of beans** if any parents can donate them. Thanks to all who have already donated a bag of dried beans (any type: black, lentils, pintos, etc).
- Science Fair is on Thursday, March 26th. We are establishing themes for the Science Fair during the

first week of March and will provide parents with a list of milestones and dates for completing the project.

- Spring Break begins on March 28th and goes through April 5th.

Whew! We are busy, but with the weather warming up (hopefully), we are ready to hit the ground running.

Thanks,

Ms. Rebecca and Mr. Eric



Adolescent News



Literature: The Adolescents just finished their major assessment on *The Pearl*. They are delving more into the works of Nobel prize winner John Steinbeck by reading his classic novel, *The Red Pony*. They have added 50 more vocabulary words to their repertoire --just ask them about legerdemain and disparagement!

On Friday, the adolescents went bird watching at The Eco Center, and will venture further

away for a longer bird watching trip during their ornithology studies this month. They will also focus on the study of mammals. In chemistry, they will learn about bonds, ionic and covalent.

Math: We are revisiting probability and exploring how odds work when it comes to real life applications, like the lottery and games of chance. Ask them what they think about the lottery and casinos! In geometry, we are using theorems and postulates to logically prove that



lines are parallel and perpendicular, and figuring out the measurements of related angles using the same logic. The students have to tell what AND why!

History: They had their assessment today on Chapter 13, culminating their study of ancient civilizations. Now they are taking a break from the book to do the section test. They are preparing the International Day skit with the help of Mr. Bob Harris, local historian. They will work on studying Mayan and Incan civilizations because during Spring Break, we are going to the Mayan Riviera and Tulum, Mexico on the Yucatan Peninsula.



Español Ms. Carolina

Hola!

We are looking forward to a busy month and one of our favorites! La Primavera is almost here, and we will be able to start having fun activities to learn new vocabulary. Spanish club was super fun, and it will come back after spring break—I hope everyone can join!



BOOSTER ANNOUNCEMENT

Good afternoon. We will be meeting TOMORROW, Tuesday, March 10th, at 4 PM in the Spanish room. Please let us know of any donations you have been able to obtain for us. We are so looking forward to the Auction on Friday, March 20th! See you there! Thanks for your continued support.

- Spence Ramsey



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