



MOUNTAINSIDE CAMPUS

September 12, 2008

PARENT AS PARTERS EVENING

Tuesday, September 16th

This is the first of two that will be held this year. We will meet in Mr. Hibbeler's classroom (SEII) from 6:00-7:00 pm. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Childcare will be provided for \$2.00 per child. Stop by the office to sign up and pre-pay by Monday 4 p.m. We will start off the evening by showing "The Peace Video". This will give you a good understanding of how the Montessori curriculum seeks to instill in the children the value of using their words and not physical violence to settle disagreements. Our classroom teachers will then give you examples of how they incorporate these ideas in their classrooms, by use of such things as a Resolution Table, etc. They will also give you some good ideas to use at home. You will have an opportunity to ask questions and you will leave with a greater understanding of what Montessori education is all about.

We are closed on Friday, September 19th for our teacher in service.

No extended care is provided.

We will not have Pizza next week.

This week the children had an opportunity to try out various activities that we will be offering this year. A schedule is attached. We have decided to extend this "try out" opportunity for one more week as a lot of the children did not get the word. On the back of the Activities Schedule is an explanation of how the fee schedule work. If you have questions about that please e-mail pfreeman@mdpdc.org or call for clarification.

NOTE: Drums and Music will meet in the gym and will be picked up in the gym. Sports will meet and be picked up in the gym. Drama will meet on the front patio and be picked up from JE III, Ms. Sass. Art will dismiss in the Art room which is located in the Northeast corner of the gym.



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From the Office

All students Primary through 8th grade. If your child has recently had any immunizations, please make sure the office gets and updated copy as soon as possible. We are happy to make a copy for you or your doctors office may fax it to 602-395-0271.

We have recently sent home PHLOTE (Primary Home Language other than English) and Title I paperwork. Please make sure that it gets returned by Wednesday September 17th. We truly appreciate all your cooperation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office at 602-943-7672 or email mschuller@mdpssc.org.

At MDS, we try not to do fund raisers that involve the kids selling products. The fund raisers listed below are simple and there is no selling involved. Please take the time to sign up with either grocer or both.

Please be a FRY'S COOL CASH SUPPORTER! Stop by the office for a bar code or you can find it on line at www.mdpssc.org.

We have also joined with Basha's. Please go to their customer service or cashier and link your Basha's THANK YOU card with our school number #24751. We can earn 1% of all sales linked to our school.



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FEE SCHEDULE FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Parents: I think there has been some confusion over this year's Fee Schedule for individual activities versus the tax credit. I want to try to clarify that for those of you who have asked.

There will be a charge of \$100.00 per activity, with the exception of private music lessons which will be \$150.00) per semester. There will be three semesters, Fall: through Winter break, Winter: January through Spring break, Spring: March to the end of school.

Because these are extra curricular activities paid to a school you will be able to take as a direct tax credit the amount you pay up to the maximum allowed by the state as a tax credit when you file your taxes. We will send you the applicable paperwork.

If you wish to just pay your tax credit to the school you can do that too and you can use that amount for any activities that you wish your child to sign up for. Once your child has used up the tax credit money then you would either need to pay the fee for further activities or get a friend, grandparent or neighbor to donate their tax credit to this school in your child's name. Remember it is a \$200 donation for a single filer that can be used as a tax credit and up to \$400 for a couple filing jointly.

We feel this is a win-win situation for the school and the parents. The parents will know exactly what they are paying for and where their tax credit money is going.. The school will have each activity adequately funded. Of course, if there is a general lack of interest in any of these activities we will not continue to offer that for another semester.

Questions, please call or e-mail me.

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