



Montessori Messenger

Letter from our Head of School

Dear Love of Learning Community,

As I write this letter, the year 2009 is off to an excellent start, and we are preparing to celebrate an important milestone: **the 25th anniversary of our school's founding**. I am happy to say the state of our School is strong, with the faculty eager to teach and our students full of energy and ready to learn. The characteristics that have sustained the School for a quarter of a century remain firmly in place, especially the warm, loving and supportive classroom communities firmly established as a hallmark for children at Love of Learning.

I want to take this opportunity to thank current parents, past parents, current faculty/staff and former faculty/staff who offered words of encouragement, support and kindness at the beginning of this school year. Love of Learning parents and other friends of the School have shown a loyalty and wonderful affection for the School as they have shared thoughts of why Love of Learning is special to them, and why they chose it for their children's education. That optimism and trust inspires us in this anniversary year to recommit ourselves to the fulfillment of the School's mission:

- To nurture the curiosity, creativity, and imagination born within us all
- To awaken the human spirit of every child
- To celebrate the diversity of our community
- To approach each child as an individual.

As I look back to the years since Love of Learning's founding, I owe a debt of gratitude to all the educators and staff who have guided the School with vision and a commitment to excellence.

We've planned an elegant evening filled with dining, dancing, friends and memories to celebrate Love of Learning's 25th birthday. I invite you to RSVP by this Friday, January 30th and share in the festivities on February 14th at 7pm, the Columbia Sheraton.

Planning for Love of Learning's 25th Winter Wonderland Gala has caused us all to look back to honor our past, while simultaneously looking ahead to an incredibly exciting future. This brings heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported me and the School.

Now, lets get ready to put on our dancing shoes and **PARTY!!!!** I look forward to celebrating with each one of you!

Sincerely Yours,
Awilda Torres
Head of School

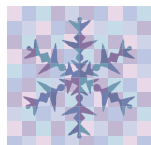
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Hear Ye! Hear Ye!!

- ☺ Please turn in your RSVP card for the 25th Anniversary Winter Wonderland Gala. Child care is limited, and on a first come, first served basis.
- ☺ Please check out our new Lunch Program, in partnership with Your Dinners/ Rumsey Road Deli. Order forms are available on our website.
- ☺ Early Bird Registration program, ends TODAY, Friday, January 30th. If you get your contract in before the end of today, you will receive the \$400 tuition discount.



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"...to nurture and develop the complete child."



Our Community

10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.....
The Count Down Has Begun!

Love of Learning completed 25 years of teaching! Wow, that's a big number. As we look ahead to the 25th Anniversary of Love of Learning and the final weeks before we celebrate our accomplishments as a community, we keep a few things in mind. **First**, behind "twenty five years" are thousands of alumni, parents, friends, and teachers who made this a reality. You, the Love of Learning community, in fact, have made my dream a reality. **Second**, no celebration is an end in itself. It's a means by which I can celebrate with you as an institution that provided its students and faculty with opportunities to thrive and influence the wider world, and in doing that we all advance Love of Learning's enduring mission in education. **And Finally**, I can't say thank you enough. This 25th Winter Wonderland Gala is my sincerest expression of gratitude.

Now it's time to RSVP, dust off your dancing shoes and PARTY!

See you all there!
Awilda

Our next Open House will be held on Saturday, February 7th, from 12-3pm, here at Love of Learning. Please invite any of your friends, neighbors and co-workers who may have a preschool aged child!

We are in need of several parents to help bake items for this day (please drop off goodies on Friday at pick up time), as well as some parents to help greet visitors, direct them around our school, and answer questions from a parent's perspective.

Please let Ms. Awilda or Ms. Diomar know if you can help out! All of these hours will go toward your Community Service hours.

Mark Your Calendars!

- Sat., Feb. 7 OPEN HOUSE at LOLMS
- February 9-13 Teacher Appreciation Week
- Fri., Feb. 13 NOON DISMISSAL
- Friday, Feb. 13 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- **Sat., Feb. 14 25th Anniversary Event
Winter Wonderland Gala
Sheraton Columbia 7pm-Midnight**
- **Mon., Feb. 16 SCHOOL CLOSED: Presidents' Day**
- Thurs., Feb. 19 CH Concert: Columbia Orchestra
- Friday, Feb. 20 PTO Bake Sale
- Friday, Feb. 20 PTO Pizza Lunch
- Tues., Feb. 24 PTO Meeting, 7-8pm
- Wed., Feb. 25 Elementary Cultural Fair
- Thurs., Feb. 26 Ident-A-Kid Program
- March 2-5 Upper El. Model UN Trip to NYC
- Fri., March 20 PTO Bake Sale
- **Fri. March 20 NOON DISMISSAL**
- Fri., March 20 Parent Work Afternoon 2-5pm
- March 23-27 SHARE YOUR CLASS WEEK
- Fri., March 27 PTO Pizza Lunch
- Fri., March 27 Book Fair Kick Off Family Event
- Mar. 27-Apr.1 Scholastic Book Fair
- Tues., March 31 PTO Meeting, 7-8pm
- **Thurs., April 2 NOON DISMISSAL
Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- **Friday, April 3 SCHOOL CLOSED:
Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- **April 6-10 SCHOOL CLOSED: SPRING BREAK**
- Fri., April 17 PTO Bake Sale
- Wed., Apr. 22 Spring School Picture Day!
- Fri., April 24 PTO Pizza Lunch
- Tues., April 28 PTO Meeting, 7-8pm
- Thurs., May 7 Mother's Day Tea