



Washington Lincoln



Montessori Messenger



Hanging in with Montessori During Tough Economic Times

By Tim Seldin, President, The Montessori Foundation

The economy is in the dumps, you're worried about money, and you've got a child in Montessori. It's reenrollment time, and, like millions of parents just like you, you're going to have to decide what to do next year. Now what?

If you've hit the wall and simply cannot afford next year's tuition, you might want to check to see if the school can lend you a hand. You might also ask the children's grandparents to see if they are in a position to help. More and more often, grandparents play a major role in helping their children with tuition.

But for many of us, the issue may not be so much *if* we can afford to continue to pay the cost of tuition; instead, we may have concern about what the future may bring and a sense that now may be the time to move on.

It's no secret that I'm a died-in-the-wool, true-blue Montessori fan, but you've got to make an important decision. So how can I help?

I can encourage you to ask yourself three questions:

The first is: *Why did you choose Montessori for your children in the first place, and has your thought process changed over time?*

My second question for you is: *What have you been hoping to see your children take away from their years in Montessori, and how important are those outcomes?*

And finally, I encourage you to ask yourself: *How important do you feel the next few years in your children's education will be? How might they benefit if you are willing and able to stay the course, and what may be lost if you can't?*

Benjamin Franklin wrote that an investment in education pays the best dividends. Centuries later, most people would still agree with him.

Every year is precious, and however our children are treated and taught—at home by us as their parents, in school by their teachers, and on the playground by their peers—will have tremendous influence on their future.

(cont'd in Tomorrow's Child Magazine, Winter 2009)

Love of Learning Montessori School

Volume 7, Issue 6

Friday, February 13, 2009

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!!

- ☺ We look forward to celebrating with you tomorrow night at the 25th Anniversary Winter Wonderland Gala Event!
- ☺ Please note that school will be CLOSED on Monday, Feb. 16th in celebration of the Presidents' Day Holiday.
- ☺ We don't get a second chance to make the right decisions for our children's education. To read more on this article by Tim Seldin, check out the Winter 2009 edition of Tomorrow's Child magazine.
- ☺ Please note that Ident-A-Kid will be here on Feb. 26th!
- ☺ LOLMS Garage Sale on Saturday, Feb. 21



love of learning MONTESSORI SCHOOL

An International Community

9151 Rumsey Road
Columbia, MD 21045

Phone: 410.715.9600
Fax: 410.715.9667
E-mail: loveoflearning@yahoo.com

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



Washington



Lincoln



Our Community

The Lower Elementary School Store is now OPEN!

On Fridays, from 8:30-9:00am and 3:30-4:00pm, all Elementary and Children's House students are welcome to buy from the School Store, which is staffed by students of the Lower Elementary class. Items for sale include pencils, erasers, pencil cases, stampers and small snacks, which are priced between \$.25 - \$1.00. We hope to raise enough money to cover the initial cost of the items, and to make enough profit to fund our end of year class party. **We appreciate your support!**

Mmmmmmmmm..... DONUTS!!!



The Upper Elementary Class is taking pre-orders for Krispy Kreme donuts, as a fundraising event for their upcoming Montessori Model United Nations trip. We are selling these scrumptilyicious donuts for \$10/doz., 2 doz./\$15 or 3 doz./\$20! You can place your order at the front desk from now until Wednesday, February 18th at drop-off. You can choose pick-up on Thurs. afternoon or Friday morning. Donated boxes will be delivered to Grassroots Crisis Intervention on Friday.

Mark Your Calendars!

- **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**
- Tues & Wed. Krispy Kreme Pre-Orders!
- Thurs., Feb. 19 CH Concert: Columbia Orchestra
- Thurs., Feb. 19 Krispy Kreme Order PickUp (PM)
- Friday, Feb. 20 Krispy Kreme Order PickUp (AM)
- Friday, Feb. 20 PTO Bake Sale—Upper Elementary
- Friday, Feb. 20 PTO Pizza Lunch
- Sat., Feb. 21 **GARAGE SALE — 8:00am-Noon**
- Tues., Feb. 24 PTO Meeting, 7-8pm
- Wed., Feb. 25 Elementary Cultural Fair
- Thurs., Feb. 26 Ident-A-Kid Program
- Thurs., Feb. 26 LOL Night at Your Dinners 4-8pm
- 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!