



Montessori Messenger



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Love of Learning Montessori School

Friday, March 27, 2009

SCHOLASTIC Book Fair/Family Event

The Scholastic Book Fair is officially in full swing! On Thursday, the Children's House and Elementary students were visited by Dr. Gopal Dorai, author of *Giraffes in the Savannah*, and his wife, who took turns reading this book to them. Dr. Dorai has written an imaginative story that features talking giraffes, trees, and a combination of forces found in Mother Nature that teaches children about the importance of a balanced environment. The children enjoyed this entertaining and heartwarming tale that offers valuable lessons in cooperation, teamwork, and respect for others. Beautifully illustrated by Amanda Gordon Miller, the book's understated message comes through loud and clear - the earth's delicate balance is connected to a variety of interdependent functions that must work together to sustain life on our planet. Dr. Dorai has signed several copies of this book, which are available at the Book Fair this year, if you would like to purchase one for your home collection.

On Friday morning, all of the Children's House classes were read to by Elementary students, and then were given time to go through the Book Fair and complete their Wish Lists. Teachers were also given time to visit the Book Fair early, so they could pick out books for their classroom. If you would like to purchase a book or books for your child's classroom, please check your teacher's Wish Bag.



There are also still volunteer opportunities available. If you have some free time and would like to help out, we can use you! Please just stop by and tell Mona Shroff, Book Fair Coordinator, that you are available.

Tonight's Family Event is an annual tradition and a lot of fun! We have hot dogs, subs, snacks, drinks, games and prizes, so bring the whole family and plan to have a great time.

We hope you will join us here at the annual Scholastic Book Fair!

This is a friendly reminder that we have a Childcare Service Night this Saturday, March 28th, from 6 - 11 PM for all Children's House and Elementary students. All proceeds will go to the End of Year Carnival. The cost is \$30 for the first child, \$25 for sibling number one, and \$20 for sibling number two. Pizza, snacks and a movie will be provided. Please feel free to go out and have some fun with your significant other or your friends.

The children LOVE being here with their friends for fun...they think it's their party!

So, go on...have fun, and leave your child/ren with us!



An International Community

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"Inspiring a Passion to Learn"



Our Community



*Love of Learning Family Night
at Panda Buffet!*

**Thursday, April 2, 2009
6:00-9:00pm**

Come have dinner with friends and family. 20% of the night's proceeds will benefit the End of Year Carnival!

**8801 Baltimore National Pike
Ellicott City, MD 21043**

*Intersection of Routes 40 & 29 and Ridge Road
in the Triangle Shopping Center*

410-480-9810

Mark Your Calendars!

- Fri., March 27 PTO Pizza Lunch
- Fri., March 27 Book Fair Family Event, 5-8pm
- Sat., Mar. 28 Date Night/Babysitting—6-11pm
- Mar. 27-Apr.1 Scholastic Book Fair
- Tues., March 31 PTO Meeting, 7-8pm
- **Thurs., April 2 NOON DISMISSAL
Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- Thurs., Apr. 2 Family Night at Panda Buffet 6-9pm
- **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!!!
- Wed., Apr. 22 YEARBOOK ORDERS DUE!!!
- Friday, Apr. 24 PTO Pizza Lunch
- Tues., April 28 PTO Meeting, 7-8pm
- Thurs., May 7 Mother's Day Tea
- Fri., May 8 CH InHouse: Super Scientific Circus
- Fri., May 15 PTO Pizza Lunch
- Fri., May 15 Lower Elementary Overnight Trip to The Franklin Institute, Philadelphia
- Fri., May 22 PTO Bake Sale
- **Fri., May 22 NOON DISMISSAL**
- **Mon., May 25 SCHOOL CLOSED: MEMORIAL DAY**
- Tues., May 26 PTO Meeting, 7-8pm
- Fri., May 29 Toddlers' Field Day
- June 1-4 Moving Up Week
- Thurs., June 4 Elementary Graduation, 7pm
- Fri., June 5 CH & EL: Father/Child Field Day
- **Fri., June 5 NOON DISMISSAL: LAST DAY**
- Fri., June 5 End of Year Carnival, 4-8pm