



# Montessori Messenger



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## Memorial Day Observation

**Memorial Day** is a United States federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May. Formerly known as **Decoration Day**, it commemorates U.S. men and women who died while in the military service. First enacted to honor Union soldiers of the American Civil War (it is celebrated near the day of reunification after the civil war), it was expanded after World War I to include American casualties of any war or military action.

Many people observe this holiday by visiting cemeteries and memorials. A national moment of remembrance takes place at 3 p.m. Eastern Time. Another tradition is to fly the flag of the United States at half-staff from dawn until noon local time. Volunteers often place American flags on each gravesite at National Cemeteries. Many Americans also use Memorial Day to honor other family members who have died. Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars take donations for poppies in the days leading up to Memorial Day; the poppy's significance to Memorial Day is the result of the John McCrae poem "In Flanders Fields." (<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.net/flanders.htm>)

In addition to remembrance, Memorial Day is also used as a time for picnics, barbecues, family gatherings, and sporting events. One of the longest-standing traditions is the running of the Indianapolis 500, which has been held in conjunction with Memorial Day since 1911.

Some Americans view Memorial Day as the unofficial beginning of summer and Labor Day as the unofficial end of the season (with the 4th of July as the very hot middle). In the Northern United States, it is the traditional weekend in which people reopen pools that had been closed for the winter. The national "Click It or Ticket" campaign ramps up beginning Memorial Day weekend, noting the beginning of the most dangerous season for car accidents and other safety-related incidents. The United States Air Force's "101 Critical Days of Summer," marking the period that statistically has shown an increase in accidents, begin on this day as well.

Memorial Day formerly was observed on May 30. The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) advocate returning to this fixed date, although the significance of the date is tenuous. The VFW stated in a 2002 Memorial Day Address: "Changing the date merely to create three-day weekends has undermined the very meaning of the day. No doubt, this has contributed a lot to the general public's nonchalant observance of Memorial Day." Since 1987, Hawaii's Senator Daniel Inouye, a World War II veteran, has repeatedly introduced measures to return Memorial Day to its traditional date.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memorial\\_day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memorial_day)



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## Our Community



### Montessori Summer Camp at Love of Learning!



Would you like a safe, warm, friendly environment for your child this summer, as well as continuing his/her Montessori work? Then Love of Learning is the answer! We will use the mornings to work on Montessori materials and concepts, and the afternoons will be filled with fun and frolicking!

We are offering two camp experiences this summer:  
Children's House (ages 3-6)  
Elementary (entering 1st through 6th grades)

Weeks available are:

Session I: 6/8-12, 6/15-19, 6/22-26, 6/29-7/3, 7/6-10  
Session II: 7/13-17, 7/20-24, 7/27-31, 8/3-7, 8/10-14  
Full Time (7:30-5:30), Part Time (8:30-3:30)  
or Half Time (8:30-12:00)

The May 26th PTO meeting will be the final meeting for School Year 2008-2009. The PTO is now accepting nominations for executive board members and event chair members. These positions include: President, Vice President in charge of Membership, Vice President in charge of coordinating Parent Liaison efforts, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Silent Auction Chair, Book Fair Chair, Bake Sale Chair, Pizza Lunch Chair, Mitten Tree Chair, Teacher Appreciation Chair. All nominations are welcomed through 7:15pm on date of the last meeting (May 26th). All are invited and welcome to participate in the election process. Please come join us for the last PTO meeting of the year from 7-8pm on May 26th!

## Mark Your Calendars!

- Fri., May 22 PTO Bake Sale—Elementary  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST!!! 7:30-9am
- Fri., May 22 NOON DISMISSAL
- Mon., May 25 SCHOOL CLOSED: MEMORIAL DAY
- Tues., May 26 PTO Meeting, 7-8pm  
ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS
- Fri., May 29 Toddlers' Field Day
- **June 1st-4th "Moving Up" Week Celebrations**
- Mon., June 1 Ms. Paula/Ms. Shehla 10:30am
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- Tues, June 2 Ms. Sue/Srta. Leticia 11:00am
- Wed., June 3 Ms. Ambereen/Srta. Shirley 11:00am
- Wed., June 3 Ms. Alicia/Sra. Adriana 11:30am
- Thurs., June 4 Ms. Miriam/Sr. Jose 11:00am
- Thurs., June 4 Elementary Graduation 11:30am
- Fri., June 5 CH & EL: Father/Child Field Day  
8:30am—Noon
- Fri., June 5 NOON DISMISSAL: LAST DAY
- Fri., June 5 End of Year Carnival, 4-8pm  
**SAVAGE PARK**  
8400 Fair Street  
Savage, MD



### DIRECTIONS TO SAVAGE PARK EOY CARNIVAL!

From 29 or 95, take Rt. 32 East to Rt. 1 South  
Take Immediate 1st Right onto Howard Street  
Howard Street bends left and becomes Baltimore Street. Continue on Baltimore St. 0.8 miles to the end, and make a right onto Fair Street, and enter Savage Park. Join us at the pavilion for dinner and an evening of fun to celebrate the end of the year!

A HUGE THANKS to our sponsors of this  
year's End of Year Carnival:



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