

**May
2010**



Mark your calendars:

Friday, May 21st—Upper
Elementary & Middle School
Bike Ride on the Towpath

Friday, May 28th— Children's
Mass

Saturday, May 29th—
Remembering D Fun Run

Monday, May 31st—
Memorial Day—NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, June 2nd—
Moving Up Ceremony—10:00
a.m.

Middle School Graduation
6:00 p.m.

Friday, June 4th—Field Day
and School picnic.
Last Day of School, dis-
missal is at 3:15 for all
students

July 5-30—Summer Camp
Sessions

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Montessori Messenger

Message from the Director: Tina Schneider

VALUES FOR LIFE

Let's keep doing our best for our children!

When you enter the work place, your employer will have certain expectations of you. The list may look like this:

- Arrive to work on time.
- Be respectful of the employer, your co-workers and clients.
- Be responsible for your own work.
- Create a safe and pleasant work environment.
- Learn all you can to be successful in this job.

This is what I expect of the staff of the Montessori School and most likely what your employers expect of you. By adhering to these expectations, each of us has the ability to create a productive and pleasant work experience. When these basic expectations are disregarded, however, the work place suffers. Employees who arrive late consistently create discord among the other employees who are on time and have to pick up the slack. Being disrespectful and irresponsible creates distrust and discontent among co-workers and eventually leads to lower productivity and loss of employment. As adults we can see the value of being able to meet these expectations and I am sure we could all agree that we want our children to value this as well. How can we be sure that this happens? Where does the responsibility for instilling these principles lie? Consider these other lists of expectations.

If parents were to create a list of what they expect from the school, it may look like this:

- Treat my child with respect.
- Help my child learn proper social skills.
- Help my child develop good work habits.
- Keep my child safe and happy.
- Teach my child the necessary academics to be successful in school and life (a love of learning).

If teachers were to create a list of what they expect from parents and students, it may look like this:

- Treat us with respect as well as others in the class.
- Help your child learn proper social skills.
- Help your child develop good work habits.
- Be sure your child gets proper sleep and nutrition.
- Support your child's academics in collaboration with the school.

As you can see by the similarities in these two lists, the task of educating your child is not done in isolation at school or at home. Collaboration is essential. Children look to the adults in their lives to model appropriate behavior and instill values. When you chose the Montessori School at Holy Rosary for your child, you looked for consistency between your family values and those of the school for you to make this decision. Therefore, we have entered into a mutual understanding that we are working toward the same goals for your child.

In order to achieve these goals each party involved is promising to do their best to live up to the expectations of the other. The school will prepare environments to implement a Montessori program for children at all levels. We will treat each child with respect. Teachers will present lessons and provide opportunities to use materials and interact appropriately with one another. The effectiveness of this prepared environment, however, relies on having an uninterrupted work cycle which means that all children must be in the classroom and ready to work when the teacher begins giving lessons.

Values for Life (cont.)

If we look at just this one aspect of the expectations, you can see how one simple behavior has far reaching implications in the classroom. Students arriving late disrupt the beginning of the school day which shows a lack of respect for the method, the teacher, and the others in the class. By arriving late consistently you are modeling for your child that it is not important. Not only does your child miss the important part of the day of greeting the teacher at the door, he also misses important information that is shared in morning meetings or causes lessons to be delayed while the teacher waits for your child. Think of this in terms of a workplace and consider how it appears. You miss the first ten or fifteen minutes of a sales presentation and you will lose the client. If you miss the instructions for a new project, will your employer spend extra time filling you in?

We are down to the last few weeks of school, but please help us to continue to do our best for your child by continuing to do your best. Place value and importance on getting children into the classroom by 8:30 a.m. Follow through on expectations of completing homework or participating in the required purposeful work. It makes a huge difference in the overall atmosphere and each child's ability to make choices and concentrate. Those who are on time are short changed by the disruption of those arriving late. Those who choose to disregard homework or purposeful activities are showing disrespect for themselves, the teachers and others who have done the work. Give your child the greatest benefits of being in a Montessori school by being on time, expecting your child to complete work and showing respect to everyone around them! We appreciate your efforts and are here to support you as well. If you are having difficulty with instilling these expectations in your child, communicate that with the staff. We want to work together for your child.

DRAMA CLUB SHOWS ARE A HIT...

Thank you to Kate and the drama club casts for two great shows in April. Below are photos from the Peggy the Pint-Sized Pirate show performed by Lower Elementary students and Holka Polka performed by the Upper Elementary and Middle School students!



Support the School Everyday!
and tell your friends and family.



Use the **Goodsearch** search engine when accessing the internet. Designate the school as your preferred charitable organization and we receive cash back for every search or purchase made.

If you are shopping on-line, use the **GoodShop.com** website and a percentage of your purchase is donated back to the school.



Be sure to check your packages for the Box Top coupons. Place them in the collection bin by the main entrance.

Classroom Highlights

Primary Classrooms (Miss Sibyl, Miss Dorothy, Mr. Johan, Miss Sharyn)

Students in Miss Sibyl's room have combined reading, geography and photography into a fun and interactive project. Before spring break the extended day children read a book called, Flat Stanley, in which a flattened version of the main character was able to go on adventures by mailing himself to different parts of the world. Each student made a life-sized cut-out of him or her self and decorated it. They were then given the instruction to mail it to friends and relatives around the country or other parts of the world (with parents' help). The recipient was asked to show the "flat" children around and take photos to send back. Each child is now reporting back about where their "flat" self has been. They are able to identify on the map or globe where each has been and share the adventures. You are welcome to stop by the Primary 1 classroom to see the photo displays. You may also want to take a peek at the "Shape Book" that Sibyl's class created after a walk through the neighborhood to try to find each of the shapes represented in the geometry cabinet. They found most of them and have beautiful photographic evidence of their discoveries.

The primary classrooms each had caterpillars in the month of April which the children were able to observe as they transformed into their chrysalis and then emerged as butterflies. The classrooms released the butterflies into the community garden space in Tony Brush Park.



Upper Elementary (Miss Anna)

Wells through World Vision—Meredith Boylan is asking the school and parish communities to join together in an effort to raise funds to supply wells to impoverished areas around the world. Beginning on May 17th for two weeks, you are asked to give up the purchase of beverages such as pop, coffee, and other store bought drinks and instead donate the money that you would have otherwise spent on these types of beverages to this cause. Your donations can be dropped off at the Upper Elementary classroom between May 17th through May 28th.

This year the combined elementary classrooms raised \$1,983 from the St. Jude's Math-a-thon. Funds raised are used to help with research and treatment for pediatric cancer. Over the past 12 years, the students have raised a total of \$16,853.22 for this cause. An incredible accomplishment! Thanks to Meredith and Blaise for organizing this year's project.



The following former students will be graduating from high school this year and are making preparations for college...

Desiree Gordon
 Gabriella Lacza-Popik
 Samantha Mihaila
 Andrew Schneider
 Raymond Wert
 Charles Williams

Thanks to all who helped with the Bremec's fundraiser on May 12th. It was a successful day and you all did a great job! We will have the results in a few weeks!

Thanks again,
 PVG

Classroom Highlights (cont.)

Lower Elementary—(Miss Cheryl) As stated in the March newsletter, the Lower elementary students were searching for someone to assist in getting a quilting project started. We are grateful to Conal's mom, Seosai, for answering the call. She has begun teaching the students embroidery so that each child will be able to complete a design for the quilt. They are using the theme "Oceans" as inspired by the Earth Day viewing of that movie. The students are enthusiastic about their newly acquired skills and are eager to complete the project. The goal is for the class to be able to present the finished quilt as an item for the Taste auction in the fall.

Middle School News

In the month of April the middle school students embarked on an four day adventure in Chicago. They traveled on the mega-bus from Cleveland to Chicago where they spent several days exploring and visiting the sites. They visited such attractions as Millenium Park, the Hancock Observatory and the Museum of Science and Industry. Of course, the trip would not be complete without a evening in Chinatown. The students were involved in planning all aspects of the trip from travel arrangements to creating the agenda and figuring out how to maneuver the public transportation systems in Chicago. The trip was funded, in part, by the proceeds from the middle school micro-economy projects that many of you supported throughout the year. Thank you to all who helped make this trip possible!



An opportunity to support MSHR while searching and shopping on-line.
 Download the toolbar between 12:00 noon on May 19th through 12:00 noon on May 21st to earn extra money for the school.

\$5,000 GoodSearch Giveaway - Three Days Only!

GoodSearch will donate \$1 (up to \$5,000 total) for every toolbar that is downloaded between **May 19th at 12 noon and May 21st at 12 noon** Eastern! To help our cause benefit from this contest, please download our toolbar now by following this link - (see below for instructions on how to create a link to your customized toolbar download page)

Our new toolbar is free to download and allows you to raise money for our cause virtually every time you search or shop online! Once added to IE or Firefox, each time you shop at more than 1,400 stores (from Amazon to Zazzle!) a percentage of your purchase will automatically be donated to our cause - at no cost to you (and you may even save money as the toolbar also provides you thousands of discount coupons and free shipping offers!). The toolbar also has a search box and each time you search the Internet, about a penny is donated to our cause.

Please hurry and do this now so that we can earn the \$1 bonus per toolbar!

And, please pass this along to all of your friends. The two minutes it takes to add this toolbar to your browser can make a lifetime of difference for our cause!

Get the toolbar NOW! (www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/montessori-school-at-holy-rosary)

Remembering “D” Fun Run & Walk

Plan to join us on Saturday, May 29th for the Remembering “D” Fun Run & Walk. Registration forms are available in the office or can be printed from the website. The first 200 registrants will receive a t-shirt. The event will raise funds to begin a scholarship in the name of Demetrius Smith. Following the Run/Walk you are invited to stay in the park to play or you may want to bring a picnic lunch and stay for the afternoon. We hope to see many of you there.

Schedule:	7:30 a.m. Sign-in	10:00 a.m. Donuts & playing in the park
	8:00 a.m. 5K start	11:30 a.m. Pizza and Picnic
	8:15 a.m. 1 mile Fun Run/Walk steps off	

STOP THE HATE—by Blaise DeRoberts

Hate, what is hate? It’s discrimination against a person or another race. All hate begins with words. You are not born with the ability to hate. Hate is taught by words, actions and indifference.

In Billings, Montana, a Jewish child was discriminated against when he put a menorah in his bedroom window to celebrate Hanukkah. Someone who was full of hatred threw a piece of cinder block through the window. Luckily the little boy was not in his bed. The town newspaper printed menorahs and encouraged citizens to put them in their windows. More windows with menorahs were broken. At the end of the month, over 10,000 menorahs were placed in windows all around Billings, Montana.

I think that the people who broke the windows chose to hate. They hated everyone who wasn’t scared to put menorahs in their windows. I think that the people of Billings were brave. They risked getting their windows shattered. They knew that their windows could be shattered. They didn’t know if other things could happen. Some houses were also spray-painted with swastikas and other Nazi symbols. They could have even been risking their lives.

I would have put the menorah in my window. I would have helped to clean up the graffiti. If I heard people speaking hatefully, I would tell them to stop.

I am committed to stop hate. I am writing this essay to speak out against hatred. In my school, I tell people who are not following the rules to stop. When I hear unkind words, I tell them to stop. When I start saying unkind things, I tell myself to stop. In my neighborhood, I help my neighbors shovel snow and take out their trash. I serve Mass. I help at the Alta House to set up for events.

I quote Anne Frank, “We are all different but yet the same.” I know that I may be different from you, but we are all one.

***This essay won the second place award in the sixth grade category for the Maltz Museum’s—Stop the Hate—essay contest. Blaise and other winning entrants from sixth through twelfth grade were honored during a ceremony at the Maltz Museum in March. Blaise has been a student at the Montessori School for eight years.*



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Join us on May 29th at 8:00 a.m. for the first Remembering D Fun Run. Registration forms are available at the office or can be printed from the website. The first 200 participants registered will receive a t-shirt. Registration should be received by May 21st.

Remembering "D" Fun Run

Walking & Running in his Path



5k and 1 mile walk and run

May 29, 2010

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PARENT VOLUNTEER GROUP (PVG)

TASTE—It is hard to think about fall when summer has not yet arrived but Taste will be here before we know it and there are many exciting opportunities to get involved. Several positions are still in need of a chairperson, if you have not gotten involved with the planning prior perhaps this is your year to make an impact! Also, we will be selling event and raffle tickets around town throughout the summer. These volunteer opportunities are a great way to involve your kids, interact with the community and help the school. Look for sign up sheets or contact Diane Boylan (408-5126).

Remainder of the School Year

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching but there are still many fun events (and opportunities to get involved) remaining! On **May 22nd** the school will have a Garden Clean Up and we need parent volunteers to help prepare the classroom's new garden beds. On **May 29th** the school will host its first 5K Demetrius Run. Get out your running shoes and come support the school. If you are not interested in running some parent volunteers are needed to help with the event as well. The last day of school is **June 4th**, this will also be Field Day and the End of Year Cookout for students and staff. Watch the bulletin board for volunteer sign up sheets for each of these exciting events.

Summer Fun

MSHR and the Parent Volunteer Group have planned many events throughout the summer to keep us all connected and bring us out to enjoy our wonderful neighborhood. Summer always kicks off in Cleveland with Parade the Circle, which will be held on June 12th this year. Come support MSHR students participating in this event. We are also planning Playground Meet Ups at Tony Brush Park throughout the summer. Scheduled about every other week at varying times we hope that you and your kids will come to the park to see your friends and classmates over the summer