

The Montessori Advisory Committee last met on Thursday, May 12 at 3:15 p.m.

1. **Parent/Teacher Conferences:** Held May 3 and May 5, the conferences went well.
2. **Kindergarten Mohican Field Trip:** The Kindergarten students enjoyed a trip to Mohican this week. Everyone had a great time and appreciated the good weather. The teachers were informed that the Parents Club will no longer be paying for the bus used to transport the students to Mohican. It was determined that, because the Parents Club does not pay for other busing, it was unfair to continue this practice. Going forward, the \$120 bus fee will be divided among the Kindergarten students and added to their fee.
3. **School Picnic:** Originally on the calendar for May 18, this event was replaced by the Fall picnic (held on October 13, 2010).
4. **Spring Clean Up:** The grounds of the house are in desperate need of some sprucing up so a clean-up day is being scheduled. The date is dependent on the delivery of mulch. The list of volunteers will be contacted once a date is set.
5. **New Email:** A survey to parents revealed that improved communication is the greatest desire among parents. A new email address has been created to allow parents to contact the teachers with questions, non-urgent issues, etc. The address is [Montessori@myspartans.org](mailto:Montessori@myspartans.org). In general, the survey results were very positive.
6. **End of the Year Program:** The program will be held May 23. Setup will be that morning and members are asked to assist with serving punch and clean up. The students will sing a song in honor of Sammy Tridico, and his picture, along with two of his paintings, will be hung in the house.
7. **New Works:** Works recently introduced include time on the half hour, butterflies, flower parts, Where Do I Live, and Titanic.
8. **Teacher Concerns:** Parents are encouraged to continue working with their children over the summer. Information on summer programs will be distributed before the end of the year (last day June 6). The teachers are also planning a slumber party and ice cream social prior to the end of the year.
9. **Next Meeting:** September 2011 (The MAC officers will be meeting June 14 to discuss the creation of a MAC handbook, fundraising, and the election of officers.)

Respectfully submitted,  
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