

St. Peter's Education Commission
Montessori Report
February 9, 2010

The Montessori Advisory Committee met on Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

1. **Review of Holiday Events** (Thanksgiving Feast, Christmas decorating, Christmas Party, collection for Richland County Children Services Auxiliary) – All events were successful, especially the collection of clothing and gifts for the two families from the Auxiliary.
2. **Spring Parties** – The Valentine's Day party is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10th. All students will be participating. The Kindergarten students will participate in a Chinese New Year party on Monday, February 15th. Preschoolers in the middle room will participate in a St. Patrick's Day party and those in the sensorial room will have an Easter celebration.
3. **Open House / Registration:** The Open House will be Sunday, February 7th from 1 – 3 p.m.
4. **Buddy Week:** Current students will be invited to bring a friend to Montessori the week of February 16th. Letters will be sent home Friday, February 5th.
5. **Spring Field Trip:** The Montessori staff is currently exploring the possibility of the students attending the DisneyNature film "Oceans," opening in theaters this April. Nearly all of the students are studying oceans and ocean life. The trip is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 28th. Tickets would be \$8.50 for each child, including a snack, popcorn and drink. Montessori would pay \$3.00, with parents paying the remaining \$5.00 per ticket. Parent tickets will cost \$5.00 as well. The staff is still negotiating the costs and coordinating show times, etc.
6. **End of Year Program:** The program will take place on Monday, May 24th with a Beatles theme. Students will be learning "Love Me Do," "Strawberry Fields," "Hello Goodbye," and "Here Comes the Sun." The committee is currently planning for refreshments and the Montessori staff is working with volunteers on the set and props.
7. **New Works:** New works include mystical creatures, number works, ocean life, a revised nutrition work, and ancient Egypt.
8. **Teacher Concerns:** The only concern currently is arranging the spring field trip (mentioned above).
9. **Parent Questions:** The only question posed concerned the number of registrations received. As of the meeting date, the registrations have not yet been counted.

Upcoming meeting dates: March 25th at 3:15 p.m. and May 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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