

Education Commission  
Montessori Report  
September 15, 2009

The Montessori Advisory Committee met on September 10, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

1. **Meeting dates**- Tina Siegfried and the MAC officers discussed adding some evening meetings this year to enable working parents to attend the meetings. We have also decreased the number of meetings per year and will only meet before pertinent events (programs, conferences, etc.). The hope is to decrease redundancy and increase attendance from new parents and returning parents. As of this report, there are some date conflicts so Jim Smith and Tina Siegfried will revise the meeting dates for the year. We did have a nice turnout at the first meeting and several new parents attended.
2. **Open House**-The Open House went well and Montessori had a nice crowd.
3. **Orientation Weeks**- These weeks had the usual ups and downs with new students but it helped tremendously when the full schedule started after Labor Day. The children were well acclimated to the routine.
4. **Fall Field Trip**- The trip will take place on September 30 at Raemelon Farms. The children will participate in a pumpkin craft, corn maze activity and horse activity (no riding).
5. **Halloween Party**- The party is scheduled on October 28<sup>th</sup> and new volunteers are being recruited to help with this event.
6. **New Parent Orientation**- This is a two-part event on October 7<sup>th</sup> and October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. This is for new and returning parents. The Montessori works will be demonstrated by the teachers and parents can ask questions regarding the structure of the program.
7. **Pick-up/Drop-off Procedure**- This has gone very well so far. There haven't been any major problems as in past years.

The year has started off very well at Montessori. Current enrollment is 89 students (48 in the morning and 41 in the afternoon). A few siblings may be starting in November when they turn 3.

Respectfully submitted,  
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