



Director's News



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Happy Holidays! I hope Thanksgiving was wonderful for all of you. Our Thanksgiving feast was a great success! Thank you to all the parents for bringing in food. The children enjoyed sharing a feast with all their friends from their classroom. This month is also a very exciting month learning all the Holiday celebrations from around the world. The classrooms will be celebrating the winter holidays in their classrooms all month.

Food banks are in need of canned goods more than ever this holiday season. Please help us feed the hungry by bringing in canned goods between now and the morning of Wednesday, December 7th. Door to Door Organics will be picking up our canned goods next Wednesday morning when they drop off our weekly orders. Please put the cans in a door to door organic box (we will have many empty boxes here) and leave them on the bench by the Toddler (Peace) Room. Thank you for your generosity!

On Monday, Dec. 19th, there is a monthly board meeting at 6:00pm. It will be held in the Rainbow Room. Childcare is available for an additional fee if

reserved in advance. All Parents are welcome to attend.

For the month of December, afternoon extended care will be in the Galaxy Room. Morning Extended care remains in the Rainbow Room.

Our school will be having our annual Holiday program on Thursday, December 15th at 3:00 in the Charles Fillmore Chapel upstairs. Each classroom will be performing something special for you as well as a finale with the whole school together. We hope you can all come and watch your children perform. Families and Friends are all welcome!

The SCHOOL IS CLOSED from December 20th - January 2nd for Winter Break. Classes resume on Tuesday, January 3rd. Have a very Happy Holiday!

Here are some dates to remember for January: The SCHOOL IS CLOSED on Monday, January 16th for President's Day. Please make sure to mark your calendars!

Dear Parents,

Please remember to dress your child warmly during these cold weather months. We will go outside every day so make sure your child has warm coats, hats, gloves, and accessories to keep warm & dry.

Please arrive and drop off your child in their classroom between 8:15 & 8:45 am. Class begins at 8:30 am. Children enrolled in Morning care may be outside until 8:30am, but non-morning care children should still be brought to their classroom (not outside). If you arrive after 8:45am, please bring your child to the office to avoid disrupting class in

progress. If you have more than 3 tardies in one month, you will be charged a tardy fee of \$5 for each additional tardy. This fee also applies to those who don't clock in or out. It is very important to remember to clock your child in and out each day. Please help us by following these procedures every day.

Make sure you are filling out your monthly participation on the list posted in each classroom. If you have not participated in at least two ways each month and posted it, you will be charged a \$30 participation fee.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 12/15 Holiday Program in Charles Fillmore Chapel at 3:00pm
- ◆ 12/19 Board Meeting in Rainbow Room at 6:00pm
- ◆ 12/20-1/2 SCHOOL CLOSED-Winter Break

Fundraising Opportunities

- ◆ Remember those yummy burgers from last year's end-of-school cookout? Now you can purchase the same 100% natural, grass-fed beef (as well as natural lamb, pork and chicken) from Camille Zenk's grandparents, Al & Roxanne Mettenburg, and they will donate 10% of the proceeds back to Global Montessori! If you want to try the meat before purchasing, small samples are available. You can purchase beef in small "sampler" packs that provide a variety of cuts plus ground beef. The sampler fills one paper grocery bag -- no extra freezer necessary! Or you can go in with friends and purchase a bigger quantity for a lower price. Other meats come in similar size packs. The Mettenburgs deliver to the Kansas City area, or you can bring the kids out to their farm for a tour! Some of our customers like to give our beef and meats as holiday gifts. We have small holiday sampler packs available. Easy online ordering and payment is available. Just visit MettenburgFarm.net or email <mailto:MettenburgFarm@gmail.com> for more information.
- ◆ It's not too late to have your holiday pictures taken with Roadway Studio Project! A parent from our school, Ryan Nicholson owns the company and is donating 20% of the proceeds from your session between now and the end of 2011. Go to theroadwaystudioproject.com and click on the red availability tab to schedule your session today! Enter the code "GLOBAL" in the notes field.
- ◆ Do you need a haircut, style, or color? What about your kids? A parent at GMA, Corby Suptic is a hairstylist at a salon, Statements, and is donating 10% of all services for GMA students or parents to GMA. The Salon, Statements, is located at 4249 Roanoke Rd in Westport. You can call to make an appointment at: 816-980-7888.
- ◆ Door to Door Organics will deliver boxes of fresh organic fruits and vegetables to our families weekly or bi-weekly. Parents place and pay for their orders online at kc.doortodoororganics.com. The orders will be delivered on Wednesdays weekly to the school for pickup. Door to Door Organics donates 10% of sales to our school for every family joining the co-op.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Every month, you can sign up to bring snack for your child's classroom. Each classroom has a signup sheet in the classroom.
- We need parent volunteers to take home our various class pets for the holidays. Please sign up on the parent bulletin board by the lunch sign in.
- We need parent volunteers to help with the silent auction or finding items to donate to the silent auction.

GMA Children at Burr Oak Woods & learning about Native Americans



Toddler Room News

Thank you for helping make our Thanksgiving Feast fabulous! Our feast was delicious.

December is here and it is getting very cold. Please remember to bring a hat and gloves for your child to wear at school.

If it is above freezing, we will be taking the children outside, so we need them bundled up! We look forward to seeing everyone at our Holiday performance and we hope everyone has a great Winter Break!

- Ms.Andrea, Ms. Maria, & Ms. Katie

Rainbow Room News

Thank you for making November memorable. Our Thanksgiving feast was a joy as the children prepared the food and the classroom themselves. It was a pleasure to see everyone's contributions to our tiny tradition. Please join us December 15th for our Holiday Program at 3:00pm. Remember your cameras as there will be much cuteness. Our last day of school before break will be December 19th. The teachers will be enjoying in-service

days December 20th and 21st preparing the classrooms. We will be out of school from December 22 to January 3rd for winter break.

At this sparkling, joyful time of year, We think of people who are special and dear; We're sending this poem in the hopes it conveys

Our best wishes for your Happy Holidays!

- Ms.Cristina & Ms.Shawna

Galaxy Room News

With one major holiday down and another yet to come, the excitement is definitely in the air! This month we will be learning (and practicing) some of the many traditions from around the world that have to do with the celebration of the many winter holidays. One of the Galaxy Room traditions that we will be continuing is the giving of books. Each child will bring in one gift wrapped book (new or gently used). We will place them under our tree and before break we will have our exchange.

Each child will get to pick out a book from under the tree and take it home! We are going to be spending a lot of time learning our songs for the Winter Program and I hope that each of you are looking forward to your child's performance. Our rabbit, Milly, is going to need a good home to go to for the long break, please talk to Mrs. Maria about any questions or concerns you have before you sign-up to take her home, thank you.

-Ms. Lora & Ms. Maria

Sunrise Room News

Greetings from the Sunrise Room!

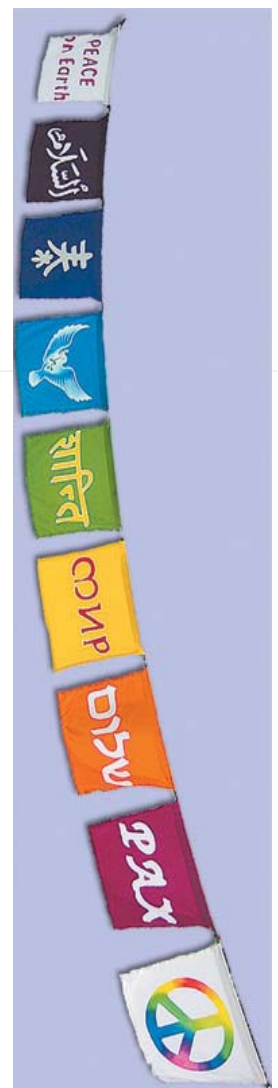
Our classroom dined on a wonderful feast, thank you parents for donating the food and your time, making sure our dishes were hot. We had fun in November with the subject of Missouri trees and birds. We were even able to do a little bird watching through binoculars. Fun was had by all I believe.

December is going to be a short month academically. Our winter break will be from December 20th thru Jan 2, returning on the 3rd. Decembers' topic

will be about the Winter Celebrations that happen around the World. We will be talking about the different cultures and celebrations, like Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. If you would like to come and talk to us about your particular celebrations we would love to learn about it firsthand. We are excited about practicing for our first performance in the Holiday program that will be taking place on December 15th at 3:00. Mark your calendars!

Have a Wonderful and Joyous Holiday Season,
-Ms. Tammy & Ms. JoAnn

Peace



“As soon as children find something that interests them they lose their instability and learn to concentrate.”

-Dr. Maria Montessori

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Elementary Room News

November was a festive month and we had a wonderful Thanksgiving feast! We want to thank Sunrise Room for welcoming us to join their feast. We are looking forward to the Christmas program. The girls have written a play and are making props and costumes. It has been quite the experience! We are continuing with lessons

and practicing those already given. The students are excited to be able to work on the Montessori Bell material. We have begun matching exercises which are more difficult than one would imagine. School is fun and we are all feeling grateful for our friends and family this holiday season!
 -Ms. Brandy

Global Montessori Academy Spanish Classes: *Fall 2011*

The Spanish program at GMA strives to teach the basic foundations of Spanish as an interactive real world language. All classes are taught with the intention of the children being able to take something applicable home to share at the end of the day.

Topics covered so far include emotions, seasons, body parts, numbers, colors, clothing, weather, and other topics. We have worked together on questions and answers such as "What is your name?" and "How are you?" and how to order food in a restaurant. These all serve to present conversation in the same way that we conduct our lives in our own native languages.

Our elementary program continues this approach by focusing more on interactive conversation and how to reason out Spanish grammar with conjugations of verbs and the peculiarities of the language such as masculine vs feminine and plurals.

While the goals of helping each child to speak in the real world continue, as the year progresses we will cover topics about food, animals, the household, transportation, the outside world, and many more themes that will present themselves naturally as the year progresses.

-Ms. Eryn Cusack, GMA Spanish teacher

Celebrations of Life

- Henry Bridges-Simpson turns 3 on 12/5
 - Bella Stowe turns 6 on 12/7
 - Declan Millett turns 4 on 12/14
 - Manoa Nicholson turns 6 on 12/27
- Katie Grimes has a birthday on 12/13

Happy Birthday!

Seasons Greetings

December 2011

Theme: Holiday Celebrations around the World

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>Spanish</i>	2 <i>Teacher Treats</i> <i>Phys Ed</i>	3
4	5 <i>Art</i>	6 <i>Canned Food Collection</i> <i>Drop-off deadline</i> <i>Music</i>	7 <i>Canned Food Collection</i> <i>Pickup in AM</i> <i>Spanish</i>	8 <i>Spanish</i>	9 <i>Teacher Treats</i> <i>Phys Ed</i>	10
11	12 <i>Art</i>	13 <i>Music</i>	14 <i>Spanish</i>	15 3:00 pm <i>Holiday Program in CFC</i> <i>Spanish</i>	16 <i>Teacher Treats</i> <i>Phys Ed</i>	17
18	19 6:00 Board Meeting <i>Other Tuition Due</i> <i>Art</i>	20 NO SCHOOL <i>Teacher Planning Day</i>	21 NO SCHOOL <i>Teacher Planning Day</i>	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL	24
25	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL <i>Smart Tuition Due</i>	31
JAN 1	JAN 2 NO SCHOOL	JAN 3 1 ST Day Back to School	JAN 4	JAN 5	JAN 6	JAN 7