



# Montessori Charter School Friends & Family News

11 January, 2012

## January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8	9 Professional Day No Classes	10 Welcome back to school!	11 All-School Meeting 6:00 @ the Westin 245 Front St.	12	13	14 KW Seafood Festival 11-8 Volunteers Needed
15	16 School Closed MLK Day	17	18 Charter Board Meeting 4:00 Blue Tang Classroom	19 Early Dismissal	20 Professional Day No Classes	21
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Our All-School Meeting takes place **tonight**: January 11th 2012 @ 6:00 at the Westin Hotel:  
245 Front Street in the second floor of the Marina building, Parlors A & B.

We were unable to secure child care for tonight, but your children are welcome to attend the meeting; be sure to bring a 'quiet time' activity.

Make it an evening out, and enjoy dinner @ the Westin after our meeting! The hotel event staff has generously donated their meeting space for us, so it would be great to give them a little business.

Our web site is the best way to stay current with school information:

[www.KeyWestMontessori.com](http://www.KeyWestMontessori.com)

Check out our FaceBook page too:

[www.facebook.com/pages/Key-West-Montessori-Charter-School/115288598547829](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Key-West-Montessori-Charter-School/115288598547829)

### Mission Statement

The Key West Montessori Charter School is a public school, open to all children, striving to reflect the **diversity** of our community. Our innovative academic program, rooted in the teachings of Dr. Maria Montessori, challenges the student, individually, in a **safe and nurturing environment**. Students are guided in the development of **self-discipline, self-confidence, cooperation and responsibility**; and are instilled with solid foundations in **intellectual growth, humanitarianism and peace**.



## Sixth Grade Event

The Pre-Adolescent class will have its culminating event for paddle board next Thursday morning, January 19th. Mrs. Tara will lead the students, along with help from Ms. Sonia and Ms. Ashlie. The students have learned to navigate our near shore waters, paddling and practicing yoga on the paddle board - way to go students!

## Fourth/Fifth Year St. Augustine Trip

Deposits are due tomorrow (Thursday, January 12th) for students & chaperones who are attending the UE field trip to St. Augustine. The amount is \$75 and may be paid by check to KWMCS.

## Albertsons Cards

Be sure to stop by our front office and pick up your Albertsons Community Partner card. Each time you shop at Albertsons & show your card, our school earns 1% of your total grocery bill. This is an easy way to fundraise for our free public charter school!

## Fundraising Update

Our fundraising chairwoman Angela Modugno hosted a meeting yesterday to discuss our fundraising plans for the remainder of the school year. There are a few more fundraising events planned this year that will require parent support: the 2nd Annual Spell-a-Thon and our gala event, Cinco de Mayo.

### Spell-A-Thon (February-March) (Chaired by Brooks Phillips)

Our second annual Spell-A-Thon is slated for March. More details on this fantastic new tradition will be coming soon!

### Cinco de Mayo! (Chaired by Annie Shvero)

Our Gala Event this year will be held on May 5th, 2012 and the theme will be of course, Cinco de Mayo! Our goal this year is to increase the funds raised through this event by 1) attracting people from outside our school community to attend the event and 2) having a more extensive silent auction.

We are asking all families to do three things to help make this event a success.

- 1) Mark your calendars and plan on attending this event. It will be a fabulous evening including great food, drinks, a live student art auction and a large silent auction. It is also a great chance to socialize with our KWMCS family!
- 2) Invite at least one friend/couple from outside the school community to attend the event.
- 3) Gather donations for the Silent Auction. Please sign up to either donate an item or solicit donations from area businesses. If you plan to help seek in-kind donations, we have forms available for local businesses and all donations are tax-deductible.



I hope everyone was able to enjoy quality family time over the winter break; I know my girls appreciated having my undivided attention! As we transition back to school in this New Year, I would like you to share your goals for your child; what successes do you want to help bring about for your child in 2012? Stating your intentions helps me identify ways in which our Montessori staff can support your goals - whether it be through education, activities or community contacts. Thank you for taking the time to send me your thoughtful responses: [Lynn@KeyWestMontessori.com](mailto:Lynn@KeyWestMontessori.com).

### Reflection Time

Please join me January 26 @ 8:15 or 4:00 under our beautiful Chickee for an opportunity to reflect on the second quarter of the school year. Come with focused thoughts on our progress, and we'll collaborate on ways to improve our school! I look forward to seeing everyone there!

### Community Events

The Key West Seafood festival will take place this Saturday, January 14th at Bayview Park from 11 am - 8 pm. Volunteers are needed for this event; our school's participation will help pay for the Fifth Year students' Dancing Classrooms program. Contact Mrs. Penny to sign up for a shift: [Penny@KeyWestMontessori.com](mailto:Penny@KeyWestMontessori.com) Thanks to parent coordinator, Eva Carbone, for coordinating our participation!

We have a young entrepreneur in the Conch Classroom! Juju Jutte is selling handmade soy candles (made in her kitchen with the help of her dad Matt) for \$6. There are ten lovely scents from which to choose: Vanilla Lace, Peppermint & Eucalyptus, Clean Cotton, Drakkar, Coconut Lime Verbena, Lavender, Gardenia, Live Verbena, Lilac, and Ocean Breeze. Stop by our offices and catch a scent of Juju's creations!

The 14th annual Key West Half-Marathon will take place on Sunday, January 22, and there will be quite a few participants from our Montessori community! Come out to cheer on your friends as they race 13.1 miles around Key West and part of Stock Island; the race begins & ends at Dante's: 951 Caroline Street. Race time is 7 a.m.