



# Key West Montessori Charter School Friends & Family News

18 January, 2012

## School-Home Connection

This week's news honors those parents who have completed their service hour requirement, and shares information on how you can get involved. It's important for me to hear from you; there are many opportunities for increased involvement, but I would like to know how you plan to maintain your connection with our school: [Lynn@KeyWestMontessori.com](mailto:Lynn@KeyWestMontessori.com).

Our school relies on parent involvement - it is the premise of how our public charter school was founded; 14 years ago a group of parents came together with a common vision to provide Montessori education **for free** to the children of Key West & the Lower Keys. During last week's All-School meeting, I shared information about the importance of parent involvement, and I was so pleased to see parents volunteer their time & talent! Thanks to those families who participated in the Key West Seafood Festival, and to the many families who signed up to donate items to the silent auction, which will take place at our gala event on May 5th.

## January/February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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
22	23	24	25 Progress Reports Sent Home	26 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Reflection 8:15 & 4:00	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Montessori Community Valentine Potluck Party 6:00 @ school	9	10	11

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

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

Check out our Face Book page too:

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

**School begins @ 8:30. Thanks for being on time to school!**

## School Board Meeting

Our request for rent credit will be heard at the next meeting of the Monroe County School Board, which will take place January 24th at the Administration Building in Key West: 241 Trumbo Rd. The meeting begins @ 5:00 - come join me in support of your child's school.

## Service Hour Heroes

Thanks to the following families for completing their 25 hours (or more) of service to our school:

Deb & Gary Burchfield      Jim & Joanna Cooper      Greg & Doreen Eppy

Ann & Frank Ewing      Bruce & April Farris      Matt & Angela First/Modugno

Scott & Carole Graham      Mendy Hyatt-Hensley

Zdenek & Ivona Hrabec/Hrabcova

Teddy & Shellie Jackson Shane & Amy LaBeet

Darin & Rebecca Lockwood      Rich & Penny Maun      David & Pam Niles

Zack & Sonja Seemiller      Elzik & Annie Shvero      Jeff & Amy Stotts

Rob & Sharon Wilcox/Ward      Jacob & Chana Zucker

**We appreciate your service to our school!**

## Sixth Grade Event

The Blue Tang Class will have its paddle board event @ Smather's Beach, across from Key West by the Sea (look for the Lazy Dog trailer). You are welcome to take your child home afterwards, since it is a half day. We will have some snacks and light refreshments. Enjoy a morning on the beach with us; all are welcome!

9:45 - 10:30 Warm - up, 10:30 - 11 Boys Demonstration, 11 - 11:30 Girls Demonstration

## Arbor Day

The fourth & fifth year students are celebrating Arbor Day by caring for Sabal Palm seedlings! As participants in the Fourth Grade Foresters (FGF) USA project, our school received 45 seedlings to care for and eventually plant on our island city. The seedlings were packaged by a worker with disabilities, and has information about Arbor Day. The FGF-USA project goal is to revitalize Arbor Day, which was founded in 1885 by a national group of educators.

## 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!

## MLK Day Volunteers

We were fortunate to have super-handy volunteers on campus during the MLK Day holiday! A team of active duty military volunteers led by Richard Noble came to campus last Monday and installed white boards in each classroom & hallway, mounted televisions & shelves, and built an audio-visual cart! Our staff is so thankful for the efforts of this team of volunteers; our school is becoming more beautified and efficient with each project completed!

## Support Needed

There are a number of ways in which you can volunteer your time to our school. Please contact Mrs. Liv or myself if you are able to take on one or more of these projects:

- \* Scrub all lunch tables with Simple Green (we have the materials)
- \* Install lattice behind the storage shed
- \* Scrub common area halls over a weekend
- \* Brace/repair the computer table legs in the Reef Gecko Classroom
- \* Secure chalkboards to exterior concrete wall
- \* Steam clean long bench in hallway
- \* Weekly pillow & work rug washing
- \* Air conditioner filter cleaning (monthly)
- \* Lay Square One Art tiles at entryway counter

## Community Events

There are many activities to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Flagler Railroad this weekend:

- ✍ Flagler Bicycle Tour of Key West (Saturday, 9:00) - Meet @ Fort Zachary Taylor State Park for a ride around our island. Mention the event @ the entrance gate to Fort Zach.
- ✍ Flagler Centennial Parade (Sunday, 1:00) - The parade route begins @ the Truman Waterfront, continues along Southard, Whitehead, Angela, & Duval Streets, and ends @ the Customs House. A model replica of Flagler's luxury railcar is expected to be in the parade, and 'Henry Flagler' will address the spectators @ the Customs House!
- ✍ 14th Annual Key West 1/2 Marathon (Sunday, 7:00) - Join in the race, or cheer on your friends as runners wind around Key West and parts of Stock Island. The race begins & ends @ Dante's.