

Montessori Charter School

Friends & Family News



26 October, 2011

October/November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23	24 Professional Day: No Classes Childcare Available contact Ms. Ashlie	25	26 Early Dismissal 12:00 Parent Conferences 1 - 4	27 Early Dismissal 12:00 Parent Conferences 1 - 4	28 Early Dismissal 12:00 Parent Conferences 1 - 4	29
30	31 Historical Halloween 9:15 @ the Chickee	Nov. 1	2 Health Screenings Grades 1,3,6	3 First Quarter Reflection 8:15 & 4:00 @ the Chickee	4	5
6	7	8	9 Blood Drive 9-2 Code of Conduct Mtg. 3:45	10	11 Veterans' Day School Closed	12

Our web site is the best way to stay current with school information:
www.KeyWestMontessori.com

Conferences

Parent/Guide conferences will take place today through Friday. All families must make arrangements to meet with their child's Montessori Guide. We appreciate your commitment to promoting a strong school - home connection!

Code of Conduct Committee

I am still in need of three parents who are interested in joining the Code of Conduct committee; I have three members of Instructional Staff who will sit on the committee, and I believe it's important to have parent involvement in further developing our current policy. We will hold our first meeting @ school @ 3:45 on November 9th. Any time spent working on a committee counts toward fulfillment of your service hours.

Our new snack procedure has been implemented school-wide.
 Thanks for helping your child pack a **healthy** snack!



Box Tops for Education



I want to extend a special thanks to parent volunteer Jamie Sorbelli for tallying our school's collection of Box Tops. We collected 380 box tops, which equals 38.00. I would love to see our next submission doubled, so remember to look for the Box Tops label and send them in! our next submission deadline is in March.

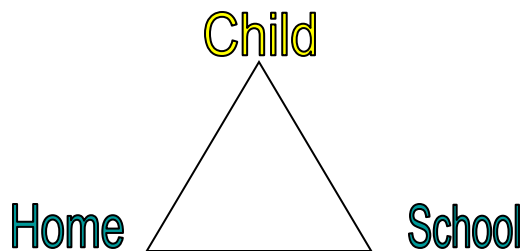
Webinar Series

Join our staff each month for the upcoming webinar series: 'Becoming the Best You Can Be'. Dr. Becky A. Bailey developed the Conscious Discipline Program and is sharing her knowledge **for free** in a seven-part series that begins @ 4:30 on November 15. Each webinar will last 30 minutes, but the benefit of participating in the series will last forever! Check out the link and register today: <http://consciousdiscipline.com/workshops/webinars.asp>

School-Home Connection

It is important to me to have a nurturing, cooperative climate in our school. I expect each person at our school - students and adults - to demonstrate kindness, respect, and courtesy toward each other. It is part of Montessori philosophy to handle conflicts in positive and appropriate ways. Our purpose as Guides is to model appropriate behaviors for the child. Parents are Guides as well; the qualities of respect and courtesy begin in the home and are reinforced at school.

Next Tuesday I will address our student body and call on them to think about the climate of our school. I ask all families to take time and reflect on the qualities that you expect from each other. When we have a strong school-home connection, your child is fully supported:



Bully Awareness

We have begun discussions about the awareness of bullying, and the appropriate course of action for those affected by bullying. Prevention of bullying behaviors is key to the success of a bully-free school. Families can help prevent bullying behaviors by maintaining open communication, staying involved, modeling respectful behaviors, and teaching how to seek help from an adult. Thank you for helping us raise awareness and promote a bully-free school.



Volunteers Needed

There are a few projects that need to be completed as soon as possible, and I am happy to offer double service hours to get the job done! If you are able to take charge of any of the following projects, please contact me: Lynn@KeyWestMontessori.com

- * Scrub all lunch tables with Simple Green (we have the materials)
- * Move fire safe cabinet to a new location (it's heavy - at least 2 person job)
- * Build a gate for our front entryway counter
- * Remove large pieces of cement rock in back parking lot

Blood Drive

Our school is hosting a blood drive on November 9th. The Community Blood Centers of Florida will have the bloodmobile parked in front of our school from 9-2, and we are hoping to have high participation for this drive. Advance sign up is encouraged, and will alleviate waiting in line, so look for the flyer and consider giving a pint!