



Montessori Charter School

Friends & Family News

21 December, 2011

December/January 2011/2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
18	19 Pre-Adolescent @ Community Garden: 1:15 KWCS Conch Train Holiday Lights Tour	20 Hanukkah begins @ sundown Happy Hanukkah!	21 First day of Winter Lower El. @ Community Garden: 11:00	22 Upper El. @ Community Garden: 12:15	23 School Closed Begin Winter Break	24	
25 Merry Christmas!	26 Happy Kwanzaa!	We'll see you again on Tuesday, Jan. 10th!					31
January 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
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	
15	16 School Closed MLK Day	17	18	19	20 Professional Day No Classes	21	

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

www.KeyWestMontessori.com

Check out our Face Book page too:

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**.

Be sure to clear your calendar for our next All-School Meeting: January 11th 2012 @ 6:00 The meeting will be held at the Westin Hotel: 245 Front Street. School Board Chairman John Dick will be a guest speaker at the meeting. As a reminder, families must attend at least two All School Meetings per school year to maintain their child's enrollment in our charter school.



Sixth Grade Pigeon Key Trip

Payment for the Pigeon Key experience is due tomorrow, Thursday, December 22nd. The cost is \$200 and checks should be made payable to **KVMCS**. Any families who would like their child to attend, but are having financial challenges must communicate their need to Lynn.Barras@KeysSchools.com by tomorrow morning. Ms. Sonia is currently researching wet suit rentals for the trip, but families may consider purchasing one for their child as a holiday gift.

Fourth/Fifth Year St. Augustine Trip

The date to confirm your child’s participation in the St. Augustine trip has passed, but I am giving one more day to those families who have not yet responded; we have had 24 total responses, and we need everyone’s response before we can make firm plans. There are plans in place to help defray the cost of the trip for those families with financial needs. Thank you for giving your thoughtful response by tomorrow, Thursday, December 22nd to: Lynn.Barras@KeysSchools.com.

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!

Snack & Lunch

What is a healthy snack?

Banana granola bar
 almonds trail mix
 yogurt cheese & crackers

What is **not** a healthy snack?

cookies potato chips chocolate pretzels
 sugary cereal chocolate milk

What is a healthy lunch?

sandwich hummus & veggies
 cold peanut noodles pasta salad
 turkey/ham/veggie meat roll-up

'Lunchables' are not permitted at our school.



Last week's school-wide gathering has made an impact! I have witnessed students giving silent reminders in the hall (ask your child to show the sign for 'candle' & tell you its significance), there have been thoughtful notes passed to me and other members of staff, and the care for our environment has improved! Thank you for honoring my request and calling to mind why Montessori education is important to you & your children. Our school is an amazing place where individuality is celebrated, creativity abounds, and authentic learning takes place every day.

With the winter break upon us, I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing vacation from school. I hope you find time to come together as a family to treasure the special bond of parent & child.

Community Events

Join Help Yourself Café owner, Charlie Wilson tonight, December 21st, for a fund-raising event from 6-8 p.m. in the garden at [Old Town Manor](#) (511 Eaton Street). Charlie has an opportunity to expand the café and offer an organic market - check out her site:

<http://www.helpyourselffoods.com/help-yourself-together.aspx>

Tonight's fundraiser will feature organic appetizers and a cash bar with organic wines and cocktails provided by Old Town Manor. Fundraising incentives such as cooking classes, dinner parties and Carrot Cash, plus a raffle with some fantastic prizes.

The Third Annual Key West Holiday Lighted Bike Parade will take place on Wednesday, December 21st and Wednesday, December 28th, 2011. The parade will leave from Bayview Park on Truman Avenue at 6:30 pm. Check-in at the bandstand from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm. The KWPD escorted parade will travel through sections of NewTown, Old Town and of course, Duval Street! The parade will conclude at approximately 8:00 pm at The Conch Republic Seafood Company, located in Key West Bight. Decorate, decorate, decorate!

Attention all locals: Santa has come early to the Southernmost Beach Café - 1405 Duval Street! Purchase one entree and receive one entree of equal or lesser value **for free** from December 10th - December 24th, 2011. Valid for dinner 5 pm - 10 pm, and you must present Local ID at the time of purchase. Reservations Accepted: 305-295-6550.