

Montessori Charter School Friends & Family News



28 September, 2011

September/October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28 Pizza \$ Due	29	30 Pizza Day!	Oct 1 KWMCS 5K 8:00 Higgs Beach
2	3	4	5 Pizza \$ Due	6 Class Photos: Reef Gecko Class	7 Pizza Day! Class Photos: Blue Tang Class	8
9	10	11 Class Photos: Conch Class	12 Pizza \$ Due Class Photos: Green Iguana Class	13 Class Photos: Mahi Class	14 Pizza Day!	15

Perfect Attendance Week

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

www.KeyWestMontessori.com

KWMCS 5K This Saturday!

Although family weekends are usually jam-packed with sports, chores, parties and 'down-time', I am asking our Montessori Charter School community to carve out a little time on Saturday morning to make our fundraiser successful; let's show the larger Key West community our school spirit!

The committee met last night to complete plans for Saturday's 5K, and there are still a few areas for which we need your support - double service hours apply for volunteers:

Race Marshals During Race: check in by 7:15 - **3 volunteers needed**

Post-Race Results Data Assist: check in by 7:15 - **2 volunteers needed**

Volunteers will be collecting outstanding raffle tickets at arrival & dismissal time, through Friday. Thanks for turning them in ASAP.

Need to sign up for the race? Our 5K race form is available on our school's web site:

<http://www.keywestmontessori.com/news.cfm>



Rent Credit

We have received word from the District that our request for consideration of a rent credit will be heard at the next meeting of the School Board, November 15, 2011. I spoke with Dr. Jara about the agenda item, and he believes it will pass. Nevertheless, I welcome Montessori community support at the upcoming School Board meeting, which will be held at the District Administration Building: 241 Trumbo Rd. @ 5:00.

Montessori Education Day

Each family will receive a conference guide for the Andrew & Dora McGhee Montessori Foundation's Parent & Teacher Education Day, which will be held Friday & Saturday, October 14 & 15 at the Miami Airport Hilton Hotel. I encourage all families to review the conference guide and consider attending. Registration for one day is \$25 if booked by this Friday. One notable presenter, Dr. Joyce Pickering, has an extensive background in - both - Montessori and special education. Montessori families should also consider attending the conference session: *The Essence of the Montessori Elementary Curriculum*.

Box Tops for Education



Send in your Box Tops by **October 21st**. Parent volunteer Jamie Sorbelli will tally our school's collection of Box Tops in time for the November 1st deadline. In addition to clipping labels, our school can earn bonus Box Tops by purchases made online through the marketplace portal:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/marketplace/BrowseStores.aspx>

Dinner Out - 3 days left!

If you haven't yet used your **Michaels Montessori Madness** card, be sure to do so by Saturday night! The Wilson Family will honor its **10% contribution** of the total dinner bill as a donation to our school until the close of business Saturday night. What a great way to end your 5K day!

* Card must be surrendered at the time of use.



Healthy School

I am very happy to report that our school submitted its Student Health Report to the District in advance of the State reporting deadline! Many thanks to our School Nurse, Renee Makimaa, and our families for helping us achieve this goal!

Butterfly Garden

Mrs. Margie will work with students on Friday to complete our butterfly garden. The staff and students are all eager to see this project completed, as beautification of our environment yields an intrinsic reward. Be on the lookout for photos of our accomplishment, which will post to our school's web site. The photo gallery will be updated by Monday afternoon.

Be a Fan

Have you checked out our Face Book page? The Key West Montessori Charter School has its own page, thanks to the efforts of FB-savvy parent volunteer, Shawna Wynd! Become a fan today:

www.facebook.com/pages/Key-West-Montessori-Charter-School/115288598547829

Annual Fund

Special thanks to the following families for making a donation to our school's Annual Fund:

Anthony	Baker	Bellenger	Castillo
Chunsawang	Cooper	Dunn	Eppy
Ewing	Fariss	First	Gvili
Hamilton	Hrabec	Jutte	Kara
LaBeet	Lockwood	Marupov	Maun
McGill	McSherry	Niles	Phillips
Santiago	Shvero	Sorbelli	Stotts
Valle	Wilson	Young	Zintsmaster

New School Policy

In an effort to prevent further loss of items, and as a measure to promote physical activity, our school now has a 'no toys' policy. This includes Pokemon cards, collectible dolls, handheld electronic game devices, mini race cars/tracks, etc. Thank you for helping your child comply with this policy.

Volunteer Registry

The Monroe County School District requires a background check of all adults who will be on school campus during the hours that students are present. There are many parents who have not yet logged into the site, and we need to bring all volunteers into compliance. You may log on from work or home, or even here at school: <https://visa.keysschools.com/>. Thanks for your prompt attention to this matter.



POCAHONTAS

Keys Kids Production

Thursday September 29, 2011 7:30 pm

Friday September 30, 2011 7:30 pm

Saturday October 1, 2011 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm

Key West High School Auditorium

The “Word Spinner” and the rhythmic beat of tom-toms call everyone to Pocahontas, Keys Kids first production of the 2011-2012 season.

In this charming musical adventure, Pocahontas is the daughter of the mighty Algonquin Chief Powhatan. The Princess delights in playing with Raven, Wolf, and Squirrel. Pocahontas has also made friends with the English settlers of Jamestown, a community struggling with starvation and sickness.

This musical has a cast of wonderful characters: Little Running Rabbit, Brave Eagle, Aunt Morning Star, Forest Spirits and Mother Earth. Filled with Native American lore and beautiful music, The play is true to the original legend.

Pocahontas is Directed and Choreographed by Penny Leto and Marc Crow, with Musical Direction by Nora Revelin.

General and preferred tickets are available at Mac Arthur Music 294-9329 or at the door one hour before curtain. This production is double cast and you can find your favorite keys kid star at www.keyskidskeywest.com. For more information call 509-1370 or contact Nora.Revelin@keysschools.com