

Montessori Charter School

Friends & Family News



7 September, 2011

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5 Labor Day Holiday	6	7 Pizza \$ Due	8	9 Pizza Day!	10
11	12	13	14 Pizza \$ Due All-School Meeting 6:00	15	16 Pizza Day!	17
18	19	20	21 Pizza \$ Due	22	23 Pizza Day!	24

Dismissal Procedures

We are continuing to monitor the condition of our dismissal process, and we are in need of your help. Thank you for following these guidelines so that we can ensure your child's safe and swift dismissal from school:

- * It is a school policy that children will be released only to their parent/guardian or authorized persons listed on the dismissal record. Please keep this record up to date, including carpool arrangements. (a copy of the dismissal record is included in your child's folder. Thanks for completing and returning it tomorrow)
- * Special pick-up arrangements/early dismissal notes need to be submitted in the form of a handwritten or electronic message to: Dismissal@KeyWestMontessori.com
- * Families who walk to pick up their child should wait outside on the left-side lawn (facing school) for their child. Thank you for clearing the area once your child has been dismissed, as this helps to reduce the amount of children & adults in an already congested space.
- * Families who drive in the pick-up lane should avoid blocking Tropical Street.
- * Drivers approaching the dismissal area should pull up near the cones, and continue moving in the line as traffic permits.
- * Families who need to speak to their child's Classroom Guide need to make advance arrangements; spontaneous conferences at dismissal time are discouraged.



Fundraising Update - 5K

We will have a 5K Committee meeting **tonight** @5:30 at the school. There are many opportunities for support; even if you can not make the meetings, please let us know whether you are willing to take on some organizational tasks: Wendy@TrumanandCompany.com

The Key West Montessori Charter School & Southernmost Runners Club is hosting a 5K walk/run and 1/2 mile fun run on October 1, 2011. We are looking for sponsorship donations of \$250 in exchange for the following marketing opportunities:

- ★ Logo placement on t-shirts given to the 1st 200 applicants
- ★ Logo placement on race application to be distributed throughout the community from now until the event
- ★ Optional placement and distribution of promotional goods provided by sponsor to be included in registration packet
- ★ Optional display of banners or booths on race day or placement of any favors in registration packets

The deadline for sponsorship registration is September 9, 2011.

Look for our 5K race form, which is available from <http://www.southernmostrunners.com/> and on our school's web site: <http://www.keywestmontessori.com/news.cfm>

Dinner Out

Each family will receive a Michaels 'Montessori Madness' dinner card in today's home folder. Special thanks to Melanie & Michael Wilson for organizing and hosting this month-long event! Each time the card is presented at Michaels (throughout the month of September), the Wilsons will contribute 10% of the total dinner bill as a donation to our school. What a terrific way to enjoy a night out and help our public Montessori school!

Experiential Education Donation

Thanks to the Wilcox family for their generous donation to help fund our Pre-Adolescent enrichment program. The students are enjoying their first experience in sailing school!

Annual Fund

Thanks to the following families for their generous donation to our charter school's Annual Fund!

**Anthony
Ewing
Eppy**

**Castillo
Jutte**

**First
Kara**

**Hrabec
Wilson**



Garden News

We are continuing to beautify our outdoor space; the MARC Plant Store has generously donated 112 butterfly-attracting plants, and the Reef Gecko class has measured the crates for our butterfly garden to determine the volume of dirt which will be needed. We need a total of **10 bags - each measuring 3 cubic feet**. Donations of soil are greatly appreciated so that we can see this project to completion. If possible, we would like to support the MARC Plant Store and have the soil purchased from them, since they have agreed to give us an endless supply of plants to keep our garden alive. **The Marc House is selling these 3 cubic feet bags of dirt for \$20. per bag, which is equal to one service hour.** As soon as we have the dirt, we will have our students transfer the plants to the crates and then wait for the butterflies to appear! Special thanks to Mrs. Margie for chairing this project within our school!

Mrs. Margie has also agreed to meet with Jody Williams to discuss our plot at the community garden. After her meeting, Mrs. Margie will inform everyone about a list of items needed for our school's vegetable garden. Families who have spare garden tools and supplies should consider contacting Mrs. Margie directly: Margie@KeyWestMontessori.com.

Forms Are Due

Please make sure to return all student forms ASAP; students are unable to access the Internet without an up-to-date Acceptable Use Policy form. Mrs. Liv has a few copies of forms, and you may download them from our site: www.keywestmontessori.com/news.cfm.

Homework

The Lower Elementary classes will have a staggered start to their homework procedures, beginning today with the Mahi class. Your child's binder will go home each Wednesday and should be returned with completed work each Tuesday. Ms. Emmy is hosting a short parent education workshop today, after school, on our new homework procedure.

Free Family Event

The Dolphin Research Center is holding a Family Fun day this Saturday (9/10/11), and admission is free for locals. Visit the dolphins & sea lions, and come play in the Spray-ground. Check out their flyer: <http://www.dolphins.org/pdf/DRCFunDayFlyer.pdf>.

**There is no supervision before 8:00.
Students are welcomed into the building at 8:15.**



School Shots

Pre-Adolescent Jam Session



UE Camping Experience



Keys Kids 2011/2012 Season
Auditions for Pocahontas for grades 1-8



Wednesday, Sept. 7th at Gerald Adams Music Room

4:30 for Grades 1-2-3 & 5:30 for Grades 4 & 5

Thursday, September 8th at HOB Cafeteria

4:00 for Grades 6-7-8

Friday, September 9th at KWHS Auditorium

4:00 Anyone in Grades 1-8 who did not audition yet

The production will take place at KWHS Auditorium on Sept. 29th – Oct. 1st. Rehearsals will be after school and on weekends. Any questions contact Nora Revelin at nora.revelin@keysschools.com or 305-509-1370