



We “Beelong” to each other!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

June 1	-----	Boulder Low Down Brass – 9:45 - MPR
June 3	-----	World-A-Fair – 12:00 – 4:00 PM
June 4	-----	Crazy Hair Day* NOTE date change
June 7	-----	Last Day of School
June 15	-----	Last Day School Office is Open
August 8	-----	School Office Re-opens
August 23	-----	First Day of School

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

MONTESSORI SUMMER VACATION POINTERS

Summer vacation is ripe with opportunities for families both positive and negative. To help make this one of your best summers ever I have gathered below some

vacation pointers from seasoned Montessorians.

The great outdoors is the ultimate prepared environment and nature is the best teacher. Civilization began when the first farmers tilled the soil. Experiencing the full cycle of gardening from seed to harvest is essential to a child's development and understanding of the world. Schools can't offer this entire process when the bulk of the growing season happens over summer

vacation. For a child's garden consider these important points:

- Design the garden with wide paths and narrow rows.
- For smaller children child size implements are needed.
- The goal is experience with the process and not necessarily producing lots of flowers or vegetables.
- No room to garden? Consider a windowsill or container garden.

Outdoor rambles - Preschool and elementary aged children seldom walk on a single path toward a single goal. Take hikes with children allowing them to meander with plenty of time to look under rocks, climb trees or splash in a stream.

Prepare children for summer guests. Instruct children on grace and courtesy with summer visitors days before the guests arrive. Remember that sharing their home may be a new experience for your child. Practice or role-play expected and polite behavior around guests. Younger children may need to have the opportunity to put away toys or personal items that they do not want to share.

Don't over schedule your child. Children are very busy just being children. Think back to your own savored memories of childhood and create the time and the space for your child to create their own memories.

Plan together with elementary aged children. Children, like adults, are much more likely to cooperate if they have say in creating the agenda. Consider making decisions together about summer plans concerning educational opportunities, recreation, family vacations, home responsibilities, paid jobs and community service. Children need structure and consistency even on vacation. Planning from day one summer chores and daily responsibilities sets up a framework to avoid daily conflict.

Rethink how to set up the family room or common area for summer home activities. Consider a shelf with arts and craft projects, a place for bug, rock and

other collections, a water activity area etc. Summer is a great time to rethink your child's home responsibilities. Perhaps your child is ready to prepare a meal once a week or help with grocery shopping, laundry or yard work. The less stressed days of summer are a great time to help your child gain more personal independence.

Summer provides unique opportunities for budget planning with children. Of course there is the lemonade stand and also allowance to learn about money earned and money spent.

Summer provides time to plan an event with your child. Planning a party, fishing day, garage sale, community fundraiser, neighborhood carnival, etc. gives your child experience with the entire process of organizing and orchestrating an event from start to finish.

Most importantly - summer should not be a time of "everyone waits on and picks up after the child" but rather a time for building family memories and responsibility within a more relaxed time frame.

Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Jeannie Matlin

ATTENTION! IMPORTANT NOTICE!

THIS IS THE LAST BUZZ OF THE 2000-2001 SCHOOL YEAR. PLEASE LOOK FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR CHILD'S FOLDER **NEXT WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6TH**.

- **Your child's Report Card**
- **End of Year Community Montessori Report**
- **Letter regarding 01-02 staffing**
- **2001-2002 Calendar**
- **2001-2002 Supply Lists**

END OF YEAR PICNIC

The End of the Year Picnic is scheduled for the last day of school, **June 7th, at 11:30 AM**. Please pay special attention to the following information:

- There will be NO picnic if it rains. However, hot lunch will not be available, so

be sure to send your child to school with a picnic lunch regardless

- The picnic will be in the fenced in area on 17th Street
- If you choose to take your child with you after the picnic, you **MUST** sign the Student Sign-out Sheet (The sheet will be with your child's classroom teacher) (You may **NOT** sign your child out in the office)
- If you choose to leave your child at school for the remainder of the school day, please notify your child's teacher that you are leaving and that your child is now back in the care of your child's teacher
- If you are unable to attend the picnic, please send your child with a sack lunch and he/she will be supervised by their classroom teacher during the picnic
- Children may not leave with other parents unless prior arrangements have been made
- Dessert and drinks will be provided by Community Involvement Committee

SIT/PTA NEWS FOR 2001-2002

The SIT (School Improvement Team) is the Community Montessori site-based governance team designed to effectively carry out our CM mission.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR PAST AND DEPARTING 2000-01 PARENT SIT TEAM MEMBERS:

Lee Ann Davis, Karima Thobani and Eric Grossman.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO OUR NEW AND CONTINUING PARENT SIT TEAM MEMBERS FOR 2001-02:

Primary representative:	Jenny Askey
Lower elementary representative:	Debbie Paul
Upper elementary representative:	Clarissa King
At large representatives:	Kim Davis and Steve Bulick
Secretary:	Lynne Boyle

THE PTA AT COMMUNITY MONTESSORI

Parents are a vital part of Community Montessori. Each and every aspect of our school has been developed, enriched and supported by parent volunteers. There are currently 7 parent committees serving Community Montessori: Community Involvement, Facilities, Fundraising, Hospitality/Childcare, Resource Enrichment, Technology and Budget.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR DEPARTING 2000-01 PTA COMMITTEE CHAIRS/OFFICERS:

Resource Enrichment Chair:	Clarissa King
Secretary:	Sue Furtney
CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO OUR CONTINUING 2001-02 PTA COMMITTEE CHAIRS/OFFICERS:	
Fundraising Chair:	Bonnie Lucara
Facilities Chair:	Kay Tauscher
Technology Chair:	Randy Sparks
Community Involvement	Nancy Ahlstrand +
Co-Chairs:	Alaine Lerner (seeking replacement)
Resource Enrichment:	open
Hospitality/Childcare:	open
PTA Treasurer:	Bob Drake

PTA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT COMMUNITY MONTESSORI FOR 2001-02

THE FOLLOWING PTA COMMITTEES ARE SEEKING COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2001-02:

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT- This committee helps to foster community through sponsoring social functions, organizing parent volunteers and coordinating staff appreciation activities. The Community Involvement Committee is seeking a parent who would be willing to serve on the committee for 2001-02 in order to take over as committee chair and/or co-chair for 2002-03.

RESOURCE ENRICHMENT - Organizes before and after school clubs, maintains a community resource file for classrooms and supports classroom goals with enrichment opportunities.

HOSPITALITY/CHILDCARE - This committee is responsible for organizing volunteers to provide refreshments for school events and organizing childcare for evening meetings.

Please consider volunteering for one of these key positions!

2000-2001 YEARBOOKS

The yearbooks have arrived and they look great! Each student will be receiving a yearbook next week at an all school gathering. We are asking parents to contribute

\$9 per yearbook to help recover the costs of publishing it. Most of you have already paid, but if you have forgotten to send in a check to cover the cost of your child/children's yearbook, you can still drop a check by the office. Checks should be made out to the Picture Lady. Thank you!

A WORLD A FAIR

Keep **Sunday, June 3rd from 12:00 – 4:00** on your calendars for Community Montessori's fabulous year-end festival! Plan to spend the whole event with us so your children will have enough time to do the obstacle course, putt-putt, cake walk, cultural crafts and socialize one last time before summer. Don't forget to think about your basket donation for the auction and an international food item you can bring to share! See you there!

UPDATES

Thank you so much to **Kay Tauscher** for mowing our lawn! You are appreciated! Thanks for your hard work!

You may continue to purchase **Grocery Certificates** through the summer to support Community Montessori! Please just contact **Ed Ahlstrand** at YMIB4U1@AOL.COM. Be sure to include how many, which store or stores and your phone number. You may also reach him at 303-447-8359—leave message with the above information. Please NO CHARGES. Cash or checks only until school begins again in the fall at which time you may purchase certificates with your charge card. Thank you for your continued loyalty!

Information regarding **Brownie and Girl Scout** leaders are available in the **Parent Information Center**. You may also contact Sue Furtney @ 303-447-9389.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ORDER SPRING FLOWERING BULBS! Every home needs tulips, daffodils, crocuses . . . A great gift idea is to buy bulbs for the new Upper El garden. Your family can enjoy their blooms together in the spring! Order forms are available in the parent information center. Stop in to check out the photos on the parent bulletin board. Questions? Call Cathy Regan @ 303-449-8769 or Alaine Lerner @ 303-581-7725.

DISTRICT PARENT COUNCIL FUND-RAISER CONCERT: Peter Kater @ Chautauqua,

August 11th. Tickets available from Cathy Regan (202-449-8769) or at the Chautauqua Box Office.

Be sure to check the **Parent Information Center** and the **Parent Bulletin Board** near the office for lots of information regarding summer camps, workshops and lots more!