

April 20, 2011



Our mission is to educate the whole child; thus we endeavor to nurture every heart and challenge every mind through the experience of meaningful inquiry.



Thank You!



“What a fantastic event Saturday evening the children seem to be having such a great time and that is what counts!!!!!! The children’s art work was just amazing, the food and drinks were wonderful, we had a fabulous time.”

“That was such a great event. We all enjoyed it truly, all kids were amazing and _____ has wonderful memories. “

Those are just two of the compliments we received regarding our Hats Off to CDSA! event. An event such as that could not be pulled off without the time and dedication of many individuals beginning with the children. They did a fantastic job and their stage presence was great. In the weeks prior to the event, they worked really hard and on that afternoon, it was evident that their hard work had paid off.

The Hats Off committee chaired by **Spencer** and **Amy Cearnal** and **Shaunda Clarke, Neely Fortinberry, Amber Hutsell, Penny Ingram, Keirschen Maize-Tucker, Tierra Rawal** and **Amy Seiders** all worked hard to provide guests with a memorable experience. A special word of appreciation to **Sarah Mendez** for her time and art expertise in supporting the teachers and students in painting their beautiful art projects—they were outstanding! (Projects that have not been picked up are still available for purchase.)

The raffle items were a big hit! Thanks to everyone who donated to the classroom theme baskets—they were overflowing with items and several guests went home some very lucky winners.

We mistakenly omitted the generosity of three donors: **Farhana Nusrat** and **Sangeeta Shah** sponsored two of the hotel rooms that were bid items and **Sue Ebrahiem** personally created the Transitional Memory Book. We regret the error and want to publicly acknowledge our appreciation for their donations. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of the memory book, please see Ms. Sue.

We are grateful to our parents and school community for their support of our school fundraiser. We are blessed to have such a dedicated group of parents (and grandparents and friends). Next, our teachers and staff—we are so fortunate to have the best staff around. A special word of appreciation to our music teacher, **Laurie Simmons** who led our students in their musical renditions. Overall, it was wonderful afternoon shared by all.



CALENDAR

Fri., 04/22	Spring holiday (Extended Day available)
Tues., 04/26	High Touch-High Tech visits "Planet Protectors"
Thurs., 04/28	May lunch menus due
April 26-28	Barefoot Books Book Fair
May 2-6	Teacher Appreciation Week ☺ Stanford Testing for Kindergarten and 1 st grade students
REMINDER:	
Monday, May 2nd is a regular school day, not a student holiday (snow make-up day). If your child does not attend school on Mondays, he/she is welcome to join us. Please let Julie know if your child will be attending.	
Monday afternoon dance class will take place on this day.	
Fri., 5/27	Field Day Last day of school! Early dismissal at 11:30 am (Extended Day available)
Mon., 5/30	Memorial Day holiday (No school or Extended Day available)
Tues., 5/31-Fri., 06/03	No school, Extended Day available
Mon., 06/06	Summer program begins




We are excited to offer CDSA families the convenience of automatic payments for tuition and school related fees (Extended Day, Activity/Resource Fees) through **Tuition Express**.



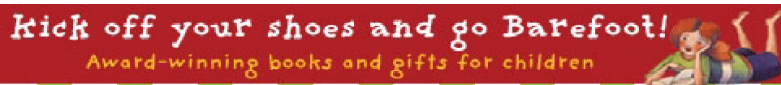
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On Friday, April 8th, our staff was treated to a scrumptious lunch and dessert by **Don and Sarita Louys**. We were busy preparing for our fundraising event the following day so lunch was exactly what we needed to fuel our bodies and minds. Thanks very much!

Chas Walts (father of Wren in Mrs. McCall's class) recently donated his time and shared his scuba diving expertise with our Primary-1st grade students. He brought in his scuba gear and showed a video he taped himself under the water in Cozumel, Mexico. All types of sea creatures were seen and the children "oohed and ahhed" throughout the presentation.



Next week, Barefoot Books and gift products will be available for purchase. Eve Panzer, the Barefoot Librarian, will be available to answer questions, make suggestions and process your sale. Eve accepts cash, check, AM EX, VISA and MasterCard.

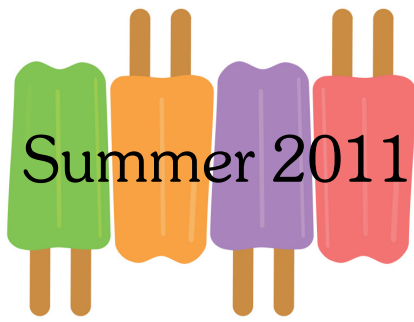
Purchase items from the teacher wish lists available at the sale. Show your teacher how much you appreciate what they do for your children.

CDSA will receive a percentage of all sales in free books.

Support CDSA while SHOPPING ONLINE!

Country Day School of Arlington will receive back a percentage of all Barefoot Book purchases made online.

"At Barefoot Books, we celebrate art and story that opens the hearts and minds of children from all walks of life, inspiring them to read deeper, search further, and explore their own creative gifts. Taking our inspiration from many different cultures, we focus on themes that encourage independence of spirit, enthusiasm for learning, and sharing of the world's diversity. Interactive, playful and beautiful, our products combine the best of the present with the best of the past to educate our children as the caretakers of tomorrow."



A Note from the Director:

Here it is just a few weeks before school is out! It seems as though we just began the year. So far, this year has been outstanding and we look forward towards planning for the new school year. The Hats Off to CDSA Fundraiser was a success in every way! As mentioned, the event committee this year did an outstanding job and I would like to personally salute the support and work of Julie Malone, our Director of Operations in coordinating many of the administrative details that contributed significantly to it's success.

One of the blessings of a small school like Country Day is that is a very close community. Decisions affecting well-being and education are decided in a way that is ultimately best for each individual child. That each child receives an individual education is foremost among our goals. In order to achieve a strong circle of communication, there has to be an open door policy for all involved. This is one of the most important elements of Country Day - our open doors.

Parents sometimes feel that because they aren't there for every activity, they are not plugged in and don't have the easy going- by the way rapport to bring up a concern, especially a small issue. What makes Country Day a special school is that it is indeed a community! The teachers and staff are professionals who know that parents are also professionals! Don't hesitate to walk through our open doors and accept our invitation for open communication, for this is the crux of your child's education and social development. We welcome the opportunity to partner with you!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

We value and appreciate your support in attending the upcoming parent teacher conferences that will provide the opportunity for you to meet face to face with your child's teacher(s) to discuss their cognitive and developmental experiences here at school.



Julie will email you and provide you with your teacher's schedule availability.



**EARTH
DAY
FRIDAY,
APRIL 22**

Have you seen the brochure for our summer program? It's pretty great ☺ We hope our program is part of your child's summertime plans. It promises to be a fun-filled summer packed with arts and crafts projects, PE, music, Spanish, Science (High Touch-High Tech), Splash Days, field trips (for older students) and a variety of learning experiences!

This summer's themes include:

* How The West Was Fun



* Books Come Alive

⇒ Get Loose with Mother Goose

⇒ Caldecott Winners

* E-I-E-I-O



* Little Chefs

⇒ Healthy Choices & Kids in the Kitchen

* What Is A Family?

* Jungle Mania



⇒ Monkey Mania

⇒ Zipping, Zapping, Zooming Bats

* To Infinity & Beyond!



* What's Bugging You?

* Weather Or Not

Be sure to sign up by May 1st!

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