



Field Day Fun Has A New Date

Mother Nature put a damper on our plans! Given the heavy rains we had recently, we were forced to move our **Field Day** event to **Friday, May 29th**. Our CDSA Olympiad will be led by staff members from Stretch-N-Grow and parent and coordinator, Gina Seymour. It promises to be a fun-filled event. Students will participate in events such as Frog Leap, Tug-O-War, Parachute Game and much more! They will also have the opportunity to earn certificates for Most Energetic, Most Enthusiastic, Froggiest Jumper—even students who don't nap will want to rest after a busy morning! Students who do not ordinarily attend school on Friday are welcome to join us for the day (and parents are invited too). Opening Ceremonies begin at 9:00 a.m.



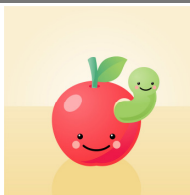
Kindergarten Graduation

Join us in congratulating the following students who will be graduating from Kindergarten on Thursday, May 28th: **TJ Arnordin, Tizie Irie, Micah McDade, Zaria Merritt, Nicholas Noll, Saher Pirani and Madelyn Yancey**. Some of these students have been with us since they were toddlers so it is bitter-sweet to see them go. The graduation will begin at 9:00 am and a light breakfast will be provided. Invitations were mailed out to Kindergarten parents earlier this week; please contact Julie at the front desk if you need additional ones.



CDSA Teachers Are Terrific!

Throughout the week, our teachers have been treated to bouquets of beautiful flowers, chocolate covered strawberries, gift cards to various stores and thoughtful words of appreciation and gratitude. We would like to acknowledge and praise the wonderful teaching staff here at Country Day. Day in and day out they are tirelessly working with your children to strengthen their minds, build their characters and enrich their lives in any way they can. Thank you for joining us in saluting them!



CALENDAR

Mon., 05/11	High Touch - High Tech visits "Volcanoes"
Mon., 05/25	Memorial Day holiday, no school or Extended Day available
Tues., 05/26	Mr. Bob from the Arlington Public Library visits
Thurs., 05/28	Kindergarten graduation, 9:00 am
Fri., 05/29	FIELD DAY ☺ The fun begins at 9:00 am Last day of school for students; early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. (Extended Day available)
June 1 - 5	No school or summer camp (Extended Day available if enrolled—see attached form)
June 8	First day of summer camp
August 2009	
7	Last day of summer camp
10	Teachers/return
10 & 11	Teacher In-Service: No school—extended day available*
12-14	Staff In-Service - No school or extended day
13	Meet the Teacher for Toddler & Transitional families, 3:30-5:30
14	Meet the Teacher for Primary & Kindergarten families, 3:30-5:30
17	First day of school of 2009-10 school year

Thank You!

Message From The Head of School:

Watching the growth and development of the Montessori students, is indeed remarkable! Their recent performances at this year's Gala were outstanding! I am especially proud of the dedication of the CDSA staff! They are second to none! We are also very proud of our graduating kindergartners that are prepared to begin first grade anywhere! Some of them have been with us for several years and we will indeed miss them all. One of our goals in the advanced program is to implement the delivery of the Montessori pedagogy in such a manner that it includes the careful "guidance" and "mentoring" needed while providing the independence for student choices to ensure there is a balance in all curricular areas. The afternoon work cycle time for these students have proven to provide additional time for one on one lessons that have allowed for mastery in the cognitive areas. They are ready to soar!

Julie Malone and Sallie McCall will co-lead camp and both bring a plethora of experience! They are busy planning an exciting, interesting and fun filled camp – which is just around the corner. The entire Montessori staff will be rotating throughout the summer – so you will see lots of familiar faces!

Program enhancements and plans for the 2009/10 school year are also underway. You will receive a parent survey soon. Thank you for taking the time to complete it. Your perspectives are invaluable as we make plans for next school year and we want your input!

As we culminate this school year, we are delighted to have partnered with each and every CDSA family this year in your child's educational journey. Thank you for entrusting your children to us! Have a wonderful summer and we hope some of it will be spent with us!

"The more the capacity to concentrate is developed, the more often the profound tranquility in work is achieved, then the clearer will be the manifestation of discipline within the child." - Maria Montessori



Thank you to **Lori McGilberry** who generously donated this month's APPLE gift. Our Business Manager, **Alison Hunt**, is *very* happy with her gift.

Last month's Gala was a success in so many ways—from the student performances to the vast selection of auction items—it was fantastic. We'd like to acknowledge event organizers **Elizabeth Dufresne, Alison Hunt, Joyce Hunt-French, Julie Malone, Gina Seymour** and **Barrie Shults** for the hard work and energy that went into planning the event. Our teachers and staff did an outstanding job of preparing our students for their big performances. We'd also like to thank parents who went out and solicited items for our Silent Auction—there were so many items to bid on! Lastly, we'd like to thank everyone who attended the event or supported it by providing a donation. We hope it was as fun for you as it was for us (doesn't David Arnold come to mind when you're the first in line at a stop light?).

Care packages to Major Kirk Merritt and fellow soldiers serving in Iraq were mailed off last week. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this drive. We (and they) appreciate it very much!



Is Right Around the Corner!

Bees will be buzzing, tree homes will be built, dinosaurs will roar and campers will go on an African safari and an under water adventure—that's just a few of the awesome activities that will take place right here at CDSA's summer camp program!

Enrollment is still open for this summer's camp so if you haven't enrolled your child, it's not too late. Days will be filled with lots of activities including Splash Days, Kindermusik, Stretch-N-Grow, Spanish lessons and much more including a focus on science utilizing the GEMS (Great Explorations Math and Science) curriculum.



Our first week of camp opens Monday, June 8th when campers will learn about ladybugs and their body structure, life cycle, defense mechanism and the environmental role they play in our world. Wild about Texas? Then check out our Texas Wildflowers unit the week of June 22nd. "Sea" you the week of July 20th when campers will build an ocean from the floor up. The end of camp goes back to the time when dinosaurs ruled the earth. All of this and much more!



Registration forms are available at the front desk or online (www.cdsa.org). **Let your child beat the summer heat with a program that can't be beat!!**