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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.

Welcome to the first edition of News To Use for the 2011-12 school year. For those of you who are new to our school, NTU is a monthly publication which shares news and information about our students and school community. It is our goal to provide families with accurate, concise information; thank you for reading it.



Is your student's file complete? If not, the outstanding forms are attached to your copy of NTU.

**PLEASE** return your forms to the front desk no later than Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.

We kindly ask for your cooperation in helping us ensure all student files are up to date and accurate as well as **meet state minimum standards of compliance**.

## Grandparents & Special Friends Day

Plans are underway for our annual Grandparents and Special Friends Day at CDSA. If you are not familiar with this event, it is an opportunity for grandparents and/or special friends to share some school experiences with their special student.



This event is always one of the best events of the school year. If you did not return a form with the names and addresses of your students loved one, please do so right away.

**Wednesday, October 5th:**

**Toddler & Transitional: 8:30 am**

**Primary-First Grade: 11:00 am**

## CALENDAR

- September 7-23** Loose Change Drive
- Tues., 9/20** High Touch-High Tech visits "Fun'omena"  
Students will get the facts on natural acts! Earthquakes and volcanoes, WOW! They'll learn about our changing conditions which cause these phenomena.
- CDSA Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A, 5:00-9:00 pm**
- Mon., 9/26** Lunch menus for the month of October due
- Mon., 10/03** Mr. Bob from the Arlington Public Library visits  
  
Registration forms for Fall Break due
- Wed., 10/05** Grandparents & Special Friends Day
- Mon., 10/10** Fall Break ~ No School  
Extended Day available by reservation only (enrollment form attached)
- Thurs., 10/27** Individual student pictures
- Sun., 10/30** Fall Festival, 3:00-6:30 pm
- Looking ahead...**
- November 3-4** Parent/Teacher Conference Days (Primary-1<sup>st</sup> grade)
- November 23** Thanksgiving holiday  
No school ~ Extended Day available (\*\*if enrollment allows)
- November 24 & 25** Thanksgiving holiday  
**No school or extended care**



## Primary—1st Grade Parents:

Students are now allowed to wear **navy** polos as part of the school uniform. The navy is an option when making purchases through Land's End.

Land's End donates 2% of all purchases made to CDSA when using GoodSearch.com

## Thank You ~ Gracias ~ Merci

We appreciate the generosity of **Sudha Mani** who donated a gift for our APPLE gift for the month of September. In case you're wondering, APPLE stands for **Appreciative Parents Praise Laudable Educators**. Each month a different faculty member is given a gift courtesy of one of our parents. Sue Ebrahiem received a lovely gift at our recent staff meeting.



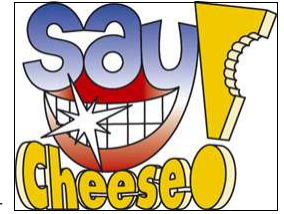
Friday, September 16th our staff will be treated to lunch provided by **Lan Tran**. We thank her and her husband, **Marvin Le**, for serving us lunch from their restaurant Thank Thanh.



You can access our school website to get all the information you need regarding upcoming events, forms and much more! Check it out—[www.cdsa.org](http://www.cdsa.org)

## Individual Student Pictures

Individual pictures will be taken on **Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**. Joel Garza of Joel Garza Photography will be here beginning at 8:30 a.m. to photograph our great looking students. **Students who do not**



**ordinarily attend school on Thursdays are invited to join us for the day—we recognize the challenges with coordinating busy schedules.** However, we do ask that you let us know if your child will be here. Primary—First Grade students will be photographed in their school uniforms; this is not a free dress day.



There is space available in the Self Defense classes held after school on Tuesday afternoons. Classes begin at 3:30 pm and the cost is \$40 per month. Stop by the front desk if you need an enrollment form.

## A Note from the Director

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at the recent Curriculum Night overviews as well as our morning “Breakfast with a Buddy” events. I look forward to helping your transition into the 2011-12 school year be a smooth one. I continue to be amazed at the commitment and dedication of this team and consider it my pleasure to work with such an incredible staff.

There are multiple ways for you to participate in supporting our school, staff and students; and we look forward to your input and involvement. If you did not receive a PTO opportunity form, one is available at the front desk or on our school website. [www.cdsa.org](http://www.cdsa.org).

You are investing in one of the finest educations available for your child. It is an education that meets the intellectual, physical and emotional needs of your child. Your child will receive an educational foundation that will provide academic success. In construction, every foundation is unique to both the building and the underlying strata on which it is constructed. Your child is unique and this education is designed to build on his uniqueness. Ultimately, what sets Montessori children apart is not their brilliance (after all they have bright parents who chose this education) but their **understanding** of what they've learned, the **joy** in which they learn it and the **ability to tackle future challenges**. Please join our team as we read “Mind in the Making” by Galinsky this fall. (There will be a parent copy available for you to check out in the office.)

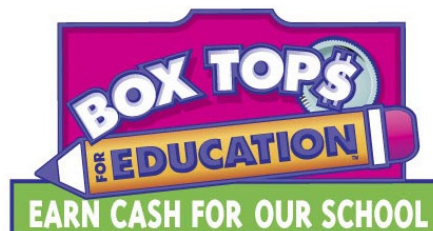


# SUPPORT CDSA!



**CDSA**  
**Spirit Night**  
**Tuesday**  
**9/20**  
**5:00-9:00 pm**

North Collins location  
10-20% of proceeds are donated to CDSA



Don't forget we are collecting  
**Box Tops for Education!**  
Visit our website for more  
Information. If you have ques-  
tions, contact **Box Top Coordina-  
tor, Amy Seiders (pto@cdsa.org)**

## Break the Banks Open: The Loose Change Drive is Here!

**Small Change...**

**Will Make A Big Difference**

**For CDSA Teachers!**

The Loose Change Drive is here and will continue through September 23rd.



The funds raised this year will go towards Staff Development. Collect all your change to help support our awesome CDSA staff. You, too, can make a big difference with your small change! Collection bags are hanging on classroom doors and donations are not limited to items that jingle.



Link your Tom Thumb Reward Card to CDSA. The purchase price of groceries will automatically be recorded to our Good Neighbor account. Tom Thumb keeps a running total of our account, and a check for 1% of the total is sent directly to our school each quarter. See form that is attached.

**Our number is 8428**

## Surf the Net & Support CDSA

This is going to be the easiest thing we've ever asked you to do!



We just signed up with [GoodSearch.com](http://GoodSearch.com) and now every time you shop online or search the internet, a donation will be made to Country Day School of Arlington.

Here's how:

[GoodShop.com](http://GoodShop.com) works with more than 2,500 stores (including Target, Apple, Petsmart etc..) and every time you purchase something, a percentage will be donated to us! And, even more exciting, [GoodShop](http://GoodShop.com) also offers over 100,000 of the most up-to-date coupons and free shipping offers so you can save money at the same time. It's win win.

[GoodSearch](http://GoodSearch.com) is a Yahoo powered search engine which makes a donation to us each time you do a search.

Join the rest of our community in using these sites to help us easily raise money for our mission. Get started by clicking the "Become a Supporter" button on our profile page.

**★ Thank you for sharing these opportunities with your family & friends ★**



**CDSA  
FALL  
FESTIVAL**  
**Sunday, October 30th**  
**3:00-6:30 p.m.**

If you haven't done so, mark your calendars for fun with family and friends on **Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:00—6:30 p.m.** We encourage you to invite friends, family members and neighbors.

Admission is a bargain price of **\$5.00** (children under 16 months of age are *free*). Food is not included in the price of admission.

**Volunteers are needed** for the day of the Festival. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the lobby for each booth and there are several shifts available.

### **Booth Sponsors Needed!**

We are looking for individuals who are interested in **sponsoring booths**; specifically:

- ◆ A popcorn booth (approximate cost \$50)
- ◆ A snow cone booth (approximate cost \$50)
- ◆ Bounce house(s) (approximate cost \$300)
- ◆ Food booth (any denomination)

If you are interested in sponsoring a booth or making a donation for this event, please contact Julie Malone ([julie.malone@cdsa.org](mailto:julie.malone@cdsa.org)) or call the school at 817-275-0851. Please join us in making our annual event another one to remember. There will be fun for *everyone*.

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# YEAR AT A GLANCE

## TODDLER & TRANSITIONAL

GEOGRAPHY: INTERNATIONAL, UNITED NATIONS, AUSTRALIA



HISTORY: COLUMBUS DAY

SCIENCE: LIFE CYCLE OF PUMPKIN; MAGNETIC/NON-MAGNETIC; SENSES: SIGHT

ART: LEAF RUBBING, LEAF COLLECTING, PLANTS, MY FAMILY

MUSIC: SEASONAL, FINGER PLAYS

KINDNESS: LOVE ♥

## PRIMARY-1ST GRADE

- ◆ INTRODUCTION TO THE CONTINENTS
- ◆ HUMAN NEEDS
- ◆ MY FAMILY, MY COMMUNITY
- ◆ AUSTRALIA



CDSA hosted Breakfast With Buddies on September 7th & 8th.

Parents, friends and families joined their favorite buddy for breakfast!

