

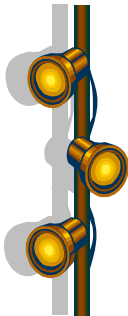


Daylight Saving  
March 9th



COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL  
OF ARLINGTON  
MONTESSORI PROGRAM  
*established 1959*

## Oh, What A Night!



On February 23rd, the Country Day community celebrated its 16th annual gala with an International Fashion Show. The dinner/auction, hosted by the PTO, was held in the beautifully transformed gymnasium on campus. We enjoyed delicious food, great music, bid on many auction items and won wonderful raffle prizes.

Congratulations to **Rhonda James, Stephanie Pham** and their amazing committee for organizing this event and making it a memorable evening. Committee members include: **Shaunda Clarke, Elizabeth Deane, Elizabeth Dufresne, Amy Greene, Jennifer Jarvis, Pragna Kapasia, Dana McDade, Brooke Minotti, Nicole Pate, Sujata Shrimanker and Jasmine Tuya.**

We extend our gratitude to **Lloyd James** for his contributions of time and talent as emcee. And a huge round of applause for all the models who strutted down the catwalk. They looked très chic in their costumes! The models were: **Jackson Blair, Vaughn Blair, Lilly Deane, Anita James, Catherine James, Jonathan James, Jayden Jarvis, Arjun Kapasia, Aryan Kapasia, Micah McDade, Eric Pham, Nicholas Pham, Kyler Scott, Sahil Shrimanker, Simran Shrimanker and Emma Vasquez.**

The evening was a huge success! Your support in this important school fundraising event was truly appreciated.



## Looking Ahead...

### Upcoming important dates:



- March 10** High Touch  
High Tech Science "Reaction!  
Reaction!"
- March 11** Open House and Curriculum  
Night 7:00 pm—8:00 pm;  
Roundtable 6:00pm—7:00pm
- March 12** Teacher Luncheon
- March 13** Open House and Curriculum  
Night 7:00 pm—8:00 pm;  
Roundtable 6:00pm—7:00pm
- March 17-21** Spring Break; no school  
(Extended Day available)
- March 26-27** Class pictures
- April 1** Early Re-enrollment deadline  
for 2008-2009 school year
- April 8** High Touch High Tech Science  
"Weather or Not"
- April 10** \***ALL CLASSROOM PARTIES**
- April 11** Spring Holiday (Extended Day  
available)
- April 21-24** Conference Week
- April 25** Field Day

\*date change



March is Youth Art  
Month



# SUMMER

Summer is just around the corner and we are excitedly planning fun and interesting activities to keep your child active, engaged and happy during the hot summer months. This summer, our themes will have a strong focus on the Fine Arts and Science. Once again, High Tough-High Tech will be coming out to bring hands-on science to the children. Stretch-N-Grow and Kindermusik will offer activities to get the children moving and grooving. Check out our Summer Camp link on our school website, [www.cdsa.org](http://www.cdsa.org), for our themes and registration forms. Questions? Contact Sallie McCall, Summer Camp Director at [sallie.mccall@cdsa.org](mailto:sallie.mccall@cdsa.org) or call the office.

## Weird Science?



Not at all! High Touch High Tech has been enhancing our classroom science activities with their hands-on, minds-on programs. In December, the children participated in the “Scientifically Science” program. The children became real scientist while using science tools to look at crystals. In January, the children explored germs in “Germs Make Me Sick.” They learned how germs are passed around and how to keep germs at bay. February was our chance to learn all about matter in “Matter Really Matters.” The children were introduced to the terms solid, liquid and gas. They made their very own matter to eat. Look forward to more science fun coming our way. In March, the children will participate in “Reaction! Reaction!” where they will be exposed to real chemical reactions. In April, we will explore the weather in “Weather or Not”, an up close look at the ever changing weather conditions. In May, we will

*Looking for your child's missing sweater, coat or hat? You might want to check out the **Lost and Found** chest located in the office. It is full of goodies!*

# Montessori Whole Language

## MARCH

Geography: Europe  
History: Ireland  
Science: Sink or Float and Chemical Reactions  
Art: Color Mixing, Castles, Crowns...  
Music: Irish songs/Kindermusik class on Fridays  
Kindness: Self Control



## APRIL

Geography: South America  
History: People of South America  
Science: Solar System, Recycling and Weather  
Art: Art Appreciation, Spring Craft  
Music: Songs of Spring/Kindermusik class on Fridays  
Kindness: Thoughtfulness

## Extended Day Corner

We are getting ready for Spring in Extended Day. To keep the cold and flu season at bay, ED had a Spring Cleaning Day and made a practical life work about keeping our classroom clean! Just ask any of them, a bucket of soapy water and some sponges make for a fun afternoon! On prettier days, we have been coming up with new games to play with our big blue ball. For Valentine's Day, we made Valentine's for our #1 loves—our parents! In their spare time on Presidents Day, **Owen McGilberry** and **Maxwell Yoakum** built an impressive block house; see below.



We are looking forward to more Spring fun in the months to come! Join us for ED during Spring Break, March 17-21. For your convenience, the registration form is available on our website and in the office.

**Due to staffing needs, we will not be able to accept drop-ins.**

A friendly reminder about pick up: Extended Day closes at 6:00pm and you are charged \$1.00 per minute for every minute you are late.

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[www.cdsa.org](http://www.cdsa.org)

## Congratulations!

We welcome the new additions to these families: the Cearnal family, the McGown family, the Merritt family and the Parekh family.



## Bring 'em In



Have you been clipping and saving them? Well, it is time to turn them in. Please bring all Box Top\$ labels to your child's teacher. Coordinators, April and Ricardo Padilla, thank you for your support in this rewarding program for the school.

## Open House-Curriculum Preview Nights

Most everything in Montessori leads to reading. But you don't start with reading. All of those cute exercises and wonderful materials you see on the shelves have one major purpose - they will lead to reading. However to get there successfully, you start with exercises that lead to writing. The works on the shelves in a Montessori classroom are designed to develop small motor and larger motor skills. These skills lead to writing. When he washes dishes, scrubs tables, sweeps the floor, he is developing the large muscles that control the movements that move the pencil. Everything has a purpose on the road to reading. 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 have learned...the joy in which they learn it and the ability to tackle future challenges.



We would love to have you join us and invite your friends and neighbors for our upcoming Open House and Curriculum Nights on Tuesday, March 11th and Thursday, March 13th beginning at 7:00 pm. CDSA Board President and administration will be available both evenings in the Head of School's office from 6:00 pm—7:00 pm for round table discussions on the new school site for next year. Contact Joyce Hunt at 817.275.0851 or [joyce.hunt@cdsa.org](mailto:joyce.hunt@cdsa.org) with questions or addresses of people we should invite. See you there!

## Thank You ~ Merci ~ Gracias

Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated gifts to be won at our faculty and staff meetings. We are very fortunate to have so many committed parents to this program!



We would also like to thank you for using your Kroger Share Card and Central Market Card when shopping for groceries. Every time you present your card, a percentage of your purchase goes to the school. The cards are available in the office.

## School Growth Continues...



We are proud to welcome the following students to our program:

- **Hayden Bellah** joined Mrs. Ayers-Scott's toddler class. Her parents are **David & Cara Bellah** of Arlington.
- **Madison Cary** joined Mrs. Ayers-Scott's toddler class. Her parents are **Paul Cary & Angela Bennett** of Arlington.
- **Gracie Florence** joined Mrs. Gregory's primary class. Her parents are **Michael & Amy Florence** of Grand Prairie.
- **Billy Glover** joined Mrs. Jordi's primary class. His parents are **Roger & Georgia Glover** of Grapevine.
- **William Ingram-May** joined Mrs. Ayers-Scott's toddler class. His parents are **Cedrick May & Penelope Ingram** of Arlington.
- **Anka Oberhelman** joined Mrs. Nusrat's transitional class. Her parents are **Wade Oberhelman & Sophia Chen** of Arlington.
- **YiYi Xu** joined Mr. Padilla's primary class. Her parents are **Jun Xu & Yongmei Liu** of Arlington.
- **Tommy Young** joined Mr. Padilla's primary class. His parents are **Alan & Yanmin Young** of Arlington.

## A Note From Our Director

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I have enthusiastically shared our program with many prospective families this year and look forward with excitement to the transition to our own independent campus that will begin for the 2008-09 school year. Our new address will be 1105 W. Randol Mill – Arlington, TX 76012. We will have a Grand Opening of our new site late summer 08. I look forward to sharing with you the details of our transition via a timeline of events on our school website soon.

Looking ahead, I truly believe we can bring CDSA to its proper level of prominence within the Dallas-Ft Worth area. We are well on our way, and will continue towards this goal as we grow, evolve, revise and work towards being our best.

There is no doubt in my mind that our Montessori students are very fortunate to have the dedicated faculty and staff working with them day in and day out in a truly bucolic setting. Years from now we are hopeful that you will look back with warmth and appreciation on how during their CDSA years they were cherished and challenged and came to love school and to love learning. And when it is all said and done, they will have you and all the sacrifices you are making to thank for it.

Country Day School of Arlington-Montessori is going places today, tomorrow and well into the future. I look forward to working with you as we strive to do programmatically what we expect of our children daily – reach our true potential.

*“The word education must not be understood in the sense of teaching but of assisting the psychological development of the child.” ~Montessori~*

*Take advantage of the tuition discounted rates available by  
re-enrolling no later than*

*Tuesday, April 1st*

*Get your enrollment agreement and deposits in now!*

*Thank you.*

