

In a Nutshell

Newsletter # 323

April 30, 2008

Upcoming Events

May

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| 13 | Spring Program 7 p.m.
New Beginnings Baptist Church |
| 21 | Field Day |
| 26 | Memorial Day (School Closed) |
| 30 | Last Day of Spring Term |

June

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| 2-6 | <u>School Closed</u> |
| 9 | Summer Term Begins |

Scholastic Books

Book orders due

Thurs. May 8th.

Spring Program

The Spring Program will be held on Tuesday, May 13th at 7 p.m. It will be held at New Beginnings Baptist Church, 600 George Richey Road. All students in Rooms 200, 300, 400, 500 and the Elementary will be performing at the program. However, everyone is invited. Please invite your family and friends to this fun evening. Our kindergarten students will be given certificates that evening.

Information Corner

"The Around the World Adventure"

is about to begin at OFMS. There have been many activities planned for this adventure. The summer session begins June 4th.

Field Day will be Wednesday, May 21st. All activities will be held outside and will take place during morning class.

Summer and fall enrollment is going extremely well. Some classes have closed. Thank you for telling others about Oak Forest.

Montessori Equipment Missing. If you see unusual pieces of equipment at home, please return them to the school. Students sometimes think that if they use the equipment in the classroom, it is theirs and we understand that thought process.

Reading Books. If your child has a reading book at home, please return it to the school. We will not send reading books home the last 2 weeks of May. Thank you!

Uniforms:

- **Sandals are not to be worn at school due to safety on the playground.** Only tennis shoes that cover the entire foot are safe on the playground. Backless tennis shoes or crocs are not safe.
- **Please make sure your child has a summer change of clothing in their bin. We have very few extra clothes at school. We will have to call you if your child has an accident and does not have a change of clothes.**
- Shorts are to be worn under dresses.
- **Light up shoes are not to be worn at school.** They distract the children from their academic work.
- The school T-shirts may be worn every day during the summer term beginning June 9th. Until then, they are still to be worn on Mondays only.
- Please let us know if you need another copy of the dress code. It can be found in your parent handbook. **Thanks for your help.**

Information Corner

"The Dinosaur Discovery" is about to begin at OFMS. There have been many activities planned for this adventure. The summer session begins June 4th.

Field Day will be Wednesday, May 23rd. All activities will be held outside and will take place during morning class.

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- Please check your child's closet and drawers, and return any items that belong to the school.
- Shorts are to be worn under dresses.
- Necklaces, bracelets and watches are to be left at home due to safety and distraction in the academic environment.
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- The school T-shirts may be worn every day during the summer term beginning June 4th. Until then, they are still to be worn on Mondays only.
- Navy, denim or Khaki pants or shorts that are free of decoration are to be worn each day. Jeans with sequins, sparkles, embroidery etc. are not appropriate.
- Please let us know if you need another copy of the dress code. It can be found in your parent handbook. **Thanks for your help.**

Spring Program

The Spring Program will be held on Tuesday, May 15th at 7 p.m. It will be held at Calvary Baptist Church, 4715 Tenneryville Road (in Pine Tree). All students in Rooms 200, 300, 400, 500 and the Elementary will be performing at the program. However, everyone is invited. Please invite your family and friends to this fun evening. Our kindergarten students will be given certificates that evening.

MONTESSORI TERMS

Who was Maria Montessori?

She was an Italian physician and educator and the first woman to receive a medical degree in Italy. Born in 1870, she developed her method of education early in the 1900's. She devoted her life to the education of children and was honored and respected throughout the world at the time of her death in 1952.

What is the Montessori Method?

The Montessori Method is an approach to education which emphasizes the potential of the young child and which attempts to develop this potential by means of a prepared environment utilizing specially trained teachers and special teaching materials.

Why did she develop her special teaching method?

She developed her method because she was so distressed with the usual rigid teaching techniques. Feeling that the young child had more potential than educators realized, she began to develop this potential by a sensorial approach (teaching the young child through his natural interest) in exploring the world through his senses.