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CHILDREN'S DISNEY COSTUME PARADE - FRI APR 7TH RELAY FOR LIFE SPIRIT DAY!



MS. ROHINI'S CORNER: I can't thank our families enough for your support of our school's community-wide effort to "put cancer in the past"! We are only 1 week away from our wonderful family event, Relay for Life of FishHawk. Our Team Montessori has raised over \$7,000 toward our goal this year!

We need our families and teachers to walk in shifts with us from Noon Sat, Apr 8th to 6 a.m. Sun, Apr 9th. ☺ Come walk with us, make a sand art creation, and enjoy lunch or dinner at our Finding Dory campsite # 36, Newsome High School

track!

- DISNEY SPIRIT DAY: On Friday, April 7th, children may dress up in Disney theme attire as we gear up for our Relay for Life on Saturday 8th. We will "send cancer reeling" with Dory, Nemo and friends!

Don't have anything "Disney or Dory"? NO PROBLEM - we are making adorable Dory and Nemo accessories to wear for the parade together. Please label all costume items, thank you!!

- MS. LAURIE'S CORNER: With only eight short weeks left of the school year, Ms. Rohini, the teachers and I have been reflecting on the incredible progress made by our little Montessorians. Our children have grown in so many ways, working in every area of the classroom with their peers. It is so fitting that we are studying the transformation of butterflies, just as our sweet children have transformed in their social, emotional and academic skills! Fantastic job students and teachers!
- KINDERGARTEN & VPK NEWS: Children and teachers are preparing for the VPK final Assessments! Time is flying by!
- Kindergarten and VPK students' graduation photos will be available for review and optional purchase. Watch for your review date to be announced.
- DONATION ITEMS NEEDED!!: Individual snack bags and juice boxes are needed for our school's Relay for Life 18 hour walk next weekend!! Drop them off in our office or bring to **Newsome H.S. track April 8th starting at Noon,**
- EARTH FRIENDLY: April is our Earth appreciation month! We will be learning about and practicing ways to help protect our planet Earth. A terrific recycling project and planting project will instill our awareness and appreciation of our fragile ecosystems. Montessori teaches invaluable lessons for life!

*EGG-STRAVAGANZA FUN!: Please send in your child's prefilled eggs for the Children's Egg Hunt by **Apr 11th**. Their spring fling on the 13th will be egg-stra special and egg-citing too!





FROM OUR TEACHERS: This season is such a special time to welcome the newness of life and the blessing of hope. Let the festive eggs and spring blooms serve as a reminder that nothing can hinder us in fulfilling our dreams. We wish you an extraordinary Easter filled with love!

SPRING HAS SPRUNG! March 20th marked the First Day of Spring, and the beginning of the astronomical year. We welcomed spring by tidying up the garden and planting pretty posies. Even our new grass is happy that "spring has sprung!" We have new plants in the garden and lots of caterpillars and butterflies!



- **WHAT'S IN APRIL?** Here's what's going on: Themes: Earth in Motion, Life Cycles, Water Cycle, Bird Study, Artist: Emil Nolde ; Composer: Brahms.



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: Help honor your child's special teachers during the week of **May 1st - 5th**. Watch for a memo with details.
Our teachers are shaping the future!

- **LITERARY STUDIES:** Older children have been devouring Ms. Andrea's wonderful Reading and Writing lessons. "A Color of His Own" by Leo Lionni and "The Not-So-Teeny-Tiny Lie" by Laura Rankin inspire thought-provoking discussions and important lessons.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE:** In keeping with our environmental studies, the children are studying our precious wetlands. The children were sad to learn that wetlands are disappearing, but relieved to know that we can all take steps to help preserve vital wetlands and our fragile ecosystem.
- **IMPORTANT DATES:** Please mark your calendars:

Apr 13 - Children's Egg Hunt	Apr 14 - School Closed
May 24 - VPK, Kindergarten Graduation & Last Day of VPK	
May 25 - Art Volunteer Breakfast	May 29 - Memorial Day -School Closed
May 31 - Last Day of School	Jun 1 & 2 - No School
Jun 5 - First Day of Summer Camp	

"Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better." Albert Einstein

