



COUNT DOWN TO BLAST OFF CANCER DAY!

**FRI APR 13TH
RELAY FOR LIFE SPIRIT DAY!**



MS. ROHINI'S CORNER: We can't thank our families enough for your support of our school's community-wide effort to "blast off cancer"! We are only 2 weeks away from our wonderful family event, Relay for Life of FishHawk. Our Team Montessori has raised over \$8,000 toward our goal this year!

We need our families and teachers to walk in shifts with us from Noon Sat, Apr 14th to midnight. ☺ Come walk with us, make a sand art creation, and enjoy lunch/dinner AND "famous peanut butter balls" at our "Hop to It Music" Jack Hartmann campsite # 36, Newsome High School track! This is a wonderful family event!

- **SPIRIT DAY:** On Friday, April 13th, children may dress up in **SPACE** theme attire to "Blast Off Cancer" in preparation our Relay for Life on Saturday 14th. We will countdown to a cure with aliens, robots, astronauts and far out friends! ☺



Don't have anything "Space Theme"? NO PROBLEM - we are making adorable accessories in class too! 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 will have their graduation portraits on **Monday April 16th! Children please arrive on time in the morning with your best smile. It is a regular uniform day. Our talented photographer will be capturing our beautiful children in graduation caps and gowns for stunning portraits!**

****Graduation will be held for Kindergarten and VPK children on Friday, May 25th by class.
Sedoina's Class 8:30 a.m. / Pranita's Class 10:00 a.m.**

- **DONATION ITEMS NEEDED!!:** Individual snack bags (sun chips, popcorn, etc) and small drink bottles (Gatorade, lemonade, juice, water, etc.) are needed for our school's Relay for Life walk next weekend!! Please drop items off in our office or bring to **Newsome H.S. track April 14th 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 nature project and planting project will instill our awareness and appreciation of our fragile ecosystems. Montessori teaches invaluable lessons for life!



EGG-STRAVAGANZA FUN!: Thank you families for sending all the extra eggs, treats and water for our children's fun day! ☺

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!: March 20th marked the First Day of Spring, and the beginning of the astronomical year. We will continue to welcome spring by tidying up the garden and planting pretty posies. Even our new grass is happy that "spring has sprung!" Children may bring in some butterfly attracting plants to spruce up our spring garden! We hope to have 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, Asia Study, Artist: Odilon Redon; Composer: Brahms.



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: Help honor your child's special teachers during the week of **Apr 30th - May 5th**. Watch for a memo with details.

Our teachers are shaping the future!

- LITERARY STUDIES: Older children have been devouring Ms. Jasmin 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.



WE'VE GOT RHYTHM!: We have an exciting Taiko Drum event **Fri, Apr 20th at 10:15 a.m.!** We will learn the history and musical art form of Japanese Taiko. It will be a fun-filled event for all.

- IMPORTANT DATES: Please mark your calendars:

Apr 13 - Relay Spirit "Blast Off Cancer!"

Apr 14 - Family Event @ Newsome High School

Apr 16 - Kindergarten & VPK Grad Photos

Apr 20 - Taiko Drums Event 10:15 a.m.

Apr 30 - May 4 - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 16 - Art Volunteer Breakfast

May 25 - Kindergarten & VPK Graduation (Sedoina's Class 8:30 a.m. / Pranita's Class 10:00 a.m.)

May 25 - Last day of VPK Classes

May 28 - Memorial Day - **School Closed**

May 30 - Last Day of School

May 30th & Jun 1 - **No School**

Jun 4 - First Day of Summer Camp

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

