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February is American Heart Month!



We Will Learn Ways to Keep our Hearts Healthy AND Also to Share Our Hearts with Others!



***MS. LAURIE'S CORNER:** This is an exciting month for our School families!

We highlight our children's creativity with an **Open House on Friday Feb, 17th, 8:30-10:00 a. m.** We invite families to drop by for a peek at our exquisite presentation, **"The Art of Geography"** (perfectly coined by our Ms. Rohini)! We bring the world into our classrooms, one brushstroke at a time! Be prepared to be amazed.

Also, mark your calendar for your child's Parent & Teacher Conference time. Teachers are eager to share with you your child's growth over the year (socially, emotionally, and cognitively).



FLOWER POWER FOR A CAUSE! Back by popular demand, we are offering carnations adorned with hearts by our children! Mark the date, **Wed Feb 8th** to buy carnations for a loved one and support our School's fight against cancer. All dollars go to our Relay for Life School Team.



Visit our team page <http://wearemontessori.com>, click on **Relay 2017** and sponsor one of our team members!



Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences begin Feb 10th. Please inform the office if you cannot make your conference time. Report cards will be available at that time, or sent home if no conference is requested. Thank you!

\$ SAVINGS DEADLINE: Wed, Feb 15th ends the \$100 Registration savings for returning families! After Feb 15th, registration opens to the public and we will be unable to guarantee your child a space! Pick up a registration package in the school office.

- **WE ARE OPEN FOR PRESIDENTS DAY!** We are OPEN Monday, Feb 20th. We will have wonderful lessons on our country's great history and our nation's past elected leaders.

♥ LOVE IS IN THE AIR: We will enjoy heart-healthy FL strawberries and shortcake on Feb 14th. Please send your child's handcrafted notes for the Valentine Exchange with their class.

- **VOLUNTARY PREKINDERGARTEN NEWS:** Fall VPK certificates are NOW available! Child Eligibility Certificates are requested online at https://www.elchc.org/programs_services/vpk-families/ Please return your Montessori Registration Application in the meantime to ensure your child's space is reserved.



FROM THE OFFICE: Note: School will be closed Friday, Feb 10th for a Teacher Professional Day.

*** Please label all jackets, sweaters, nap items and extra clothing to ensure they return home. ☺

- SUMMER CAMP: Beginning Monday, June 5th, join us for our "Eight Weeks Around the World" Summer Camp as we enjoy fun and interesting cultural studies involving music, arts, crafts, games, gardening and more! Space is limited, inform the office which weeks your child will be attending.
- BIRTHDAY BABES: Lots of birthday wishes go to our friends **Axton, Nolan, Arya, Maddie and Jameson!**
- SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS: Our Relay For Life theme is Finding Dory! So, on Relay Day, **Sat April 8th starting at noon for 18 hours**, bring the family to visit our School's campsite decked out with Nemo, Dory and friends, by our teachers and children. Come by for a Chick-fil-A sandwich, a snack or a fun craft with the teachers! Relay is at Newsome High School track.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: 1) Join our Team <http://wearemontessori.com> **Click on Relay 2017**

2) Contribute to our **School Raffle**

3) Sponsor a teacher (in person or online)

4) Donate drink pouches or mini chip bags (by Apr 7th)

5) Donate baked cookies or browning (by Apr 7th)

AND come out on Relay Night to see your teachers! It's a great family event!

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- FEBRUARY THEMES: We are studying: Healthy Hearts, Black History, Transportation, Europe, Presidents Day, Horace Pippin, Louis Armstrong & Maria Montessori. We have our Children's incredible **Art Exhibit** on display all month! We will also honor FL sweet strawberries on Tues, 14th with a **Strawberry Shortcake Day!** We have a fantastic February in store!

• SPRING BREAK: We are CLOSED March 13th - 17th for Spring Break.



FROM THE OFFICE: Show and Tell is a fun interactive exercise for children. Please adhere to our **no toys request**. **Children may bring an occasional Show and Tell item for Fridays.** Suggestions are photos or mementos from a trip, a special book, a special family object, with educational value to share. Thank you!

- MR. GENE'S MUSIC MACHINE: We are learning about jazz singer and trumpet player Mr. Louis Armstrong. We enjoyed "When the Saints Go Marching In". We will learn about the saxophone!



"Love makes the world go around!"