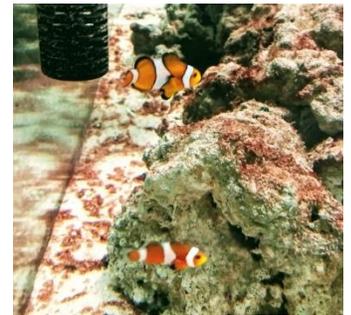




CC-Montessori Minutes | October 6th, 2021

Salutations!

We are in our 8th week of school and the children are normalizing. Report cards are coming out soon! Please make sure to check in with teachers regarding progress so far in the classroom and community. We had Tropical Fish Haven come out for a tank cleaning and the delivery of our first fish for the tank! Two clownfish now call our tank home. Their first week sees them settling in. After next week, we can get the water tested and see if we can add new life.



What happens in Gardening?

Students meet with Mr. Tevin twice a week. In his classes students seasonally explore varying topics including, biodiversity, environmental awareness, introduction to basic gardening and plant knowledge that they then utilize to begin and maintain planting throughout the different seasons. Once food has been harvested, Mr Tevin will talk about uses and ways to cook the harvest and sometimes sample a recipe. Leftover produce are given to our community.

He meets with the different levels to support what lessons he can in the classrooms to help students see real world applications of what they are learning in the classroom. It's a wonderful program that works across curriculums and engages students with healthy foods. After all, who isn't more likely to eat a veggie they grew themselves!



It's Volleyball Season!

The Eagles have been training hard and playing hard! See their games listed on the calendar on our Home Page and come see these Eagles Soar! Upcoming September Games:

October 6th VB Game @ King 5:30/6:30

October 13th VB Game @ Seashore 5:30/6:30

October 20th VB Game @ Adkins 5:30/6:30 p.m.



October is Bullying Awareness Month! Youth can enter the Stop Bullying Video Challenge: Encourage the youth in your life to submit original PSAs, 30 to 60 seconds in length, that showcase ways they are taking action against bullying and promoting a culture of kindness and respect in their communities. The deadline for submission is October 14, and the top prize is \$2,000. Full details about the contest, including submission guidelines and rules for eligibility are available at stopbullying.challenge.gov.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Friday, October 8th	School Holiday
Monday, October 11th	Staff Development (No School for Students)
Friday, October 29th	Picnic and Book Character Parade

Parents are invited to come eat with their students on Friday October 29th at 12 pm. After lunch we will have our Book Character Parade. Students may come dressed as a favourite book character with a picture or copy of the book! We will parade around the block!

Starting Each Day: Tips to Get out the Door On Time

Mornings can be tough. Everyone needs to get up, get dressed, have breakfast, and be ready to go, often in a short amount of time. We parents can end up rushed, frazzled, and short on patience. No one wants to begin the day that way! Here are a few simple, sanity-saving tips to help mornings with young children feel more manageable.

1. Establish a night-time routine. A good morning starts the night before. Children thrive on consistency, so implement a predictable bedtime routine at the same time every night. Maria Montessori observed that children find security in a predictable schedule. Sticking to the same ritual (perhaps a bath, then story, then song, then lights out) each evening will comfort your child and make it easier to start winding down. Turn off any screens 60 minutes before bed, as these can interfere with restful sleep.
2. Prepare the night before. Minimizing the number of things you have to do in the morning is a simple way to streamline your routine. Encourage your children to select and lay out appropriate clothing for the next day, engage them in preparing lunches and/or starting the next day's breakfast, and remind them to place items that need to go to school by the front door. Children as young as 1 can begin to be independent in dressing themselves, and older children can pack their own lunches. Resist the urge to step in—allow children to struggle a little, helping only when you see they may be becoming frustrated. Affording responsibilities like these offers children opportunities for input and thus a sense of ownership.
3. Stay organized. One way to avoid a frantic last-minute search for backpacks and shoes is to keep all of these items in the same place. Establish a cubby area near the doorway that has a place for shoes, backpacks, coats, and mittens. Make sure it is attractive and child-size to promote independence and a desire to keep it organized. (Montessori was the first educator to stress the importance of child-size furniture in the classroom.) Set and uphold the expectation that this is where your children should neatly store their things, and take time with your children to restore order if the cubbies get a little messy during the week.
4. Use the clock. In this busy world, children can feel rushed around without any understanding of why, and this can lead to tantrums and power struggles. Explain to your child that everyone needs to be out of the house at a certain time. Show them that time on the clock (or use a sand timer for Montessori Parent younger children). In the morning, point to the clock and say, "Oh, look! We need to leave in 10 minutes. What should we be doing now?" Wait for an answer, but if the child cannot give one, be direct: "Now is the time to put on our coats and shoes." It's possible to make the morning routine a team effort, rather than a competition with parents doing all the heavy lifting. The keys are to be prepared, give yourself plenty of time, and allow your children to be independent. Yes, it may be faster in the moment to dress them yourself and rush them out the door. But in the long run, offering your children some ownership over their morning will enable a more peaceful routine for everyone. Listen to your children's input and involve them in the process—by doing so, you show respect and positively impact self-esteem. As Montessori (2014) asserted, "Children are human beings to whom respect is due, superior to us by reason of their innocence and of the greater possibilities of their future." ANNE PROWANT MONTESSORI LIFE SPRING 2017 ©2017 AMERICAN MONTESSORI SOCIETY. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. WWW.AMSHQ.ORG



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Staff Spotlight!

Get to know your staff at CC-Montessori

Ms. Alondra



Ms. Alondra began in our community as a CC-Montessori student in the 6th grade. Once she completed high school and began her college career with an eye toward education, she was returned as an Associate teacher. Ms. Alondra has two younger siblings attending our school (lower elementary and middle school). Ms. Alondra works in upper elementary aiding students and teachers in their work. She is a hard worker in the classrooms and in her studies. Alondra is quick to lend a hand wherever she is needed and always has a beautiful smile on her face. She enjoys engaging with the students outside during recess and P.E. She enjoys dinning out and working out. She is bilingual and speaks beautiful Spanish. Her goal is to become an elementary teacher.

Did you know about Ms. Alondra? She's awesome!

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Coach Ronnie



Coach Ronnie has been a member of the CC-Montessori community for many years. She spends her morning time helping support students and teachers in the classroom. In the afternoons, she helps Coach Jacob with P.E. She has an excellent repour with the students, staff, and parents. Her kindness and caring manner shine through wherever she helps. Her beloved niece attends our school, so the Montessori method of education is close to her heart. She is always quick to lend a hand at our events or wherever she is needed. Her years of experience on our campus have taught her so much about Montessori and working with students. This and her love for our students makes her an incredible asset to our community. Coach Ronnie loves spending time with her family out in nature on the ranch or at a river. She is active and fun loving with a great laugh and sense of humour. Her favourite treat is applesauce!

Did you realize what an integral part of our community Coach Ronnie is? She's spectacular!