

The Good News

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Time Flies...

Monday, September 28th marked the beginning of our 6th week of school. The past five weeks have certainly flown by as the children have begun to settle nicely into their routines.

October will prove to be another exciting and adventure filled month for students and parents alike! We'll start off the month with "The Journey", followed by Observation Week, our traditional family picnics, parent lesson night, and of course, our annual bike-a-thon, just to name a few.....



Parent Lesson Night

Parent Lesson Night is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13th beginning at 6:30 for the Primary, Elementary and Middle School sections. The Toddlers are too young for this activity. This is an opportunity for parents to receive lessons from their children. It is a time for you as the parent to be the student. You will be amazed at what your child will be able to teach you.

Remember this is not a time for you to quiz your child or conference with the teacher.

This is a time to let your child SHINE!

Your scheduled time is included in the office folder in which this newsletter is being sent.



Chapel Attire Chapel Worship

After October 1st, and through the end of the school year, all the boys in Primary, Elementary and Middle School are required to wear their long pants to Chapel. Shorts may continue to be worn on other days. Primary girls and Lower El. girls need to wear their jumpers while Upper El. girls need to wear their skirts. Modesty shorts must always be worn under jumpers and skirts. White knit shirts for both boys and girls complete the required uniform.

Our Chapel doors will be open for parents and grandparents to come and celebrate with the children starting Wed., November 4th for our Elementary students, and Friday, November 6th for our Primary students. Mrs. Krause and the Middle School students have decided to have a private Chapel service each week on Wednesday mornings.

Mrs. Sorenson, our music teacher, will lead us in

worship. We ask that all people attending arrive 5 minutes early. Primary Chapel begins 11:15 a.m. & Elementary Chapel begins at 2:40p.m.



Parent Observation

The All Campus observation schedule and cover letter is being sent home with this newsletter. Please note that if your time is not convenient, you can call a friend and change times, if possible, rather than calling the office. It is very hard to describe what really happens in the Montessori environment. A picture is worth 1000 words. Please plan to observe at other times during the year. It is especially helpful to observe your child before a teacher conference. If you are worried about your child for any reason, come watch her or him a few times.

2009 Bike-a-thon October 29th

This is an event you won't want to miss, so mark your calendars.

Please remember to submit all pledges, sponsorships, and volunteer forms by October 8th.



Master Party Plans

There are 4 events during the school year which allow everyone the opportunity to share in sending party treats for traditional celebrations at GSMS. The "Master Party Plan" for your child/ren's classroom will be sent home shortly. Please remember, if you have two or more children, you will be bringing per child, not per family. We ask that you plan to bring the specific item listed beside your child's name on the date of the special celebration.

Our first scheduled event will be our Thanksgiving celebration which does include lunch - the remaining 3 celebrations are snack only. We will be celebrating our Thanksgiving Feast on Thursday, November 19th.



GSMS Tour

The GSMS Tour is the tour that all parents attend to determine their interest in enrolling in GSMS. The next available tour is Wednesday, October 21st at 9:30 a.m. If you know of any interested families, please have them call extension 44 to reserve their spot today!

Parent Education

In October, there will be many different opportunities for Montessori awareness. On Saturday, October 3rd, "The Journey", will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will start off in the Chapel. October 5th begins with Parent Observation week followed by Parent Lesson Night which is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13th.

The Toddler teachers will be getting together with parents for an afternoon discussion about "Independence" on Thursday, October 8th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel. In addition, GAPS (Group for Adolescent Parent Support) will meet Wednesday, October 28th at 7:00 p.m. in Room M.

Parent Volunteer Day

Parent Volunteer Day is now scheduled for Saturday, October 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Not to worry if you can't attend for the entire time - we appreciate any amount of time you can spare.

Please inform Mrs. Calloway at ext. 13 if you will be able to participate.

A Message from our PTO

Our GSMS Peter Piper Pizza night was a great success! It was wonderful to see so many of our families and teachers having

fun and supporting our school. The total amount raised is not final yet, but we have been told that it is close to \$250.00! Laura Angelucci did a great job organizing and promoting this event. Thank you very much Laura! The PTO will be sponsoring more events like this one throughout the school year.

Rachelle Farkas has been collecting all of your gently used items for the PTO to sell at the SRLA Yard Sale this weekend. All of our proceeds will benefit GSMS. Thank you to those of you who donated items. The PTO would also like to thank Sarah Morrow and Wendy Stem for their fabulous help with the Yard Sale. Thanks, Ladies!

The PTO is sponsoring so many different fundraisers this Fall including the pizza night, the cell phone collection and the Bike-A-Thon. We have been thrilled with the response we have gotten from our GSMS families. Please know that we do not expect every family to participate in every fundraising opportunity. Our goal is to provide different ways for families to get involved. If you have any questions or comments, or would like to get involved please contact Jennifer Moriarty at jennifer.moriarty@att.net.

Christ Centered Meditation Time

Christ Centered Meditation Time will still take place on **Tuesday** mornings immediately following carpool @ 8:45 a.m. in the Chapel.

October Events

- Oct. 5th-9th Observation Week
(your schedule is enclosed)
- Oct. 3rd - PTO Yardsale at
Stonebridge United Methodist
Church
- Oct. 3rd - "The Journey"
9:00 - 2:00 in the Chapel
- Oct. 8th - Toddler Parent Ed
Chapel 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Oct. 10th - Parent Volunteer
Day - 9:00 to noon
- Oct. 12th - Exec. PTO Mtg.
Chapel 4:00 p.m.
- Oct. 13th - Primary, Elementary
& Middle School Parent Lesson
Night
- Oct. 19th - Elem. & MS Picnic
- Oct. 20th - Room 3 Picnic
- Oct. 20th - M.S. - Jolt trip
- Oct. 21st - Room 2 Picnic
- Oct. 21st - GSMS Tour
- Oct. 22nd - Room 4 Picnic
- Oct. 23rd - Picnic Rain Date
- Oct. 28th - GAPS Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
In Room M
- Oct. 29th - BIKE-A-THON
- Oct. 30th - No School -
Teacher In-service

"The Journey" Saturday, Oct. 3rd

If you are able to attend
this wonderful and informative
Parent Education opportunity
and have misplaced your R.S.V.P.,
not to worry, just leave a
message on X12 by Friday at
noon stating you are able to
attend!

Weeda Hamdan

Solo Exhibition:

Rendezvous with Trees, Water & Light

It is with great
excitement that we share with
you this art show!
Please come celebrate the colors
of nature and welcome the
warmth of Autumn.

Weeda Hamdan
magnifies minute details found in
landscape to become a world of
their own, pulsating with life and
energy. Her thick knife
application, impasto, feels totally
abstract up close, yet blends
into believability from a
distance.

October 1st - 31st

The Eisemann Center
2351 Performance Drive,
Richardson, Texas 75082
Benefiting: Big Brothers Big
Sisters
Free Admission

For more details and
directions, please visit
exhibit site:

www.weedahamdan.com

Weeda Hamdan is parent
to Elissar, a student in Room C
and Nayla, a student in Room 3.

Yoga Class

Christ Centered
Meditation Time will now be
followed by the opportunity to
participate in a yoga class led by
Judy Moulton, Registered Yoga
Teacher, for \$10. Meditation
will begin at 8:45 and Yoga will
begin around 9:05. This class is
appropriate for anyone. if you
have any questions, feel free to
call Judy at 214-405-0838.
What a peaceful way to connect
with other GSMS parents and do
something good for yourself at
the same time! We hope to see
you there!

Directory Update

Revise:

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Spotlight Teacher

Each month the PTO will
be "Spotlighting" GSMS staff
members. This month, Mrs. L.
Sutton, Mrs. P. Meepe and Mrs.
S. Gunthter are the Spotlight
Teachers. We hope you will
enjoy this new addition to the
Good News!

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WASH THOSE HANDS!

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