

Bayside Montessori December 2007

Our 15th Year !

Dates to Remember

Dec.7 (Fri.)Conferences No School

Dec. 21 (Fri.) Last Day of School

Dec. 20-Jan.3 Winter Break

Jan. 7 (Mon.) Staff Day

Jan. 8 (Tues.) Children Return

“The needs of mankind are universal. Our means of meeting them create the richness and diversity of the planet. The Montessori child should come to relish the texture of that diversity.” Maria Montessori

The Snowy Days Last year at this time I was writing about days off due to snow and today, I sit watching the snow come down yet again. I wish you each and all a wonder filled time for family and friends. This is my 25th year in Montessori, a time filled with children’s laughter, excitement, and wonder. I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Village Book Sale A big thanks to each and all who turned out to generously support Bayside at Village Books. Last year our school received \$245 dollars. This year due to the incredible buying (\$2,172) of each of you, our staff has \$434 to spend. Also 36 books were purchased which were on the teachers wish list. Thanks to Jennifer Kurtz for overseeing the sale and to our parent volunteers, Katie Mundell, Liz Herdman, Kathleen Malnor, and Kathy Kraynak. Thanks from all the staff!

Small Hands Order Thanks to our many families who group ordered a total of \$1,425. This gives our classes \$142 to spend at Montessori Services.

Adrienne Hanson oversaw this order from start to finish. Thanks, Adrienne! Families may order until Dec.31 and our school will get the credit if you put on the order to credit Bayside Montessori.

News From Our Classes Look for news from each class to return in our January newsletter.

Our Canned Food Drive Our December giving for the entire school will focus on one very local project. Each class will collect cans of food which will be delivered to the Food Bank on **Dec. 21**. We ask each child to bring a can a day. Baby food is always in short supply, so please remember the babies in our community.

From Sarah Vautaux A heartfelt thanks to the amazingly generous elementary children at Bayside Montessori. Your contributions of candy, stuffed animals, and gently used toys will enable the

Stocking Project to deliver 100's of Christmas stockings to low income and challenged children and adults in our community. It’s a remarkable thing for children to be able to see outside of themselves and recognize the needs of others. Please know that there will be joy and smiles during this holiday season because of your sharing and that is a gift that keeps on giving.

Bad Weather Remember, I will send an all school email by 7:00 a.m. about school being closed. You may also look on the internet at Bellingham Public Schools. If Bellingham cancels, so do we. If they are running late, we are still on time. If we have more than two days off in a row, I will personally take charge of calling snow days.