

Bayside Montessori October 2007

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Only through freedom and environmental experience is it practically possible for human development to occur. - Maria Montessori

Dates to Remember

Oct 4(Thurs.) Historical Halloween note home

Oct.10 (Wed.) Lower Elementary to Pumpkin Patch 9:30 to 11

Oct. 15 (Mon.) Historical Halloween Speeches due

Oct. 19 (Fri.) Elementary and family members ice skate at Sportsplex 1:30 to 3:00

Oct.25 (Thurs.) Historical Halloween Elementary Dress Rehearsal

Oct.26 (Fri.) 9:30 a.m. HistoricalHalloween Performance (noon dismissal for Elementary)

Oct 26 (Fri.) - No Preschool Class

Oct 29 (Mon.) All School Open for Observations

Nov.15(Thurs.)1p.m.-7:00p.m.VillageBooks Sale

Stay And Play Sorry, elementary families, I did not mean to leave you out of “Stay and Play”. Every Monday elementary families, including siblings, are invited to stay and play after school.

We Have A Boat! Thanks to Sarah Vautaux for locating us our 13’ Hobie Fiberglass sailboat and the Bellingham Bay Community Boat Center for the donation. This center is another Bellingham treasure. The center located at 501 Harris, offers children and adult classes along with very reasonable rentals. Children can join for \$1! Look them up at www.sailpaddlerow.org. This is a local group where you and your family may find a wonderful place to volunteer and boat.

Email - This year we are experimenting with setting up observations and conferences via our emails. Please use email if possible so we can see how it works.

Observations All classrooms open for observations on Mon., October 29. Observations in all classes may also occur any time during the year. Observations typically last 30 minutes. **Each teacher** schedule’s his or her observations by parents. Either call or email your child’s teacher with the date you wish to observe in your child’s class. Teachers will then let you know if that day is available and what time to arrive.

Village Books Shopping On Thurs., Nov 15, we will again have an opportunity to shop at Village Books. Books may be purchased from 1-7 p.m. This is a great way to begin your seasonal gift buying and feel good

at the same time. These hours give preschool families a way to shop after lunch and other parents who might wish to shop without children a time to do this. Call other families to support our school. When you buy your books and turn in your Bayside Montessori slip with your purchase, our school will receive a 20% credit! We will send the Village Books form with the Bayside Nov. newsletter. Last year over \$380 was raised for our classes to use.

Committees Thanks for taking the time to respond! Committee lists will go out soon. If you did not send in a slip, you will be assigned to a committee..

New Music And Spanish Teachers for the Elementary The staff and children have given an overwhelming thumbs up to our new Spanish teacher Ana Torres and our new music teacher Beth Beyers. I have been able to observe them in action and feel like our school has been very blessed with our two new staff additions.

Did You Know? I just read that Larry Page and Sergey Brin, founders of Google, and Jeff Bezos, founder of Amazon.com credit Montessori for much of their success. Brin and Page told Barbara Walters that attending Montessori school had taught them to be self directed and self starters. They said that their Montessori teachings allowed them to think for themselves and gave them the freedom to pursue their own interests.

Medicine No medicine (even cough drops) should be sent to school without a note from home. Hand the medication and a note with specific dosage and instructions to the person unloading cars. Children cannot legally give themselves medicine at school.

Easy Ways to Earn Money for Bayside Our scrip program is off to a great start thanks to Sarah Vautaux. You can also designate Bayside(#108) as your school of choice at Haggens on the internet(type in Haggens School Bucks) or at the customer service desk.

Small Hands Our Preschool and Lower Elementary classes again this year have the opportunity to order from Montessori Services. We get 10% of what you order to spend with them. Each family will receive a catalog and letter that explains how to order. What I love about Montessori Services is that any item you order from them really works and really lasts. Adrienne Hanson will oversee our order.

Thanks to Katie Mundell for helping us launch our expanded directory.

Parent Conferences This year conferences occur on Nov. 13th (Tues.) and 26th (Mon.) and Dec. 7(Fri.). Send in your choice no later than Thurs., Oct 18. Kate schedules conferences as she receives requests and will do her best to accommodate your wishes in scheduling. Preschool conferences are 20 minutes long and elementary are 30 minutes long. Either return this form or email your day of choice to baysidemontessori@yahoo.com no later than Thurs., OCT. 18

Name _____

Please schedule me, if possible, on

Tues., Nov. 13 _____

Mon., Nov. 26 _____

Fri., Dec.7 _____

Preschool Parents All conferences will be in the morning starting at 9 a.m. and ending at noon.

Photo Release Please sign this and return it to the school. For this I need your handwritten signature.

I hereby give Bayside Montessori permission to use my child's photograph in connection with Bayside Montessori School.

Date _____

Please send my Bayside newsletter electronically only. Do not send me a paper copy Check here or email us at baysidemontessori@yahoo.com
