

Child's View News

Educating for peace



Dear Parents,

We are certainly zooming through the months this year! In the past month we have experienced wind, snow, rain, hail, and some fabulously bright sunshine! Through it all, we have been getting outside more and noticing the less subtle changes in the plants and animals as Spring progresses. Our annual Garden Party was such a success—thank you SO much to all of you who came out to help us get our garden (and the rest of our play yard) up and ready for the following months (if you've signed up to bring plants for the garden, we're ready for them)! It is fun to see the personal investment the children make in the garden and all the plants within. We are all so excited to see the transformation from Spring to Summer and the resulting growth of our plants!

Notable Notes

- During **Pennies for Peace** this year, we collected \$24.46 in pennies! Child's View is matching that donation (plus an extra \$1.08), bringing our total donation to \$50 for the Central Asia Institute! For more information on the Central Asia Institute, check out www.ikat.org, where you can download their newsletter, learn about *Journey of Hope* and *The Girl Effect*.
- Our annual **school presentation and Kindergarten graduation** is coming up quickly. Please make sure to save the date - **June 10th, 2009 (6-8pm)**. This is an all school event; every child will be performing, so mark your calendars!
- We are currently enrolling for our **Summer Elementary Program**. If you have any friends or neighbors please pass on our information—and make sure to invite them to our Ice Cream Social (see page 2—and don't worry, you're invited, too)!
- The Montessori canvas shopping bags are still available in the office—just \$2.50! Keep in mind, most stores give a credit for not using their paper or plastic, plus it is environmentally friendly!

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This month we'd like to wish a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to...

- Winslow—11th
- Amy—14th
- Nico—23rd

Notable Notes (cont'd)

- Remember—pass out our handy dandy business cards with your name on the back! Any cards that make it back to us (when the owner of said card comes to visit our school) will be entered into a drawing. If your card is drawn, you will be spending a weekend at the beach! In addition, you will get a \$50 tuition credit (or gift card) for any family you refer who enrolls and attends Child's View.
- With the changing weather, we have been seeing a lot of layers. This is ideal for the weather; however sometimes layers can pose a few bathroom issues, especially for our younger friends. Long dresses may dip into the toilet and holding a long beautiful skirt up to keep it out of the toilet makes it hard to see what is going on down there. Multiple layers are difficult to pull up without getting bunched, rolled, shifted and made generally uncomfortable. If layers are a necessity (which they sometimes are when the weather changes on an hourly basis!), it may be beneficial to practice (at home) pulling up one layer at a time. We'll be doing the same here at school.
- For sale: Graco iMonitor Duo Baby Monitor—2 monitors and 2 receivers. Very lightly used, purchased for \$129.99. Asking \$75 or best offer. See Tammy or Jessica in the office.



Try not to become a man of success but rather to become a man of value. Albert Einstein

Ice Cream Social!

Tuesday, June 2nd (5-7pm) we will be hosting an Ice Cream Social & Open House. Open to prospective AND current Child's View families (including our Summer Elementary families), it will be a great chance to get together, see old friends and make new ones, too! We will also have the chance to "show off" our beautiful school. So if you know of anyone who may be interested in Child's View, please extend the invitation. And remember—there is a tuition credit if you refer someone who enrolls!



Green Tip of the Month

This month's tip brought to you from The Apple, a newsletter for Sustainable School News from the Sustainable OR Schools Initiative

Using Too Much Paper? Have you wondered why margins on most word processing programs are set to 1.25 inches? Reduce them and save paper. Consider:

Penn State University research showed that the University could save 72 acres of forest and over \$120,000/year by reducing the default margin settings across campus. Paper production is one of the top five water consuming industries.

Before you print your next document, change the margins to .75 inches. This leaves plenty of room for hole punchers, staples, etc. Don't forget to reduce the top and bottom margins too.

Visit Change the Margins : <http://changethemargins.com/>



Dove Room News

With TV Turnoff and Earth Day we spent time discussing activities we enjoy doing other than TV, and what we can do to help the earth. Subsequently we spent some time with our hands in the dirt—repotting plants with parent volunteer Sue Fisher, planting seeds, and gardening outdoors. With the recent sunny weather, we were even able to do some picnicking for lunch. While inside there has been a rediscovered interest in the art shelf—especially with our new “inventing” work—from wrappings and packages that the children “invent” with. After creating the invention some children are then able to write about their inventions. If you have any items to donate to our inventing (i.e. bottle lids, toilet paper rolls, styrofoam, etc.) we'd be happy to invent with them.

Crane Room News

Spring is in full swing! It seems that we can never be sure if we will need rain boots or sunscreen as we enjoy our time outside. The time spent in the classroom and in our garden has been as busy as ever.

We began the month with some much-needed Spring Cleaning. Shelves were dusted and cleaned while materials were checked for completeness and repaired when necessary. The most impressive part of the deep clean was when we washed all of the chains from the bead cabinet. It became obvious that these materials had been used a great deal this year, as the washing water became very grey and the chains sparkled like never before after being scrubbed.

As a class, we recognized Easter by dyeing eggs. We used a simple vinegar and food-coloring recipe, and the children were very attentive and patient as they waited for the eggs to transform. Our eggs were colored boldly, which was very exciting.

We have been heading out to the garden much more as the weather has been less rainy. The leaves have been raked many times over and we have made a significant dent in the number of weeds that are growing in the beds. Of course, everyone has enjoyed the beautiful daffodils that line the garden. The children have gone out nearly every day to collect flowers for arranging in the classroom.

Mary from the Montessori Institute Northwest has joined our classroom as a student teacher. She will be with us until early May. You may hear about lessons and gatherings that she is leading in the classroom. Her lessons are very well thought out and the children have really enjoyed getting to know her. Don't hesitate to ask me any questions about her time with us.


Thank you to all of the families that have sent a small mug to school with their child. This has really helped with our beverage procedure.

We can still use any empty or unwanted nail polish bottles. If you have any magazines headed for the recycling bin, consider donating them to our classroom instead. These come in very handy for language material making and art activities. We especially appreciate travel, design, gardening, cooking, architecture, and natural science magazines.

*The real
preparation
for
education is
the study of
one's self.*

*Maria
Montessori*

May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Plant Sale Pick-Up (12:30-6pm)	8	9
10  HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!	11 Happy Birthday Winslow!	12	13 Happy Birthday Amy! <i>Child-prepared lunch</i>	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Parent Link 8:30am	21 Parent Conferences	22 Parent Conferences Happy Birthday Nico!	23
24	25 Happy Memorial Day! NO SCHOOL	26	27	28	29	30

Upcoming Events

June 2009

2nd Ice Cream Social

10th: End of Year Presentation and Graduation; Last day of Term

11th-12th: SCHOOL CLOSED; Staff Prep Days

*Gratitude is not only the
greatest of virtues, but
the parent of all others.*

Cicero

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