



CMS CONNECTION

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Welcome Back!

The summer campers had a wonderful time and now we are ready to start a new school year.

We welcome Jennifer Cooper into the pre-primary class as a directress for The Parlor. We welcome Melissa Hissong as our new toddler directress in the Garden Room, and we welcome Heather Lanier who will assist Mrs. Liotti in the elementary environment.

We are pleased this year to be able to offer elementary level four, which is the first level of the upper elementary program for 9—12 year olds. Mrs. Liotti has set up a cozy space that the upper elementary students

can call their own.

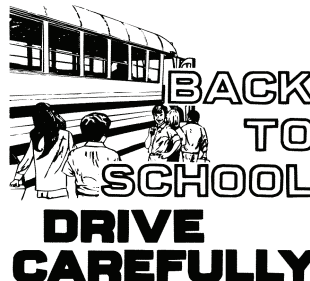
Starting this school year we are going to ask that everyone respect the carline lane as a NO PARKING ZONE. Our reason for this request is for the safety of the children. We feel it is important to keep the lane free flowing for carline and for emergencies at all times. Therefore, please do not leave your car unattended in the carline lane. If you wish to walk your child to class or come into the school to pick up your child please park in the school parking lot. If you are picking your child up or dropping your child off during scheduled carline arrivals and dismissals please remain in your

car and wait for assistance or park in the parking lot.

A new school year is always an exciting time filled with the anticipation of many changes: new classrooms, new teachers, new friends, new schedules and new expectations. No wonder we plan on a period of six weeks before everything settles down! As always, I urge you to communicate your concerns. Together we will make this the best possible experience for your children.

~ Pam Butler

Head of School



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Dates To Remember:

- Sept. 5—Closed
- Sept. 10—Pancake Breakfast and Annual Meeting
- Oct. 8 —Pumpkin Patch
- Oct. 10 —Records Day—Child Care by RSVP
- Oct. 28—Famous People Day (elementary) AT 1:00



Thank You To

The Covington family for magnifying glasses.

The Ballroom Families for a great start to the year.

The Sabino family for railroad ties to hold back the mulch for the big playground. We can use more ties if anyone has some available.

Barb Grosvenor for sprucing up the flower beds around the front of the school.



Giving to Others

Throughout the year we will be asking for your time, your donations, and your support for our school. It is very satisfying to be able to say that we at CMS can also take the opportunity to give to others.

In July the preprimary and elementary campers participated in our third annual Trike-a-Thon for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The children brought their bikes and trikes to school for the day and had a great

ride in the parking lot. Thanks to everyone who participated and donated. We raised \$1400.00 for the hospital!

Wish List

The Ballroom—Yarn (any color)

The environment must be rich in motives which lend interest to an activity and invite the child to conduct his own experiences.

Maria Montessori

Montessori Moments

As the summer came to a close it was hot and sunny. The elementary environment was in need of something cool and refreshing. Salsa seemed to be the perfect healthy solution. As we took a trip to the class garden, students were delighted to see an abundance of ripe tomatoes and peppers ready for the picking! We discussed ways for the vegetables to be

picked without harming them. As each child gently placed an item in the basket they became more excited about tasting the homegrown veggies.

Next day we had a lesson on properly washing each vegetable as well as the correct way to cut up each item. We cleaned, chopped, and mixed a salsa to delight the senses! The smells of basil, garlic, and fresh vegetables wafted through Canton Montessori School and the elementary environment enjoyed the best homemade salsa around!





2011 - 2012 Canton Montessori School Staff

Courtyard (Infants)

Pat McFarlane – Directress
Diane Chessler - Assistant.

Holly James-Minner-Assistant Directress
Deb Gefprey – Assistant
Brenda Heil – Assistant

Sun Room (Toddlers)

Sue Reagan – Directress
Carla Turpin – Assistant
Bilkis Soorma - Assistant
Jaimie Young – Assistant

Garden Room (Toddlers)

Melissa Hissong – Directress
Debbie Haidet - Assistant
Annie Carter – Assistant
Raeann Dolph– Assistant

Loft (Pre-Primary)

Pam Butler – Directress

Carol Kopan – Assistant Directress

Office Staff

Pam Butler—Head of School
Sara Lynn Charleston– Business Manager
Vicky Mannozi—AM Secretary
Nina Adams—PM Secretary

Ballroom (Pre-Primary)

Bridget Ranalli-Friend – Directress

Anita Scavelli – Assistant

Parlor (Pre-Primary)

Jennifer Cooper - Directress

Kathy Cope – Assistant

Billiard Room (Elementary)

Stephanie Liotti – Directress
Heather Lanier - Assistant

Elementary Recess/Aftercare

Bridget Ranalli - Friend

Music/Movement

Leah Ouellette

Pre-Primary No Nappers

Cat Vinson
Carol Kopan

Pre-Primary Nappers

Jennifer Cooper
Kathy Cope
Anita Scavelli

French

Pam Butler

Extended Day – Pre-Primary

Jennifer Cooper
Kathy Cope
Kat Vinson

Kindergarten Enrichment

Bridget Ranalli - Friend

Spanish

Betsy Marinucci

Maintenance

Tim Snyder

Kitchen Staff

Kelly Jerkovic



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CMS Mission Statement

The mission of the Canton Montessori School is to provide quality programming based upon the educational philosophies and principles of the Montessori Method. CMS's purpose is to meet the developmental needs of children of all economic backgrounds through an enriching and nurturing environment. CMS also strives to support and assist parents and staff in the development of their roles and to share its experience and expertise with the wider community.

Saying Good-By

Having trouble separating from your child during these early days of school?

Your child will pick up on your feelings about leaving and respond accordingly. If you appear uncertain and tend to linger you may give your child the message there really is something to worry about. Try to put up a confident front for your child, even if you are churning with anxiety on the inside.

Convey to your child that school is a great place and that you will pick him or her up at a designated time, perhaps after lunch or nap. A quick hug and a kiss and you are out the door! Better yet, as soon as you feel comfortable take advantage of the morning carline where your child will be greeted and personally and escorted to his or her classroom. The sooner you are able to establish a consistent separation process the sooner you and your child will be saying good by with smiles and good feelings about the day ahead.

