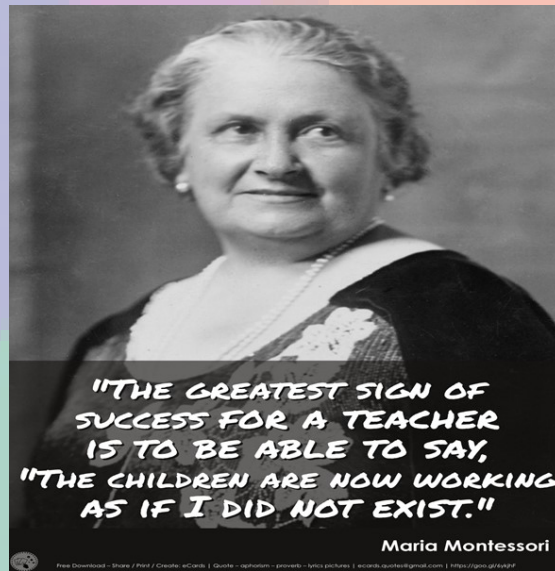


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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES OF CANTON MONTESSORI SCHOOL

August/September 2021



When I started at Canton Montessori School this fall, I was in awe seeing the power of a Montessori education as experienced by our students. In observing the environments, I see children of all ages exploring, creating, collaborating, and investigating materials guided by our dedicated Directresses. The growth I have seen in them in a few short weeks of this school year is outstanding. It is this growth and experience we come to expect from a Canton Montessori education. I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter and learning what our students have been working on in each environment throughout the start of the year.

As I have shared, Canton Montessori is still looking for parents interested in getting involved in our Parent Association. Parent Association plans several school-wide events throughout the year, including the Fall Festival, Book Mobiles, Family Directory Rummage Sale, Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon, and our major fundraiser, Spring Fling. Additionally, our families have expressed interest in more community events that need to be developed and planned. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact me at hos@cantonmontessori.org.

All the best,

Emily Ramos, Ed.D.

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Garden Room Gab

Welcome Back! Welcome Back!

We are excited as we settle into our new school year. It is going to be the best one yet.

Over the past few weeks we have been learning about a fall favorite apples. The children have been engaged in our sensory table making apple pies, learning how apples are grown and the various parts of the apple. The children are really engaged in these lessons. I love seeing the children's faces as they make new discoveries.

We have also been learning lots of songs about autumn, the children love Circle time and singing. A crowd favorite is

The Leaves on the Trees

(Tune: Wheels on the Bus)

The Leaves on the trees turn (Red and Brown.) 3xs

All around the town.

The leaves on the trees come (twirling down.) 3xs

All around the town.

The leaves on the ground go (crunch, crunch, crunch.)3xs

All around the town.



We want to thank everyone who made it out the Annual Meeting. It was wonderful to be able to spend time with you on a beautiful Saturday morning.

We hope you all have a wonderful, blessed autumn!

Carla and Tanya

Wish List

Fall stickers

2 Lg Pumpkins

Small pumpkins and gourds

Real Plants

Label Maker



Sun Room News

We have had a fantastic start to the 2021-2022 school year! Friends have been loving learning about dinosaurs. It is amazing how many different ones they can identify. The Tyrannosaurus Rex is by far the most popular so we have done some special work related to it. Friends worked with a footprint to learn just how big a T. Rex's foot was and examined replicas of their claws and teeth. We also compared our heights to that of other dinosaurs like the Gallimimus and the Compsognathus.

The garden we planted in the Spring has been doing well and we were able to harvest some vegetables for snack. Friends picked tomatoes, a cucumber and pulled radishes which we added to salad mix. The radishes have grown seed pods which we will save for next year.

As we move into Fall, we will be learning all about the new season. As this coincides with the start of cold & flu season, we will also be learning about germs. Friends will learn the importance of keeping clean and ways to stop the spread of germs.

- Jennifer and Krista

Wish List

Amazon cards

Grocery cards



The Ballroom

The Ballroom students kicked off the new school year singing songs about the planets, exploring the life cycle of a sunflower and experimenting with the concepts of sink and float as well as magnetic and nonmagnetic. Our focus will soon shift to planet earth and the continents. We look forward to observing the seasonal changes soon to come and the joy of collecting acorns and leaves on the playground.

Bridget and Alexis



Kindergarten Enrichment

The kindergarteners in the afternoon enrichment program completed the first chapter book of the Magic Tree House series, *Dinosaurs Before Dark*. We explored the carnivores, herbivores and omnivores from the Cretaceous Period; had a blast digging for bones with our paleontologists' tools and were in awe of the dinosaur dung that we smelled and touched.

Kindergarteners also participated in their first week of kindergarten specials: French, Music, Art, Physical Education and visits to our CMS library.

Bridget



The Loft

We are off to a fantastic start up in the Loft this year, welcoming both familiar faces and new. Miss Samantha and I are so thankful to be back in our environment with your children. The beginning of the year brings songs and activities that allow the children to learn each other's names and get to know each other. They love the repetition of several songs where we are learning the days of the week, the months of the year as well as the seven continents. We have also been practicing The Pledge of Allegiance daily. Many of them have already mastered it and they are so proud. We love to see them already speaking in front of the group and participating so comfortably.

In the science area of the classroom, we have already worked on classifying living and non living things, plants and animals, solids liquids & gases, and magnetic vs. non magnetic items. We have discussed the parts of a plant, flower, leaf, and apple. Next week the children will be "planting" their own seeds in baggies that we will hang in our windows. This will be a great way for them to see the parts of the seed. We will be celebrating the first day of fall by doing some apple tasting and then, voting on the class favorite apple.

In geography, we started with the solar system which always brings many great discussions. I'm always amazed by their ability to remember facts about the planets. They should be able to sing the planet song to you as well. Now we are focusing more on the Earth, breaking it down into land, air and water. We have also discussed the layers of the earth. Learning how to put together our continent maps is always such a great challenge for them. I truly love the focus on geography for our students.

We have been very busy each day in the classroom, and we have also been living all of the beautiful mornings on the playground. The beginning of fall is always such an exciting time for us all. Miss Samantha and I are so happy to be here! Thank you for entrusting your children with us. As always, if you have any questions or concerns of any kind, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via text, phone or email. Also, do not forget to check Montessori Compass periodically for updated photos of your children working. We look forward to seeing everyone on Pre-Primary Family Visit Night on October 13th. Stay tuned for details explaining time visitation slots. Hope to see you all there!

Happy Fall!

Miss Molly & Miss Samantha



The Parlor

Welcome to The Parlor! We got off to a great start to the school year as we focused on the ground rules. These are the rules by which the children are able to have the freedom of movement and choice in the classroom. Some examples are: learning to speak to others, learning to listen to others, learning to respectfully interrupt, learning to respectfully and safely move around the classroom. The children have also been eagerly exploring the classroom. It has been a pleasure getting to know all of their different personalities and interests. I cannot wait to watch as they develop over the year through purposeful work within the classroom environment, as they strive to reach their fullest potential and develop confidence that will serve them throughout their lives.

Miss Courtney and Miss Jacquie



LOWER ELEMENTARY

After a delayed start due to construction, Lower Elementary was elated to finally come together to begin the school year in our gorgeous space! Some highlights of the beautification project: new tile flooring, freshly painted walls, windows that open (which are utilized daily for fresh air), renovated bathrooms, new lighting in the hallway and a new HVAC system. We could hardly wait to have the students arrive to bring the space to life!

Watching the returning students step into leadership roles at the beginning of the new year is so rewarding. Second and third graders eagerly greet incoming first graders and can often be found offering to give lessons, helping out with tying a shoe and giving positive affirmations to younger students. The early weeks of school are devoted to developing a routine of caring for the classroom and the individual, establishing a "classroom constitution" of rules developed by the students, and working with directresses on assessments and plans for what they would like to learn this year and what skills will be focused on. It is also the time to introduce Montessori's First Great Lesson: the creation of the universe. This lesson is designed to give students a sense of their place in the universe and is followed up by hands on science experiments and studies of the solar system. It is a busy but fun time! We have also been utilizing our outdoor courtyard classroom a great deal, thanks to the beautiful weather.

Students are looking forward to weekly physical education field trips to the Hall of Fame Fitness Center. Our first six-week session will be on soccer. Returning students can attest that these classes are a ton of fun and a great workout!

As always, thank you for sharing your children with us. We are excited for a wonderful year of learning from one another! Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns throughout the school year.

Together in learning,

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Upper Elementary

We have a new “Peace Corner” in the Upper Elementary classroom with books and artwork that were created around the idea of peace! We have designated this area for students who need to “take a moment” and practice mindfulness. The whole class recognized the International Day of Peace which is observed by the world every September 21st. This day of peace was established by the United Nations in 1981 and is devoted to “commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples.” Our class will be focusing on the idea of “peace begins with you”. One day, we participated in a drawing meditation and on another day, we completed a mindful meditation. Our goal was to learn mindfulness activities that help us create peace within ourselves. We also created pinwheels as a part of the international Pinwheels for Peace project. Pinwheels for Peace is an art installation project started in 2005 and now more than 4 million pinwheels are planted all over the world! Pinwheels were chosen because they are a symbol of childhood and remind us of when times were simple, peaceful and joyous. The colorful pinwheels are created and displayed as a visual public statement about peace. We displayed our pinwheels during afternoon carline. Peace Education is an integral part of the Montessori philosophy.

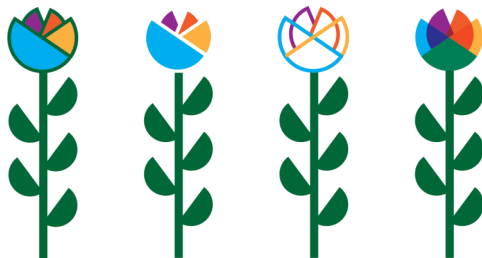
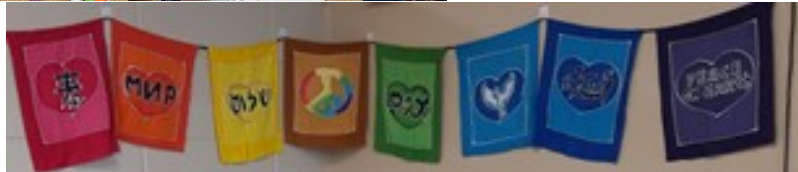
“During the chaos and unrest of World War I and the Interwar Period, Montessori traveled the world lecturing on her method and opening schools. During her travels Montessori, observed the impact war and violence had on individuals, particularly children, inspiring her to add peace education to her method.”

A peace curriculum is a part of every Montessori classroom. Children are directly taught how to resolve conflicts *peacefully* with their peers. They learn how to use their words and to recognize feelings of disharmony and to process these feelings in a constructive way. The Upper Elementary-aged student is finding their place among their peers. And in our classroom, we are encouraging positive communication and interaction among students. We recognize the importance of the social/emotional health of the child. We know that when a child’s social and emotional needs are balanced, academics can flourish. While we practice peace education every day, Peace Day is a time to pause and reflect on this unique part of a Montessori education.

Kimberly White

Upper Elementary Directress





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