

Ventura Montessori School

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MONTESSORI NEWS

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May/June 2011

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We wish a heartfelt farewell to those of our students who will not be returning next year, and we wish them all the best at their new schools.

We wish all of our students and parents a wonderful and refreshing summer break; we look forward to seeing you return for the 2011/2012 school year.

Mrs. V.J.'s Corner

I would like to extend a very special "Thank you" to all parents and students for the lovely gifts basket presented during "Teacher Appreciation" Social. Great Gifts!

Thank you also for the Handmade Appreciation cards, flowers, individual gifts, and gift cards received throughout the week. It is a great pleasure to teach the children. Thank you again.

We are practicing for the Spring Program. The children are all excited and are looking forward for the evening. Please note the attire for the May 20th evening (posted on Bulletin Board). Girls to come dressed in their "Sunday Best". Boys in long dark pants and white shirts. Please wear appropriate footwear. The children should be in the classroom no later than 6:30 pm.

Mrs. Brunger's Corner

I would like to thank the Board of Directors, parents, and students for the thoughtful cards, gifts, and flowers for Teacher Appreciation week. It was so touching and heartfelt.

We are busy practicing for the Annual Spring Program. The students are very excited to be performing for everyone.

I can't believe this is the last newsletter for this school year. Each year seems to go more quickly than the last. The students have grown so much. It is so rewarding to watch them learn and develop throughout the school year. I have the best job!!

I hope all of you enjoy a wonderful summer if your child is not attending Summer Camp.

I look forward to seeing all of you in September.

With care,
Mrs. Brunger.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

McKenna - June 29



Academic and Fun

Summer Camp at VMS

Ready, set, camp! Summer break is fast approaching, and if you haven't already, it's time to enroll the kids in VMS's fun and exciting summer camps.

Weekly projects will allow each student's creativity to shine. Fun, excitement, learning, and inspiration are in store for all of this year's VMS summer campers!

Many of the popular weeks are filling up quickly, so don't wait to turn in your registration forms.

The weekly rate for Summer Camp is \$180 (discounts for siblings, attending for multiple weeks, or payment in full by June 1). Registration is due June 1 and weekly payments are due on the first day of each Camp.

Week of	Theme
June 20th - 24th	Marine Biology
June 27th - July 1st	Arts and Crafts
July 5th - 8 th	Science
July 11th - 15 th	Rain Forest
July 18th - 22nd	Let's Get Cooking
July 25th - 29th	Art Appreciation
August 1st - 5th	Career Week
August 8th - 12th	Science
August 15th - 19th	Gardening
August 22nd - 26th	Music Appreciation

Attendance sign in /out

As you read the notice on the Bulletin Board, the Department of Social Services made their routine unannounced visit, and we were cited. The deficiency was our sign in/out sheets in both classrooms, due to the fact the parents or guardians neglecting to sign in and/or sign out at the end of the school day. Please remember the children must be signed in and out every day that they are in school. This is a MANDATORY REQUIREMENT.

Playground use after 2:30 pm

Another issue to be addressed is the use of the playground after 2:30pm. The playground needs to be shared by the "Children's Heaven" and our access to the playground is till 2:30 pm. Also please take into consideration that our liability insurance does not cover us after 2:30 pm. Therefore, we would very kindly request that after signing your child out, please do not let your child go out to play.

Application and Required Forms

Your child must have all the necessary forms completed, signed and on file prior to his or her admittance to school. This includes a Physical Report and Immunization Record. All required immunization should be up to date.

Year End Statements & Billing

May also brings in the year end closing of our records. All families received a billing statement through June. Please make sure your tuition is paid in full before our Summer break. All accounts must be at zero balance before June 1st for our year end record keeping.

CAR DECAL

VENTURA MONTESSORI SCHOOL
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In an effort to increase our name recognition and visibility within the community, we are asking you to consider proudly displaying a decal to help us as we strive to keep VMS growing and thriving! They are meant to be applied and removed easily, so no worries about ruining anything to which they are affixed.

\$10 for each VMS decal you'd like to purchase. Please place your orders with Erin Moore (Baylee's and Macie's mom).

Thank you in advance for all of your support!

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Annual Spring Program Friday, May 20th Church Sanctuary



Silent Auction and Hors d'oeuvres begin at 6:00pm hosted by VMS Board of Directors
Program starts promptly at 7:00 pm

SILENT AUCTION

100. Vacation in Maui or Spain: Winner will get to choose between a ten day family stay in a comfortable cottage in upcountry (Upper Kula) Maui or a month in a beautiful townhouse in the Spanish resort town of Campoamor, famous for premier golfing and beaches. Both homes are fully furnished, with a full kitchen. Airfare and transportation are not included. Dates are flexible. Ask Amy or Veronika for additional details. Valued at \$2,000.

101. Dream Dinners Party: Invite up to eight of your friends to a dinner party, with a twist. Each will assemble a six serving gourmet meal to take home at the end of the night. Appetizers and Dessert will be served. Sure to be a fun night with friends. Donated by Theresa. Valued at \$300. You will also receive ten tickets to the world famous Laugh Factory in L.A. Total package value \$500.

102. The Ojai Experience: A weekday mid-day round of golf with cart for two adults at Soule Park Golf Course. You will also be taking home a Odyssey putter and two sleeves of golf balls. While the golfers are busy, two women will enjoy a full day relaxing at The Oaks at Ojai Day Spa. Return home to Ventura to use a \$25 gift certificate* to C-Street Restaurant at the Crown Plaza, donated by Chryshanee. Entire package valued at \$475.

103. San Marino Collection: Annual family membership to The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and San Marino Botanical Gardens. Two adults, two kids under 18 and a one-day guest pass. Donated by Veronika. In addition you will receive a \$25 gift certificate* to Andre's Savory Café of Ventura, donated by Chryshanee. Valued at \$170.

104. Fabulous in Ventura: Brush up on your dancing skills with private ballroom lessons for four from House of Dance. For a special date, start off with a healthy drink from Blenders in the Grass with a \$10 gift card, and then down a couple blocks along beautiful Main St, Ventura to Cara Mia Salon for a VIP Professional Makeover and personal styling. You will also receive a \$30 gift certificate to Dream Dinners, donated by Theresa and a \$25 gift certificate* to Savory Café, donated by Chryshanee. Valued at \$305.

105. Trip to the Island: Enjoy an Island Packers day-trip to Anacapa or Santa Cruz Island for two adults, donated by Island Packers, while one wears the black Patagonia fleece (size M), donated by Erin Burke. Valued at \$200.

106. Family Cooking Collection: One week's community supported agriculture (CSA) fresh, organic box donated by Rio-Gozo Farms, delivered to VMS on a Tuesday during the summer. Elizabeth and John will also host your family for a farm tour and picnic at their farm in Ojai. You will also receive a basket of gourmet foods donated by Trader Joes. Explore new ways to prepare your food with a children's cook book, a vegetarian cook book, and the most current edition on the Navy Spouse's Can Do Cookbook. Valued at \$170.

107. Premier Dance: \$80 gift certificate good for lessons from award winning Premier Dance Studios. Choose from adult or child classes, Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Lyrical, Musical Theatre, Voice and Piano lessons. After class, stop for lunch or dinner from Urbane Café. Four Urbane Café coupons good for sandwich or salad. Valued at \$110.

RAFFLE

Pre-purchase your raffle tickets for \$5 each or 5 for \$20. If you would like to take some home to pre-sell to friends, neighbors or family please let a board member know. Please indicate which raffle item per ticket. Individual drawings. You are under no obligation to sell tickets and may return all unused raffle tickets.

201. Baby Cake: The perfect baby shower gift! Hand-made 100% cotton baby quilt, with a coordinating diaper cake made from size 2 pampers, decorated with a variety of baby supplies. Host the baby shower affordably at Savory Café using a \$50 gift certificate*. Donated by Amy.

202. Kindermusik: Enjoy creating music with your little one(s) with one month complimentary Kindermusik classes and several musical apparatus. Donated by Kindermusik teacher Andrea King. Valued at \$50.

203. ROAR!: Giant 40" tall stuffed Lion. Donated by Veronika. Valued at \$100.

204. Dancing Disney Package: \$30 in Disney gift cards, My First Disney Princess Ariel Doll, and a pink Minnie Mouse baby blanket made with organic cotton. Donated by Audrey. You will also receive one month of complimentary youth ballet classes from All American Ballet of Ventura. Valued at \$150.

205. Busy Baby: Playskool Busy Ball Popper, Melissa and Doug plush tool set for ages 6 months +, Melissa and Doug sports balls set for ages 6 months +. Donated by Audrey. Valued at \$80.

206. Coloring basket: Crayola Sound Studio and a Toy Story 3 Expansion Pack. Donated by Audrey. Valued at \$50.

207. Dollhouse: Really Big! Kid Kraft Glamour Lights and Sounds Dollhouse. Donated by Audrey. Valued at \$279.

208. Youth Dance Lessons: One month of complimentary youth lessons at Ventura Ballet Academy. Valued at \$50.

209. Children's Book Collection #1: A collection of code-writing guides for pirates and treasure hunters.

210. Children's Book Collection #2: Baby books with nursery rhymes, stories, and flash cards for the younger crowd learning the basics of color, animals, and shapes.

211. Children's Book Collection #3: A variety of fun animal stories.

212. Children's Book Collection #4: Teen and adolescent age group books featuring cooking, and eco-art.

213. Children's Book Collection #5: Learning to read books especially geared for level 1 and level 2 readers.

214. Dining Ventura: \$25 Gift Certificates* toward a meal at Spaghetti Factory, C Street at the Crown Plaza, and Savory Café. Donated by Chryshanee. Valued at \$75.

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**Parents and Children
Coffee/OJ Social**

Begins at 8:30am

May 19th

June 7th

Teacher Appreciation Day – May 3

We recognized our wonderful and dedicated teachers who have made our school such a tremendous success with Teacher Appreciation Coffee/OJ Social and personalized gift baskets.

**Thank you ,
Dear VMS Teachers!**



Thank you, Parents!

We thank all our parent volunteers for their participation in the 2010/2011 school year, and we look forward to seeing you in the upcoming school year! Our community of families and the level of involvement makes Ventura Montessori School great. There are various ways a VMS family can be involved at our school, let us know if you are interested.

Hospitality

- Lynn Brown
- Kendra Crisp
- Michelle Parcher
- Melinda Wiseman
- Yvonne Kim

Spring Program - Raffle

- Amy Bisgard
- Heather Jameson

Spring Program - Food

- Anne Eaton

Marketing - Publicity

- Lynn Brown

Marketing - Website

- Richard Geib
- Ethan Thomas

Marketing - Open House

- Maria Geib

Gardening

- Kendra Crisp
- Erin Moore
- Donnie Bowne

Teacher Appreciation

- Sarah Falls
- Iva Oza

Playground

- Maria Geib
- Iva Oza

Recycle

- Eric Eaton
- Wes Falls
- Ryan Naranjo
- Ethan Thomas

- Melinda Wiseman
- Kendra Crisp

Restoration & Maintenance

- Bradley Jameson
- Mark Tubbs
- Eric Eaton
- Jay Thompson

Fresh & Easy

- Donnie Bowne
- Mariglo Esherick
- Joy Naranjo

Alumni Performance – May 27 at 1:45pm

A Special Instrumental performance by few VMS Alumni for the current students.

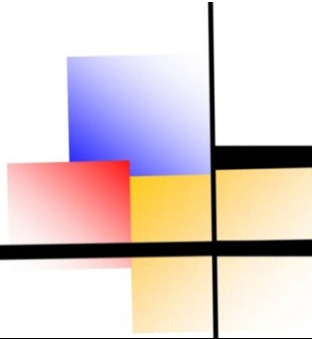
Family picnic – June 16

All parents are invited to join us and their children as VMS throws the annual summer picnic! Food, fun and games will all be there! Join us for the excitement!

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15	16	17 5:30pm Open House	18	19 8:30am Coffee/OJ Social	20 6pm Spring Program	21
22 VMS Restaurant Night at Maharaja	23 No School - Teacher In-Service	24	25	26	27 1:45pm Instrumental Performance by VMS Alumni	28
29	30 No School - Memorial Day Holiday	31				

June 2011

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5	6	7 8:30am Coffee/OJ Social	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Last Day of School	16 No School - Montessori Family Picnic	17	18
19	20 Summer Camp Begins	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		