

## CALIFORNIA MONTESSORI PROJECT

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

9/7– We will be closed in observance of Labor Day



9/8–Picture Day @ Bradshaw (wear dress code)

9/9–Picture Day @ Elk Grove (wear dress code)

9/10–Principal's Café: Montessori Overview @ Bradshaw @ 9:00

9/10–7 Habits of Highly Effective Volunteers @ Bradshaw at 5:00

9/11–Family Picnic @ Elk Grove, 5:00-7:00 (mobile live scan from 4:30-7)

9/14–Governing Board Meeting at Carmichael

9/15–7 Habits @ Elk Grove at 5:00

**9/16–EARLY RELEASE DAY**  
**Dismissals: K-3 @ 11:45**  
**4th-8th @ 12:00**

9/19–7 Habits @ Bradshaw at 10:00

9/23–Tech Night @ Bradshaw at 5:30

9/24–CAC Meeting at 5:00; PTFC at 6:00–both at Elk Grove

9/28–Upper Elementary to the Aquatic Center

9/29–7 Habits @ Bradshaw at 5:00

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## Campus Advisory Council (CAC) Parent Representative Needed.

We have an opening on our Campus Advisory Council (CAC) for a parent representative. The CAC functions as an Advisory Committee to the Principal. The primary function of the CAC is to provide support for the successful operation of the school campus and to further the overall Mission of the California Montessori Project. This support comes through the following channels: providing support to the Principal; serving as a positive communication channel between the campus, parents, teachers, and community; guiding the fundraising activities at the campus; allocating donated resources in support of the campus' education program; and coordinating Parent Participation programs. The CAC consists of the Principal, two teachers and two parent representatives. Although anyone can attend a CAC meeting to learn more about the campus and express their opinions or concerns, only CAC members can vote on how to distribute funds. There are monthly meetings typically held on the last Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m., rotating locations between the Elk Grove site and Bradshaw. These meetings are held in conjunction with our Parent Teacher Fundraising Committee meetings and can last about an hour. The meetings follow an agenda but are very informal. Parent representatives are encouraged to listen to our parents and can be their voice in the CAC meetings. It is a wonderful opportunity to see how staff and volunteers really work together to make the students' Montessori education the best it can be. Discussions lead to mutually agreed upon priorities for the benefit of the students and campus. As a CAC member, you will help decide where to put the available resources, and can also be a voice for yourself, your child, and for the other parents.

To be considered for the upcoming CAC election, any interested parent should submit a short biography and a paragraph on why you would like to be a part of CAC. Please email this information to Ms. Kathleen at [kmmerz@cacmp.org](mailto:kmmerz@cacmp.org). We will be accepting applications through Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. A list of the potential candidates will then go to all our families for a vote. Thank you for your interest. This is a wonderful opportunity to participate.

## Happy Birthday, Maria Montessori!

Maria Montessori was born on August 31, 1870 in Ancona, Italy. In 1896, she became one of the first women in Italy to receive a medical degree. She enjoyed studying psychiatry, education, and anthropology. She began working with neglected disabled children in asylums. Casa di Bambini, her first school for the conventional 6-12 year old, was established in 1907. Dr. Montessori was twice nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for her work with Education for Peace. It wasn't until 1947 that she started her more widely known Montessori Assistants to Infancy Program. Dr. Maria Montessori died in 1952 and was survived by her son, Mario.

We held assemblies this week to celebrate the life and work of Dr. Montessori with the students. Many classrooms performed a variety of presentations for us. If you are interested in reading more about Dr. Montessori you can find articles at [www.montessoritraining.org](http://www.montessoritraining.org).



## 7 Habits of Highly Effective Volunteers

The "7 Habits of Highly Effective Volunteers" trainings have been scheduled for the year and can also be found on the school's webpage (<http://eg.cacmp.org/>). Please remember, you are only required to take this training once. However, all volunteers are welcome. Please R.S.V.P. to the office which is hosting that particular training by the Wednesday before the training. **Space is limited**, so be sure to call early. Please keep in mind, trainings end in December for the 2015-2016 year at the Elk Grove campus, however you are welcome to call other campuses if these dates do not fit in your schedule. Thank you!

### Bradshaw:

Thursday, Sept. 10th @ 5:00  
Saturday, Sept. 19th @ 10:00  
Tuesday, Sept. 29th @ 5:00  
Thursday, Oct. 8th @ 10:00

### Elk Grove:

Tuesday, Sept. 15th @ 5:00  
Tuesday, Oct. 13th @ 6:00  
Tuesday, Nov. 3rd @ 5:00  
Thursday, Dec. 3rd @ 5:00



## Picture Day is Next Week



Next week both sites will be having picture day. Fall pictures are taken in dress code attire. We will be having spring pictures when the children may wear free dress attire. Pictures are taken starting with the youngest children and finishing with the oldest. The photographers work as quickly as they can to finish in a timely manner.

9/8 - Picture Day @ Bradshaw

9/9 - Picture Day @ Elk Grove

## Parent-Teacher Fundraising Committee

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the first PTFC meeting. We appreciate the excitement and ideas you brought to the meeting. Class parent reps will soon be e-mailing those parents who returned their parent information contact forms to touch bases in regards to classroom and event involvement. If you haven't yet returned your green PTFC form, please do so we would love your help!

Don't forget, the family picnic is happening 9/11 at the Elk Grove site. Stop by and spin the PTFC wheel to win a prize!

This year's Harvest Festival is Saturday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be having a craft fair this year and are looking for donations!



## Club M News

### **Our Early Release Days started this week.**

If you are a family using punch card hours, please let the office know 24 hours in advance if your child will be joining us. We will be eating lunch at 12pm. **Club M does not have a microwave** available, so remember to pack a cold lunch so that your child can begin eating right away.

### Information

If you haven't already filled out the new Club M contract for the school year, please do so as soon as possible. You can find them on our website or in the office. It is very important that we have a contract for every child who attends Club M. If you have not filled one out, we will be unable to hold your child(ren) in Club M.

## Mark Your Calendars

September 7<sup>th</sup> **Labor Day-No School/Club M Closed**

September 11<sup>th</sup> Family Picnic @ Elk Grove site

September 16<sup>th</sup> Early Release

October 7<sup>th</sup> Early Release

## Emergency and Medical Information

Please make sure we have the very latest emergency information on your child's emergency card. If you need to update this information, please come to the office and we will be happy to give you a new emergency card.

All medications to be administered during the day must be held in the office, be in the original container, with dosage information and accompanied by a medication form signed by the child's physician. These forms were in enrollment packets and can be found in the office or website under the *Forms* tab. **CHILDREN MAY NOT CARRY ANY TYPE OF MEDICINE ON THEIR PERSON OR BELONGINGS**

CMP-EG @ BR - 916-714-9699

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## School Drop Off and Pick Up

When dropping off and picking up children from their classrooms, we ask that you keep them, and siblings, with you at all times. The playground and blacktop are also closed at this time. This will help make it easier and safer for the students and families to get to and from class and account for all children enrolled in Club M. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ms. Kathleen, Ms. Dorothy or Ms. Lisa.

## Volunteer Website Directions

Many of you have been asking about the website for volunteering and logging participation hours. Follow these steps to create a login and start logging! In addition to the classroom newsletters, you will be able to find participation opportunities on this site. Go to our website [www.eg.cacmp.org](http://www.eg.cacmp.org)

