



April 8, 2009

School Year 2009-2010 Registration

The registration form for the next school year 2009-2010 is in today's Family Folder. Please fill it out and return to school as soon as possible.

The next school year (fall) registration is due by Monday, April 20. After current family registration closes, enrollment will be offered to the families on the waiting list. Please note the September 2009 tuition is due at the time of registration.

Summer School

Registration is due Wednesday, April 15. If you have any questions about the summer program, please ask your child's teacher.

Full payment is due at the time of registration when enrolling your child in the summer weekly option.

Student Intern

Starting on April 6, there will be a student intern from the Montessori Training Center of Minnesota spending the next three weeks in Casa 3. Her name is Yanxia.

Family Open House – Tuesday, April 21

Each spring the children invite their parents to come to their rooms and see what they have learned this past school year.

In the next few weeks, the Children's House children will be bringing home an invitation stating what they would like to show you. Please read and discuss your child's invitation with him/her and together create a plan for the evening (FYI: food work will not be available for the open house).

We look forward to seeing you!

Please follow the schedule so there is enough room in each Casa and enough parking for everyone.

4:30pm – 5:00pm: the Toddler Community

5:15pm – 5:45pm: Children who are extended day in Casa 1 and Casa 2 and Casa 3 as assigned

6:00pm – 6:30pm: Children who are half day and all day in Casa 1 and Casa 2 and Casa 3 as assigned

Coffee with Preethy

The *Coffee with Preethy* for April and May have been canceled.

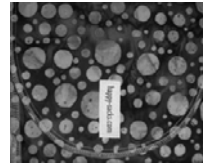
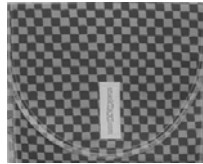
The Little Flowers Green Scene

Some families at our St. Louis Park school have found a new item to use at lunch. It is a *snackTAXI*.

SnackTAXIs are a great alternative to plastic bags and wraps, especially when just one reusable bag has the potential to eliminate an average of 1000 plastic bags over its life time!

SnackTAXIs come in two sizes, one for sandwiches and one for snacks. They come in many fun designs and are lined with coated nylon. SnackTAXIs can be machine washed and dried or simply wiped clean with a damp sponge.

They can be found at:
Linden Hills Natural Home
2822 West 43rd Street
Minneapolis, MN 55410
www.lindenhills.coop



Or a few websites to go to are www.snacktaxi.com, www.reusablebags.com or www.happy-sacks.com.

The Mother's Day Gathering

Every year we honor mothers by hosting a small brunch. This year the brunch will be on Friday, May 8.

Each room has a designated time for their brunch. It is very important to follow the times as we need to move around some tables and chairs and to have space in the parking lot for the next group.

The Toddler Community: 8:00am – 8:30am
Casa 2: 8:45am – 9:15am
Casa 3: 9:30am – 10:00am
Casa 1: 10:15am – 10:45am

Year End Celebration Information

Hopefully everyone changed the date on their calendars to *Saturday, May 2* at 10:30am (children must arrive at 10:00am).

The program will be held at FAIR School.
The address is 3915 Adair Ave. No., Crystal.

Directions from LFM:

Go east on Rockford Road to Adair Avenue North

At the stoplights, turn right (heading south) on Adair Avenue North

Continue straight until you reach the school, it will be on the right side

This venue is large so there is not a limit on the number of guests that each family may invite. You will be notified of where each Casa will be on the stage so you can sit accordingly. The front rows will be reserved for the families of the graduating Kindergarteners. Each graduating child's family will receive four reserved seats.

This year there will not be a professional videographer recording the entire program. If you choose to videotape the program, please be aware of the people surrounding you. During the program, please do not raise your camera in the air blocking the view of others. Also, there will not be a video yearbook for sale. Both of these changes are due to rising costs and the lack of interest last year.

The children have been working hard on this performance already. We all like to keep it a surprise for the families.

Every year some children get a "special part." Usually these parts are given to children who have experienced the program before and/or who are older than four years.

We want the program to be fun for everyone. Please be aware that not all of the children will want to participate. We are sensitive to this and plan for it. Your child's teacher will discuss with you if she thinks your child will not be able to participate for the entire length of the program. Your child may feel most comfortable watching his/her friends up on stage and singing along while sitting with you.

A potluck is planned for after the celebration back at Little Flowers Montessori School. Sign up sheets will be placed in the front table in the near future. Each room will be responsible for a certain type of dish. *If there is rain, the potluck will be canceled.*

Calendar

April 21 – Family Open House (please follow assigned times)

April 25 – Prospective Family Open House 9:00am – 11:00am

May 2 – Year End Celebration, 10:30am; Potluck to follow

May 8 – Mother's Day Gathering (please follow assigned times)

May 11 – Food Drive begins

May 13 – Stages Theater field trip for children who are 4½ years and older
(more information to follow)

May 22 – Food Drive ends

May 25 – Memorial Day; no school

May 28 – Kindergarten graduation

May 29 – Last day of school; school closes at 1:00pm

June 2 – First day of Summer school