



December 3, 2008

### **Montessori in the Home**

Thank you for attending the Parent Night last month. We hope that you found it informative and were able to implement some of the ideas in your home. The teachers are more than willing to answer any questions you may have.

### **The Food Drive**

The food drive was a great success! Thank you for donating the much needed food items.

This was a wonderful community building event for everyone to participate in one way or another. We plan to hold another one in the spring.

### **Feed My Starving Children**

The *Feed My Starving Children* (FMSC) Event is on **Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.**

We can expect to pack thousands of meals during our packing session, making a significant impact for the world's hungriest children. The average volunteer packs an entire box of food which feeds one child for more than seven months!

Each meal that we pack costs FMSC 17 cents. While that doesn't seem like much, it does add up quickly. Monetary donations are welcome from those who wish to contribute. There are also items that can be donated to keep FMSC running smoothly. These include: paper towels, bleach, laundry detergent, liquid hand soap, Dixie cups and hand sanitizer. Any donation is greatly appreciated and the gift of your time and energy will save lives.

Once you sign up, more information will follow. Thank you for joining us to do this important work!

#### Directions (see map on next page)

FROM 694: Go North on 81. At first stop light go LEFT on W. Broadway Ave. Just before the 694 underpass FMSC is on your left.

From 169 and 394: Go North on Highway 169. Go right on 63rd Ave. Go left on W. Broadway Ave. FMSC is located immediately after the 694 underpass on your right.



### **[www.littleflowersmn.org](http://www.littleflowersmn.org)**

Our website is up and running! It is a work in progress. As time goes on, it may change some due to the needs we have as a school and as a community. Currently, on the website we have information for prospective families, the school calendar and school newsletters.

### **Teacher Email Addresses**

In the next week or two, all teachers will have an email address. Please note that this email is not to be used for an immediate response to a question or concern that you have. All emails will be checked within 48 hours and responded to.

As a school, we value the time we have with your children. It may not always be possible for us to check the email during the day; that is why we ask that if you have a question that needs immediate response, please continue to call.

### **Birthday Invitation Etiquette**

When passing out invitations for your child's birthday, please mail them using the school directory. In the past there have been some children who have seen invitations at the coat hooks and then not understand why they were not invited to the party. In the best interest of the children, we ask that all invites be mailed. If the family is not listed in the directory, simply place a stamp on the envelope, write in the name and ask the child's teacher to address it.

### **A Celebration of the Winter Solstice**

On Friday, December 19, we plan to have a winter party for the children celebrating the Winter Solstice.

### **Macalester College – African Ensemble Concert**

This year we are once again invited to the concert for the African Ensemble course at Macalester College. This concert is meant for children who are in kindergarten and older. Because the children at Little Flowers are so well

behaved, the director has included children who are 4½ years and older. You will receive more information in January if your child is old enough to attend.

**January Tuition**

Please note that the January 2009 tuition is due by December 19. School will be closed and the mail will not be received until we open again January 5, 2009. *All checks will be deposited January 2.*

**Coffee with Preethy**

The December Coffee with Preethy has been cancelled.

**Calendar Notes**

December 13 – *Feed My Starving Children*, 4:30pm – 6:30pm

December 19 – A Celebration of the Winter Solstice (children’s winter party);  
January tuition due

December 22, 2008 – January 2, 2009 – Winter Break

January 5 – School resumes

January 19 – Martin Luther King Day; not school

January 21 – Macalester College Music field trip for children 4½ years and older

*A Montessori Minute*

Grace and Courtesy lessons, such as how to sneeze, how to walk around a working mat, or how to introduce yourself help the children with social skills and give them the words and movements to be confident and independent.