

# Montessori

## Children's Garden

October 2007 Newsletter

### School Pictures



Picture day is **November 8<sup>th</sup>**, and pictures will be taken beginning at 9:00. Siblings are welcome to have their pictures taken too.

### Field Trip

We will take a field trip to *K-9's With Class* on **Thursday, October 25**. We will walk over (it's in the building in front of the school) and the owner of *K-9's* will talk to the children about dog awareness and safety.

### Stories with the North Liberty Public Library!

A story teller from the North Liberty Public Library comes the first Monday of every month to read to the children in the morning as well as in the afternoon.



### Halloween Parade

We will have our annual Halloween parade to the library on Wednesday, October 31. We will begin the parade at 9:00. It typically has taken less than an hour. Please have your child in costume when they arrive at school and a labeled bag with their school clothes. We will swap the costumes and school clothes after the parade. Any help for a few minutes after the parade would be welcome. Let your child's teacher know if you would be willing to help.

Andria Gibson has generously donated Halloween bags for us to decorate for the parade. Any parent from Mrs. Honey's or Mrs. Harrison's class who would like to help decorate the bags on October 19<sup>th</sup>, please let them know.

### Holiday Fundraiser 2007

The Montessori Children's Garden will once again host their Annual Poinsettia and Wreath Holiday Fundraiser. Each family will be asked to sell beautiful poinsettias and balsam wreaths from November 2 through November 12. Please watch for a flyer and order forms to come. Four volunteers are needed to help with the distribution day on November 29 from 11:30-12:30 and/or 3:30-5:30. One volunteer is also needed to pick up the wreaths at the Belle Plaine Nursery on November 28. Please contact Alys Thoensen at 331-4233 if you can help with either of these dates. Thanks.

### Handbook Correction

It will be conference day on **November 13** instead of November 1. There will be **no school** on **November 13 and 21** because of parent-teacher conference.

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## A Montessori Birthday Tradition

Many Montessori schools encourage a 'reversal' of traditional birthday gift-giving, by the birthday child giving a gift to their classroom in recognition of another lap around the sun (their birthday). This could occur on the day of your child's school birthday celebration, as your child unwraps a beloved book to donate to the class. Daily, your child is reminded of their birthday generosity by seeing their gift used by their classmates.

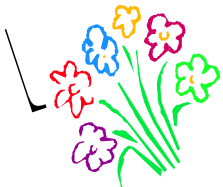


## Fire Safety

Valerie from the Red Cross was here on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> to talk to the kids about fire safety. She gave all the children an emergency paper to post by the phone. She also encouraged the children to find out where they would meet outside of the house in the event of a fire.

## Classroom Visitors

Jens and Jonah Dancer, former Montessori students, gave a very nice presentation on insects to the children. They showed live specimens as well as their large collection of pinned insects. They explained the differences between moths and butterflies, named the different body parts, and answered questions. Jens and Jonah are the children of Julie and Jeff Dancer. Their sister Jae is in Mrs. Jones' class and their grandma is Miss Jackie. They were also recently featured in the Iowa City Press Citizen for finding a two headed snake!



## Quotable Quotes

Child says, "My grandma got a bird the other day."

Teacher asks, "Oh really, do you know what kind of bird it is?"

Child responds, "I don't know. She said she got it at the golf course."

"I hit my arm on the bar of the monkeys."

"I'm not a big cheese liker but these are good."

Child says, "When I grow up I'm going to be an officer."

Teacher says, "Really? In the army?"

Child says, "No, in an office."

## THANKS!

Thank you to Ben and Katharine Lobas's parents for donating money towards the playground.

Thank you to Kristin Beckman (Max's mom) for bringing the boxes of paper.

Thanks to Denise Brotherton (Kirk's mom) for talking to Mrs. Honey's class about police officers.

Thank to Mary Gates (Ian's mom) for bringing in boxes and rolls of paper