

# Montessori Radmoor Newsletter

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Dear Sherry,

Thank you for taking a moment to review our February Newsletter. In addition to the important information below, please take a moment and review our February Activity Calendar and hot lunch menu by clicking on the links below. It is in a convenient PDF format for printing.

[Click here to view the February Activity Calendar](#)

[Click here to view the February/March hot lunch calendar](#)

## School News

### Math Workshop

#### *The Mathematical Mind and Montessori Materials*

All of the materials in a Montessori classroom are attractive and explored through multiple senses; however, the mathematics materials create a sense of awe and excitement in the children that is unparalleled. The materials provide concrete and independent work experiences for the children to comprehend the math operations, while encouraging their reasoning and logical thinking. Join primary and elementary staff members on **Saturday, February 6, 2010 from 9:00-12:30** to see first hand how these instructive materials attract the children's curiosity. Archana will cover the six groups of exercises in Mathematics at the Primary level, and then Heather and Christine will present the elementary continuum. Child care is available, please sign-up at the front desk by Thursday, February 4th.

**Please click here to enroll**

### School Closed

School will be closed on **Friday, February 12th and Monday, February 15th**, due to President's Day. We are also closed on **Tuesday, February 16th**; however, the teachers will be having a professional development day. **There is no childcare on these days.**

## Going Green

Becky Jo from Michigan Energy Options, a resource for Sierra Club for elementary programs, will be coming to talk to our elementary students on February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1-3.

She will discuss energy options such as: renewable energy, energy sources, and how to help our planet's sustainability. There is no cost for this program.

## Readmissions

You will be receiving your readmission forms for the 2010-2011 school year in your family mailboxes mid-February. You are encouraged to observe in the classrooms in preparation for your child's placement next year. This can be scheduled at the front desk. If you have any questions or concerns regarding next year, please make an appointment to meet with Susie.

## Half Day

We are having a half day on Friday, February 19th, to prepare for our open house on Saturday, February 20th. If you are available to help clean in your teachers classroom, please talk with them individually. If you need childcare and have not yet signed up, please check with the front desk for availability.

## Open House

We will be having an open house for prospective parents on Saturday, February 20th. If you know of anyone that would be interested in our school, this is a great opportunity for them to visit. We currently have three openings in our primary (ages 3-6) classrooms.

## Development Connection



### 'After Hours' Auction Information

We are pleased to announce that our 2010 'After Hours' auction will be held at **Walnut Hills Country Club** on **Saturday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m.**

- **Jake and Maxine Ferris - A week stay (July 3-10) in a Victorian town house in Chelsea/London, England.**
- P.F. Chang's China Bistro - Gift Certificate toward dinner
- Valvoline Instant Oil Change - Gift Certificates for an oil change
- Funtyme - Passes to Adventure Golf
- Bottom's Up - Gift Certificate for merchandise
- Ten Pound Fiddle - Gift Certificate for a performance
- Trippers - Gift Certificates for two hours of pool and one appetizer
- Common Ground Festival - Two tickets to the day of your choice at the Music Festival
- Elbinger Studios - Two gift certificates for a portrait session and one 8x10
- Okemos Ace Hardware - Holidayhome decor package

If you are able to assist in any way, please contact Melinda Schultz at [mschultz@okemosmontessori.com](mailto:mschultz@okemosmontessori.com).

### Scrip Orders Due

Please have your scrip orders submitted by **Wednesday, February 17th**. Thank you for your continued support of this program.

## Elementary News

### Service Day

On **Thursday, February 11th**, from 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., the elementary community will be going to **Burcham Hills Retirement Home** to deliver Valentine's Day cards and provide companionship to the residents.

### Ice Skating Party

On **Wednesday, February 17th**, from 1:30 p.m. - 2:50 p.m., the elementary community will go skating at **Suburban Ice** in East Lansing.



### Bagel Breakfast

On **Friday, February 26th**, please join the elementary community as they hold their monthly bagel breakfast in the gym. Due to your generosity, the elementary students were able to make a \$436.98 donation to the American Red Cross for Haitian Aid. Your support of the students and the global community is greatly appreciated.

## PGA News



Please join us for our next PGA coffee on **Thursday, February 18th**. Neeshan Mehretu, a former parent, staff member, and Certified Health Counselor will be our guest speaker and will discuss integrative nutrition and holistic medicine. We are lucky to have her share her expertise so please come for as long as your schedule allows. We would love to see some new faces so if you haven't had a chance to attend a coffee yet this year, this is a wonderful opportunity to do so.

## Radmoor Alumni Panel




On **Tuesday, January 12th**, we had a wide array of alumni, from a 5<sup>th</sup> grader in Williamston to an MSU Junior, who were eager to answer parent's questions regarding transitioning from the Montessori environment. Here are some comments made by parents who attended the meeting:

**"I continue to be amazed at how well the alumni communicate and their ability to focus and stay on topic. The children were able to look back at their experience at Radmoor and attribute individual lessons that carried forward and continue to help them in a learning environment. I was impressed that Jay, the alumni attending MSU, was able to reflect back and understand that self-motivation is the best tool one can have for continued education, and that he felt Montessori aided or supported the growth of self-motivation. It appeared to me that their experience at Radmoor has given them the tools to take responsibility for their own education. I left the meeting feeling very encouraged for the children and the Montessori program.**

**The children speak with such genuine sincerity about themselves, their strengths, weaknesses and interests--I find this to be the most rewarding accomplishment. I have attended two panel groups and appreciated their suggestion about getting involved in the community/school system, such as OAKS and other outside sports programs, so that your children can get to know future classmates."**

**Joan Johnson**



**"What an opportunity to learn from our intelligent, thoughtful, and articulate graduates! It will be a sad day when it is our turn to move on from Radmoor, but we appreciate all the guidance in the meantime."**

**Jessica Moy**

**Susie Hyatt**

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