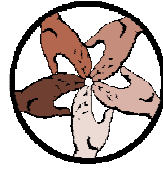


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## MAY 2009 PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

### EVENTS TO TAKE NOTE OF IN MAY 2009:

**May 5, 2009:** Cinco de Mayo acknowledged.

**May 8, 2009:** Minimum Day. School ends at 12:00 pm. No daycare.

**May 11, 12 and 13, 2009:** Parent Teacher Conferences. No school.

Daycare only for Full Day students.

**May 19, 2009:** San Jose Parent Information Meeting: Mathematics.

**May 21, 2009:** Africa Immersion Day.

Pope Flynn, drummer and Alcina, belly dancer.

**May 25, 2009:** Memorial Day. No school. No daycare.

**May 27, 2009:** Stephen Kent, the Didjeridu player.

**May 28, 2009:** Australia immersion Day.

**May 29, 2009:** Last day to turn in any written changes for summer school.

### CINCO DE MAYO



We will acknowledge Cinco de Mayo on **Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**.

### MINIMUM DAY

**Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** is a minimum day. School will end at 12:00 pm. There will be no school and no daycare in the afternoon.



### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences for all Primary students who are returning next year or graduating from the program will be scheduled as follows:

For Primary 1, 2, and 3:

**Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

For Primary 4:

**Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

We expect both parents to attend the conference. The sign-up sheets are posted on the classroom door (Santa Clara) or on the bulletin board outside the classroom door (San Jose). Since we encourage both parents to attend conferences, you are welcome to bring your child and s/he may visit with the teachers for no charge. **Please write down the date and time of your conference and try to arrive 15 minutes early so that you have time to review your child's conference report prior to meeting with the teachers.**

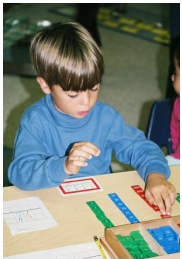
Please remember that your conference runs for its scheduled period of time. If you are late, that will make your conference shorter. We must keep to our schedule so that we don't inconvenience parents who need to return to work. If you discover that you cannot attend your conference, **PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.**

**All parents should note:**

There will be no school on conference days. Daycare is provided for the Full Day students as part of their program.

If we have enough staff and you need daycare on that day, we may be able to accommodate your child. Please check with the office about available space. Because daycare is reserved for Full Day students, you will be charged at the Full Day rate for these days (\$73/day). The charge will appear on your next statement.

## SAN JOSE - PARENT INFORMATION MEETING



The San Jose site has rescheduled their Parent Information Meeting about Montessori Mathematics to **Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** at 3:30 pm. For those interested, there is a sign-up sheet in the lobby. We need a minimum of 8 people for the meeting to occur. Childcare will be available upon request. Cost is \$15.00 per hour/per child.

## AFRICA IMMERSION DAY



On **Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** we will have Africa Immersion Day. We need help with our celebration. Please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible if you or someone you

know would like to talk about Africa. We would also appreciate any assistance you may be able to offer with African food, recipes, artifacts, pictures or slides.

## DRUMMER AND BELLY DANCER



On **Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**, in support of our African Immersion Day, the children will enjoy both an African drummer and a

Egyptian belly dancer to expose them to African cultural experiences.

## MEMORIAL DAY



School will be closed **Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** for Memorial Day. There will be no school and no daycare.

## DIDJERIDU DREAMTIME



In support of our study of Australia, on **Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** we will explore the ancient magic of the Australian aboriginal didgeridoo with a performance by Stephen Kent. The Didgeridoo is a long, termite-hollowed, wooden

trumpet made from a eucalyptus tree trunk that has been played by aborigines in their traditional cultures for millennia. Stories from the Dreamtime (Aboriginal culture before the colonization of Australia) are mixed with live music, audience participation, cultural history, and a lesson in circular breathing. Stephen Kent's entertaining and accessible style is sure to inspire understanding of the connection between the Now and the Dreamtime.

## AUSTRALIA IMMERSION DAY



On **Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>** we will have Australia Immersion Day. We need help with our celebration. Please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible if you or someone you know would like to talk about

Australia. We would also appreciate any assistance you may be able to offer with Australian food, recipes, artifacts, pictures or slides.

## LAST TWO WEEKS OF JUNE

Daycare is available for the last two weeks of June for Full Day students; this is included in their program. However, if we have space, we will accommodate School Day and Half Day students who need care on those days.

All parents who plan to utilize the two weeks of daycare in June (regardless of program), need to sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board so that we can staff accordingly. Please indicate the days you will be needing daycare and the hours you will be dropping off and picking up your child. Because daycare is reserved for Full Day students, you will be charged at the Full Day rate for these days (\$73/day). The charge will appear on your next statement.

## GRADUATION



Graduation

Amazing as it may seem, graduation is right around the corner. This year it will be held on **Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am** at the San Jose campus.

After the ceremony, parents and graduates will join the teachers for a special lunch.

Graduating students will have specific projects in which they will be involved, including choosing, memorizing and reciting a poem. You can help your graduate get started on that poem now.

Remember that your graduate will need to wear his/her One World t-shirt, white shorts, skirt or pants, white socks and **plain** white shoes.

## DONATIONS DUE

Your family's \$200 donation to the school is now due. If you haven't already done so, please turn in your donation to the office. Each family is contractually obligated to make this donation, which is 100% tax-deductible. This money will go directly to our scholarship fund to help those families who are struggling financially.

## HOT LUNCH (Santa Clara Campus)



There will be 9 hot lunches for the School Day students: 2 Mondays, 3 Wednesdays and 4 Fridays.

There will be 11 hot lunches for the Full Day students: 3 Mondays, 4 Wednesdays and 4 Fridays.

## 50/50 RAFFLE FOR JR. HIGH

Thanks to all of you who purchased tickets for the Junior High's latest fundraiser – the 50/50 raffle. They raised over \$400 for their trip to Washington, D.C. this spring!

Congratulations to the following winners:

Kalina family – raffle winner (over \$400)  
Arbizu family – barbeque set  
Khemani family – set of collector cards  
Joshi family – gardening set

## HELP THE RAINFOREST



Thank you so much to all of you who have purchased apparel in our effort to save the rainforest. With our collective purchase, OWM has saved 16 acres of Malagasy rainforest!

## SUMMER SCHOOL



Please remember that any changes to your child's summer school enrollment must be received in writing by **May 29<sup>th</sup>**. After that date, you will be financially responsible for all sessions in which you have enrolled your child, whether or not s/he attends.

## A NOTE OF APPRECIATION



## SANTA CLARA

Thank you to all the parents who donated eggs and goodies for our Easter Egg hunt.

Thank you to the Venkatraman-Parasuraman and Jones families for their donation towards the beautification of the deck, to the Cudzinovic family for donating jars for our special project and bird food. Thank you to Nataliya Husar, Vijay Natarajan, Su Pyun, Sandar Win, Mehul Dholakia, Aarathi Raghu, Shama Chaudhari and Nanci Rice for driving the older children back and forth between the Santa Clara and San Jose campus for the Earth Day practice.

### **SAN JOSE**

Thank you to the Nguyen-Fell family for donating money toward the purchase of materials and the Lindorfer family for donating a book in honor of Angelina's birthday. Thanks to Kiet Do for donating his time and talent by photographing our environment for our new student transition books.

### **JUNE PREVIEW**

**June 12, 2009:** Last day of school. End of the year picnic. School ends at 12:00 noon. No school. No daycare in the afternoon.

**June 15, 2009:** Primary graduation .

**June 15 to 26, 2009:** No School. Daycare only.

## **HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER**

### **SUMMER 2009 PREVIEW**

**June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 3, 2009:** No school. No daycare.

**July 6, to August 28, 2009:** Summer School.

**August 31 to September 8, 2009:** School is closed. No daycare.

**September 9, 2009:** Welcome back to school

