

The Montessorigram

California Montessori Project - Elk Grove Campus

Montessori Meets NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards)

Originally shared with the Orangevale Campus, I wanted to take this opportunity to share this information with our Elk Grove learning community.

Maria Montessori was a physician in Italy and began developing her worldwide educational approach through a scientist's eyes. Dr. Montessori observed children and noted how they learned and what attracted them. She saw clearly that children are drawn to learning, enjoy real life experience, and desire to be a contributing member of their family and community.

Through her observations, she continuously developed new manipulative materials that students in Montessori schools use to understand abstract concepts. Dr. Montessori developed materials for the younger children to define and refine the senses, because it is through the sense of touch, sight, smell, hearing and taste

that children learn about their environment.

"I have studied the child. I have taken what the child has given me and expressed it, and that is what is called the Montessori Method." ~ Maria Montessori

Through their interaction with nature, children develop both an appreciation and a desire to protect their environment. Dr. Montessori believed that there must be provision for the child to have contact with nature; to understand and appreciate the order, the harmony and the beauty of nature. Science has always been a strength in Montessori education. Recently, in conjunction with CommonCore curriculum, the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) has been developed and adopted by the state of California. Ms. Karen (Upper Elementary teacher) and other CMP

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science mentors have been meeting as a committee, as well as attending trainings, to integrate these standards into our CMP science curriculum. Focusing on interactive activities, the NGSS curriculum will enrich our Montessori curriculum even more.

~Ms. Kathleen.

Winter Break Office Hours

All CMP Network operations will be closed after the early dismissal on December 15th. They will also be closed December 25, 2017 thru January 1, 2018. The office and Club M will reopen on January 2, 2018.

During our winter break, the school office hours will be modified, and intersession will be held at the Bradshaw site.

School office hours from December 18- 22, 2017 and January 2-5, 2018:

- EG Site – 7:00am - 3:00pm
- BR Site – 7:00am – 6:00pm

Holiday Card Winner is Announced



The winner of the annual CMP Holiday Card Contest is Brandon P.



Scripps National Spelling Bee and CMP

The national spelling bee was founded in 1925 and has been held continuously since, except during the World War II years of 1943, 1944, and 1945. Under the guidance of Ms. Karen (Upper Elementary teacher), the Elk Grove campus has been participating in the Scripps National Spelling Bee for over 5 years.

Forty-six students in 3rd thru 8th grades from *both Elk Grove Campus sites* practiced weekly

for over a month to prepare for the big day.

Mickey Slamkowski, CMP Director of Program (and former Elk Grove Campus Principal), was our guest judge.

The winner of the school spelling bee is invited to participate in the regional qualification round.

We would like to congratulate Marwa, a 6th grade student, on

winning the spelling bee with the word "dragoon". We wish her all of the best as she represents CMP Elk Grove at the regionals.



Square1Art Fundraiser: *Thank You!*

Thank you for participating in the Square1Art fundraiser! By preserving your child's art on memorable keepsakes, you have helped contribute to both the school and your child's self-esteem. Thanks for your support.

And throughout the year, if you need to order more keepsakes for special occasions, holidays,

or those hard-to-buy-for family members, simply go to the square1art.com/shop and enter the art access code from your catalog, and select the art and item wanted. CMP, Elk Grove will benefit from orders all year long! Again, thank you for your support!

Dress Code During Winter ~ It's Getting Cold Outside

We encourage the children to wear layers of clothing to school. Sweatshirts and sweaters that are dress code can be worn in class, jackets and coats are worn outside. Please be sure to label everything that comes to school. Also, please remember that all items in Lost and Found will be donated at the end of each month.

Sweatshirts and Sweaters: Solid colors, same as the uniform tops: plain or with CMP logo.

- Outside jackets are not permitted as classroom wear. Provide an indoor sweatshirt or sweater in dress code colors (solid white, navy, burgundy, light blue).

Bottoms: Plain solid-color cotton pants, skirts, shorts, capris, skorts, and jumpers: khaki, burgundy, or navy blue.

- NO denim/jeans, leggings (as pants), nylon or stretch material permitted except on free dress Fridays.
- Leggings worn under skirts are to be solid-color khaki, navy blue, brown, white or black.
- Shorts and skirts must be as long as the student's finger tips when arms are at their sides.

Socks/Tights: Socks and tights are to be white, navy blue, black, grey, or brown. No bright colors or designs except for free dress.

Headbands should be a simple band Monday-Thursday, headband with accessories (ears, flowers, etc.) can be worn on free dress days, unless they become distractions.

Winter Clothing Swap

Are you looking for some gently worn school clothes for your child?

Has your child outgrown some of his or her dress code school clothes?

If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, please come check out the clothing swap table at the BR site on Friday, December 15th between 8:00 am and 12:00 pm.

If you are interested in donating to the clothing swap, please send in your freshly laundered dress code clothes to the school's office on Thursday, December 14th.

The clothing swap table will only be "open" during the time identified. December 15th is a minimum day with no club M available and the school office will be closing immediately after students are dismissed.

Tutoring and After School Activities



We will be sending out information regarding tutoring and other after school programs for both sites shortly. Please keep an eye out for due dates, as the office will not be open every day during the winter break. Thank you!

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Every Day Counts!

Attendance Rate for 11/30/17 to 12/6/17

94.52%

-.38 difference from the last reported week

Upcoming Important Dates:

12/12 – Principal's Café
 @BR at 9:00

12/14 – 7 Habits Training
 @BR at 9:00am **(LAST ONE FOR THE YEAR!)**

12/14 – Clothing donations
 due for Winter Clothing Swap

12/15 – Winter Clothing
 Swap @BR 8:00-12:00

12/15 – Minimum Day-K-3rd
 dismissal at 11:45; 4th-8th
 dismissal at 12:00 – **NO PM CLUB M.**

12/18-12/22 – School
 CLOSED/Club M
 OPEN/School Office OPEN

12/25-1/1 – Network Closure
 – School CLOSED/Club M
 CLOSED/School Office
 CLOSED

1/2-1/5 – School CLOSED/Club
 M OPEN/Office OPEN

1/8 – School Resumes!! ☺

