

# The Montessorigram

California Montessori Project - Elk Grove Campus

## Renewed Energy

Last week, I participated in our annual Principals' Retreat. For three days, I met with other CMP Principals, our Director of Program Mickey Slamkowski, and our Executive Director Gary Bowman. We used this opportunity to plan for the upcoming school year, share our School Vision, and discuss and explore ways in which we can continue to provide a *Montessori First* program for our students.

As with any opportunity to meet with colleagues, share ideas, and discuss program, those three days we were immersed in discussion and our time was well spent. I left the Principals' Retreat with renewed energy and inspiration, and look forward to continuing to serve our community in the best possible way!

Some of you may even have heard that my "renewed energy" included a run with our upper elementary students earlier this week as they ran the mile during PE. While I may have been the last to finish, the support, encouragement, and enthusiasm the children showed me was heartwarming. I will definitely be running with them again!

~ Ms. Kathleen



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## Why Do We Have a Four-Day Weekend?

*Why do the children have Friday and Monday off from school?*

Washington's Birthday officially honors the life and work of George Washington, the first President of the United States. The day commemorates past presidents of the United States of America. Washington's Birthday is sometimes known as Presidents' Day.

Washington's Birthday was first celebrated as a holiday in the District of Columbia in 1880. It was made a federal holiday in 1885. The holiday was originally held on the anniversary of George Washington's birth, on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. In 1971, this holiday was moved to the third Monday in February. This holiday is legally designated as "Washington's Birthday". Though some institutions such as state and local

governments and private businesses may use other names, it is the federal government's policy to always refer to holidays by the names designated by the law. Some states pay particular attention to Abraham Lincoln, as his birthday was also in mid-February.

CMP has chosen to honor both holidays by closing school the Friday after Lincoln's Birthday and on Washington's Birthday.

# Please Join Us for a Parent Engagement Event



## Maximizing Your Child's Learning By Optimizing the Home-School Partnership

Presentation By: Jonathan Wolff

Please join us on February 26, 2018 @5:30pm at the  
Bradshaw site for a special guest speaker



**Jonathan Wolff**  
B.A. degree in Secondary Education  
from Temple University

*"The greatest sign of success for a teacher... is to be able to say, 'The children are now working as if I did not exist.'"*

—*Maria Montessori*

**Parent Education Workshop** is a presentation that helps parents navigate the challenges of child-raising in the modern world. Strategies for effective parenting are presented in an interactive format, one rich with insight and humor. Parents come away with a renewed sense of confidence and clarity. Includes Handouts.

Please RSVP to Vanessa at  
[vpflaum@cacmp.org](mailto:vpflaum@cacmp.org) by February 23, 2018.

## Academic Talent Search

Are you interested in getting a taste of the college experience? Academic Talent Search (ATS) offers 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders (grade level as of Jan. 1, 2018) exciting summer courses at Sacramento State that you pick for yourself! Choose from classes like All the World's a Stage, Algebra 1, LEGO Robotics, Neuropsychology, Video Game Development, and many others.

At ATS, you can spend your summer doing what you love, take classes on a university campus, and make new friends who share your interests and passion for learning!

To join these interactive and hands-on classes, you need to take the ATS Qualifying Exam. The test only takes an

hour and there is no pass or fail, so there's no need to stress! You **MUST** take the test to apply for classes, but you don't have to apply if you change your mind. **The Qualifying Exam will be offered in March at the Bradshaw site.** Be on the lookout for more information in the next few weeks.

# “Y” is for Yearbook!

Yearbooks for the 2017-2018 school year are now available to be ordered at [Yearbookmarket.com](http://Yearbookmarket.com).

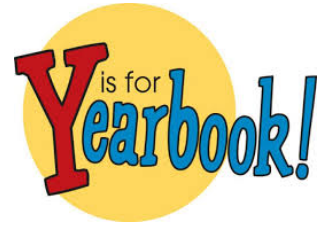
Order by February 22 to get the Early Bird Price of \$25.00. Late Orders (2/23-3/25) will cost \$30.00

8<sup>th</sup> grade Ad Space Information:

- 1/4 page 1/25-2/22 \$10.00

- 1/2 page 1/25-2/22 \$20.00
- Full page 1/25-2/22 \$40.00

Ms. Dennette has started working on the yearbook. She is asking that parents email her ([ddakis@cacmp.org](mailto:ddakis@cacmp.org)) any pictures from fieldtrips or school events that you may have taken to be added to the classroom and events pages.



## Annual Art Walk: April 19th

Please join us on April 19<sup>th</sup> for our Annual Art Walk! This family friendly event is one of the highlights of our year as students, families, and staff enjoy displays of the children’s artwork, live performances from our talented student body, and a craft market ambiance highlighting the wares of our enterprising students. The student vendor booths have become a staple of our Art Walk, as the children display their creativity and entrepreneur skills. We hope you are able to join us for this fun and entertaining event.



# Fundraising Updates

## *Jump to Fundraise*



## *School Cents*

Thank you to everyone for your support of our School Cents Fundraising efforts! We are excited to share that CMP-EG has been invited to perform at the Final Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm at Arden Fair Mall. Our school will receive an additional 20,000 bonus points for participating in the ceremony. More details will be coming as we are currently in the process of confirming which class will represent CMP-EG at the event.

**arden fair**  
**SCHOOL CENTS**  
 January & February Newsletter

Shop these stores in January and receive TRIPLE points for your school:  
 Abercrombie & Fitch, Auntie Anne's, Brighton Collectibles and LUSH

Shop these stores in February and receive TRIPLE points for your school:  
 Aldo, Buckle, GameStop, Teavana and True Religion

**arden fair**  
**kids club!**  
 Earn 1,000 bonus points for attending Arden Fair Kid's Club\*

Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> | 10am - 11am  
 Kick off the New Year with Trevor Wyatt Magic!

Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> | 10am - 11am  
 Celebrate Chinese New Year and enjoy a traditional lion dance from Eastern Ways Martial Arts!

\*Check in at the Arden Fair table in Center Court to earn your points.

If you have any questions, please call the School Cents Coordinators at (800) 762-1641.  
 ardenfair.com • www.marketingguru.com

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## Every Day Counts!

Attendance Rate for 2/9/18-2/15/18

**95.19%**

**+0.97 difference from last reported week!**

**Great job, everyone...because we know...  
EVERY DAY COUNTS!!!**

## Upcoming Important Dates:

**2/15** – Pennies for Patients ends

**2/16** – School Closed/Club M Open

**2/19** – School Closed/Club M Closed/Office Closed

**2/20** – Principal's Café  
**Canceled**

**2/21** – Early Release Day -K-3rd dismissal at 11:45am; 4th-8<sup>th</sup> dismissal at 12:00pm

**2/22** – Cultural Showcase (will begin at 8:30 am @both sites, contact site for specific information)

**2/23** – Vision and Hearing Screening for grades K, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> @ BR

**2/24** – Parent Work Party – Library Workday @BR from 11:00-4:00 (children welcome)

**2/26** – Parent Engagement Event: Guest Speaker - Jonathan Wolff @BR at 5:30

**3/1** – CAC Meeting @BR at 5:30

**3/1** – Rockin Jump Fundraiser 4:00-8:00

**3/2** – Read Across America/Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebrations @both sites

**3/7** – Trait Assembly: *Perseverance*

**3/7** – Early Release Day -K-3rd dismissal at 11:45am; 4th-8<sup>th</sup> dismissal at 12:00pm

**3/8** – Middle School Dinner Theater @BR at 5:30

**3/9** – Vision and Hearing Screening for grades K and 2<sup>nd</sup> @ EG

