

The Montessorigram

California Montessori Project - Elk Grove Campus

Maria Montessori and Courage

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Each month, the students and staff attend a Trait Assembly to kick of the character trait of the month. Typically held on the first Early Release Day of each month, identified classes may share a performance, video, written message, or pieces of art they have created with the rest of the school about what this trait means to them. Teachers then incorporate lessons and art activities in their weekly plans with the children to further explore the Trait of the Month.

In honor of Maria Montessori's birthday, the Elk Grove Campus

chose the trait *courage* for the month of August and held assemblies this week (yesterday and today) to discuss how Maria Montessori demonstrated amazing *courage* in her lifetime.

Classes presented their assembly on Maria Montessori, reviewing the timeline of her life, presenting a Great Lesson "readers theater", and highlighting moments she showed *courage*.

Maria Montessori was a courageous woman and historical figure. She pursued a career as a doctor when society and her father disapproved of it. She attended and

graduated from medical school when others laughed at her. She believed that all children could learn when others said they could not. She spoke to the world and advocated Montessori education around the world because she believed that all students could learn if given the right materials with which to work. She worked up until she died to promote peace for the world and education for all children. We are thankful for Dr. Maria Montessori.

Thank you as always for your support of our students, teachers, and staff.

~ Ms. Kathleen

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Dr. Maria Montessori

Elk Grove Multi-Cultural Festival

Thank you to the teachers and families who volunteered their time on August 26th, to work the CMP table at the Elk Grove Multi-Cultural Festival. The day was a warm one (okay, it was really hot), but that didn't stop families from enjoying the music, food, and many vendors at the festival.

Our volunteers were able to speak to many families about charter schools, Montessori education, and more specifically CMP-Elk Grove. It was a fun day! Again, thank you to our wonderful volunteers for all of your help, and to those who stopped by to say, "Hi!". It was great spending the day with you!



Student Health and Safety Policy

Many children have already been sick this year. Below are a few reminders of CMP's policy to keep everyone as healthy and safe as possible.

The following is a summary of health guidelines that the school is required to abide by:

1. It is the policy of The California Montessori Project to allow students to attend school when they have minor allergies.
2. Any contagious illnesses, including vomiting and diarrhea, and/or a fever of 100°F or higher require the student to be absent from school. **The child must remain symptom-free for twenty-four hours, without medication, prior to returning to school.**

Contagious illnesses require that the student has been on an approved course of medication for at least twenty-four hours prior to returning to school along with a doctor's note indicating that the student is no longer contagious and is ready to return to school. Please be conscious of these policies and take the other children and staff into consideration in this regard.

Medication:

1. When any prescribed medication needs to be given to a child, the school must have written permission and instructions from the parent and the child's doctor before school staff can administer the medication. A Medical Alert form and a

Permission to Administer Medication form may be obtained from the school office.

2. Over-the-Counter medication may not be administered by school staff unless a written note from the child's doctor gives specific dosages and directions. For safety reasons, children may NOT carry over-the-counter medications with them, such as throat lozenges, cough drops, cortisone cream, and the like.

For more information, you can access the CMP Family Handbook on our district homepage.

CMP Volleyball Season is Here

It's that time of year again! CMP Volleyball season is starting soon and students in 4th thru 8th grades are invited to sign-up for the CMP-Elk Grove Campus Volleyball Team.

Sign-up information can be found on the school website. Sign-up forms are due back to the school office by **Friday, September 8, 2017.**

****UNFORTUNATELY, LATE SIGN UPS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED****

Additionally, we are looking for volunteers to coach our volleyball team(s). As with all volunteer opportunities that involve working directly with the children, the coaches must have the necessary clearances (Live scan, TB test, 7 Habits training). Your student does not need to be on the volleyball team for a parent or guardian to be a coach.

Typically, players practice once or twice a week, with games being on Mondays. The game schedule is still being finalized, however, it is likely that the Carmichael Campus will host in the small gym.

If you are interested in volunteering as a coach, please contact the school office @BR at 916-714-9699. We can't provide this opportunity to the children without your support. Thank you!

Annual Family Picnic and Clothing Swap

Friday, Sept. 15, 2017

5-7pm @ Elk Grove Site

All CMP Families welcome!

Hosted by PTFC, enjoy a family night with the CMP community! Bring a picnic dinner and mingle with other parents, teachers, and staff! There will be representatives from CMP's after-school and fundraising programs. You can also bring

gently used clothing for the FREE clothing swap. CMP will be providing free Kona Ice for all CMP students.

Also, the Mobile Live Scan will be available from 5:30-6:30 for \$45. We hope to see you there!

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Attendance Rate for 8/24/17 – 8/30/17:

97.9%

Initial Parent Meetings

Yesterday was our first of two minimum days set aside for initial parent meeting days to allow teachers and parents the opportunity to touch base with parents early in the school year. Our next one is **next Wednesday, September 6th**. **If you haven't already scheduled your meeting, please contact your child's classroom teacher.** These meetings are especially important for those students in a transition grade or starting out with a new teacher, but it is also beneficial for returning families to reconnect with their child's teacher and learn about what the expectations will be for the upcoming year.

Teachers have received the following guidelines to assist with the discussion topics. Please note that assessment data will not be shared at this time, as teachers are allowing time for students to acclimate (Normalize) into the classroom routine before doing all the academic assessments.

At the October parent/teacher conferences, the report card template and grading rubrics will be shared with parents, although the primary purpose of these meetings will be to discuss your child's progress up to that point. The first report card will then be sent home on November 17.

Please access the CMP Network Calendar on the website for all reporting and conference dates, but do contact us if you continue to have questions.

Upcoming Important Dates:

8/31 – Maria Montessori's Birthday!

8/31 – PTFC Meeting @BR – *ALL ARE INVITED*

9/4 – School, Club M, and Office Closed – Labor Day Holiday

9/6 – Trait Assembly: *Peace*
@both sites at 10:30

9/6 – Minimum Day – Initial Parent Meetings (cont.)

9/6 – CAC Meeting @BR at 5:30

9/7 – Touch of Understanding Fieldtrip @EG

9/7 – Tech Night @BR 5:30-RS, 6:00-Ren Place, and 6:30 – Learning.com

9/8 – Touch of Understanding @BR (Tanz, Garnet, Topaz, and Peridot)

9/8 – Volleyball Sign-up Forms are Due

9/9 – GBM @CARM at 6:30

9/10 – 7 Habits @EG at 5:00

9/14 – Touch of Understanding @BR (Turq, Onyx, Serpentine, and Jade)

9/15 – Touch of Understanding @BR (Jasper, Quartz, and Malachite)/

9/15 – Family Picnic and Clothing Swap @EG from 5:00-7:00

9/15 – 7 Habits Training @EG at 7:00

