

The Montessorigram

California Montessori Project - Elk Grove Campus

A Month of Peace

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As you know, each month, the students and staff attend a Trait Assembly to kick off 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 on 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 September 21st being recognized as the International Day of Peace, for September our character trait focus is on *PEACE*.

Merriam-Webster's Learner's online dictionary defines *PEACE*, as a state of tranquility or quiet, and freedom from disquieting or oppressive thoughts or emotions.

Students in the Emerald, Topaz, and Turquoise classes shared what *PEACE* means to them with the student body during our Trait Assemblies. The Emerald class students read

their definition of *PEACE* and planted *PEACE* Doves in the quad area; inviting others to do the same.

Students in the Topaz and Turquoise classes sang and signed the song, "Love in Any Language". The children formed two lines, back-to-back, down the center of the room, facing the classes. It was beautiful!

We ask that you to take some time during the month of September to discuss with your child what *PEACE* means to them, and identify the ways in which they demonstrate *PEACE* each and every day.

~ Ms. Kathleen

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Art Program: *Meet the Masters*



We are excited to announce that the Elk Grove Campus (both sites) will be launching the *Meet The Masters* art program this school year! We are

looking for one parent volunteer per class to serve as the Art Docent. As the Art Docent you will lead the class in art projects inspired by art masters past and present. An **art background is not required**, just willing hands and time to give. We will teach you step by step how to lead the art activity and the

time commitment is only a couple of hours per month! This is a wonderful way to complete your volunteer hours while greatly enriching our children's exposure to creativity and imagination. If you wish to serve as the Art Docent for your child's class please contact your child's teacher!

PTFC Announcements

We still need **Class Parent Reps** for the following classrooms: ***Malachite, Onyx, Sapphire, and Turquoise.*** Please let us know if you are willing to help.

- **Tuesday, September 12** is our next **Harvest Festival planning at 6pm at Bradshaw campus.**
- **Friday, September 15** is the **CMP Family Picnic** – bring a meal for your family and a blanket or chairs and come enjoy getting to know CMP staff and other families. **Kona Ice** will be available for CMP Students. There will also be Live Scan services available and a 7 Habits class – all at the Elk Grove Site.
- **Thursday, September 21** is our next **PTFC Meeting** at 6pm at Elk Grove Site.
- **Thursday, September 28** is our first **Chuck E Cheese Fundraising Night**– look for flyers around the school and in student folders.

- **Saturday, October 21** is our **Harvest Festival:** 10-2 at Bradshaw. Carnival Games, Raffle Prizes, Photo Booth, Chili Cook-Off, Craft Booth, Music, and more! Plan to come have fun and bring family and friends too!
 - *SEEKING a Grand Prize idea or donation for our Raffle!!! Please contact Lonnie for more information: lonniebiehl@jbfsale.com*

This may not sound like much, but in 2015-2016 school year, the school raised \$1,580 on BoxTops alone. In 2016-2017 school year, the school raised \$1,363.30 due greatly to our parents' contributions.



Ongoing Fundraising Highlight:



BoxTops for Education and Tyson Project A+ are two programs our school participates. For each BoxTop, our school receives 10¢. For Each Tyson Project A+ label, the school receives 24¢.

Tyson Project A+ is a new label collection program to our school. As a parent, you just need to buy a Tyson chicken product with the Project A+ symbol. Clip the label and turn it in the same container as the BoxTops. Most Tyson chicken products would have this label, with a few exceptions.

Vote for Your CAC Parent Rep



As you read in last week's Montessorigram, we are pleased to announce that we have two candidates for the Parent Representative position of Campus Advisory Council; Anastasia Herrera-Tan and Jason Rancadore.

Ballots (and bios) will be available at the school office (both sites) until 6:00 PM on Friday, September 15, 2017.

Please select your candidate by placing a check mark before their name.

We thank both of these candidates for their interest in representing their parent community!

National School Attendance Month

As we continue our focus on school attendance for the month of September, did you know that missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) of school can make it hard for your child to learn to read? Did you know that students can still fall behind if they miss *just* a day or two days every few weeks? Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school – and themselves.

Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work. Here is a quick list of ideas from attendancesworks.org on what you can do to support school attendance:

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.



**Strive for Less
Than 3 Absences!**

- Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly ill.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

Attendance Rate for 9/7/17 – 9/13/17:

96.9%

+1.1 difference



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September & October Newsletter

Shop these stores in
September and receive **TRIPLE**
points for your school:

Forever 21, Janie and Jack,
LUSH, MAC Cosmetics,
and Seasons 52

Shop these stores in
October and receive **TRIPLE**
points for your school:

BJ's Restaurant | Brewhouse,
Disney, Fly Zone by Kids Foot Locker,
Gap Kids, and Icing

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kids club!

Earn 1,000 bonus points for attending Arden Fair Kid's Club*

Saturday, September 9th | 10am - 11am

Join us for Minute To Win It games with Trevor!

Saturday, October 14th | 10am - 11am

Wear your costumes and join us for Halloween crafts with the Craftketeers!
No masks please. Mall trick or treating is not permitted.

**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.
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Congratulations Ms. Angie and Family!



Please join us in *welcoming* Rhett Jarvis Brasher, the newest member of our CMP family to the world! Born on September 5, 2017, and weighing in at 7 lbs., 11oz., Rhett joins older brothers, Grant, Wade, and Warren!

Upcoming Important Dates:

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 – Mobile Live Scan @EG from 5:30-6:30

9/15 – 7 Habits Training @EG at 7:00

9/19 – Principal's Café: Guest Speaker – Dorothy Hilt; Topic – CAASPP Testing

9/20 – ERPD Day – K-3rd dismissal at 11:45; 4th-8th dismissal at 12:00

9/21 – Initial Day of Peace

9/21 – PTFC Meeting @EG at 6:00

9/27 – 7 Habits Training @EG at 5:30

9/28 – Fall School Pictures – dress code attire (both sites) – **It is the only time during the school year whole class pictures will be taken.**

9/28 – 7 Habits Training @BR at 9:00

9/28 - Chuck E Cheese Fundraising Night

10/4 – ERPD Day – K-3rd dismissal at 11:45; 4th-8th dismissal at 12:00

10/5 – CAC Meeting @EG at 5:30

10/6 – Family Movie Night @BR at 6:30 (Upper El Hosting)

10/9 – Governing Board Meeting @SS at 6:30

