

# Sierra Montessori Academy Weekly News

October 26-30, 2009

DECISIONS, DECISIONS! The more years I stay in education, especially as an administrator, decisions become more and more the center of my world. As I enter my almost third month as Executive Director of SMA, I find the need to make changes for the good of the whole school. Those decisions, always needed to make our environment a better place for all, sometimes will be surrounded with a unenthusiastic aura because I am changing a routine. I have made the decision to create a "cafeteria" or multi-purpose room in the main house where the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade now occupy. This room will include an area for the students to eat in when the weather is not pleasant as well as a computer lab where teachers can bring in their students as a class to do projects. We have a great "MAC" lab which is locked up 90% of the time and I would like to see it available 100% of the time! The room now called the Library is needed as a classroom for small groups of students, so the library would be contained in the multi-purpose room as well. Before I can make this change I need to have all roofs in the portable classrooms checked for leaks and materials currently being stored in room 1 relocated to another storage area. I am guessing the change will occur over the Thanksgiving break. Thanks for listening and as always, let me know your thoughts and suggestions—Mrs. Beilby

## Announcements.....

### And other important information

- **A BIG Thank You** to all the parents who helped on Rummage Day Saturday! The student body made a nice chunk of money for their field trips and activities!
- **Thank you** to the Wargala & Engberson families for helping with various landscaping cleanup tasks!
- **Playground Task Committee**—STILL LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PARENTS! If you have the time to meet with me a few times to discuss our playground needs and develop a plan, email or call me: ([dbeilby@sierramontessori.org](mailto:dbeilby@sierramontessori.org) or 268-9990)
- **Lunch Program!** As the program stabilizes it is easier to add lunches daily. So if you decided you would rather have them purchase a lunch at school, just contact Pam in the morning and send your child with the money. ☺ November lunch calendar is attached. We will be serving lunches **Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday**.

- **Harvest Fair**—Our next school wide event is the Harvest Fair on October 29, from 12:00 to 3:00. We will be doing face painting, pumpkin decorating, cake walk, cotton candy, corn dogs as well as other games and activities. I still need parents to help us.
- **Before & After Care Services**—is set up as a convenience for our working parents. Payment is expected prior to using the service for which a discount is given for prepayment. This program makes no money for the school, it is my hope that it runs without any expense to the school. Please be prompt when paying for services—thank you!
- **Kids Can Food Drive**—October 12 – November 20. Bring in canned and non-perishable food items. We are participating in the KCRA food drive.

## Important Dates.....

- **October 16**—NO School, Teacher In-service Day
- **October 19-23**—NO School, Autumn Break
- **October 28<sup>th</sup>**—Awards Assembly
- **October 29<sup>th</sup>**—Harvest Fair (Noon to 3 p.m.)
- **October 30<sup>th</sup>**—Popcorn Day \$1.00 large bag & 50¢ small bag

## Lunch Schedule.....

Lunches are being catered, so it is imperative we have them pre-ordered and prepaid. I turn in the count on Mondays so if you had not previously ordered for the week you can do so on Mondays. The cost of the entrée is \$2.50 and water or juice is 50 cents extra.

- **Monday, October 26**—Sandwiches
- **Wednesday, October 28**—Pizza
- **Thursday, October 29**—Corn Dogs