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February Virtue: LOVE!

For a short month, February is packed with many special days and events. This is also a special time for all families to express their love for their children.



Registration for 2008-2009

Registration for current students have commenced. Students returning must fill out necessary forms with updated information and a security deposit. Registration for new students will open on **Monday, February 11th at 8:00am** and will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. We strongly urge parents to register prior to this date to ensure your child is placed in a class.

Re: School Closures

Parents are reminded to call the school no earlier than 6:30am to determine if school will be opened. There are numerous ways to find out if the school is opened or not. Listening to one of the following radio stations (CHFI 98.1, MIX 99.9 and CFRB 1010 and 680 News Radio), calling the school or checking our website (posted by Mrs. Ramirez).

Upper Elementary students embark in volunteer work!

Upper elementary students have began regular visits to, Tyndall Estates, the nearby retirement home for volunteer work. Students enjoyed assisting the elderly in a game of carpet lawn bowling and look forward to spending more time in the retirement home volunteering. We are proud of the students as they showed tremendous respect and consideration for the elderly. Their work was greatly appreciated by everyone at the retirement home. Volunteer work at the retirement home is a part of the elementary student's outdoor and community building experience. Congratulations upper elementary students, for a job well done!

Family Day Official!

After much dispute about Family Day, it is now official. All schools are expected to close on Monday, February 18th. We regret that it falls on the same week as PD Day (Friday, February 22nd).

Parent Committee Meeting

Monday, February 4th

The meeting typically runs from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Hope to see you there!

February Birthdays

Casa 1 - Laura Hurynovich, Alexis Van Esch

Casa 2 - Anjali Gosal, Shawn Sriharan, Daphne Berberyan, Laura Chrzaniecki

Casa 3 - Jake Ramirez, Margaret Hurynovich

Lower Elem 1 - Tanya Ralliaran

Lower Elem 2 - Arechun Mohan

Lower Elem 3 - Danielle Beaton

Upper Elem 1 - Tyler Randa



French Café Reminder!

This is a reminder that the French Café will be held on **Thursday, February 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

All classes will visit and present at the Café during the following times:

Casa 1 & Casa 4	9:05 - 9:45am
Casa 2 & Casa 3	9:50 - 10:30am
LE2 & LE4	10:35 - 11:15am
LE1 & LE3	1:05 - 1:45pm
UE 1	1:50 - 2:30pm

We hope you'll take this opportunity to dine with your child and watch their presentation.

Photo/Video waiver forms

Thanks to all those that sent in the form regarding the photo and video waiver. The video tour will be revised as soon as possible and made available to the general public. If parents have not submitted it as of yet, Northstar Montessori will assume that your child will not be included in any advertisements, promotional materials, videos or pictures.

Michael Gurian: Nurture the Nature

If there any interested parents who wish to purchase tickets for this special event may do so at the office. Tickets are \$30 per person. It will take place Thursday, February 21st from 7:30pm until 9:30pm.

CURRICULUM NIGHT

Elementary Culture



The Elementary Culture Night will take place **Monday, March 3, 2008**. Please join us for an informative night, as we explore through the various culture materials found in a Montessori Elementary classroom.

Movie Night at Northstar

If you are interested in registering for the next Movie Night, please sign-up at reception.

February 15th March 28th
April 18th May 16th

Students are expected to come dressed in pyjamas or comfortable clothing and have all their personal belongings in a backpack. We will be providing popcorn and juice during the movie. Lastly, students must supply their own sleeping bag and pillow. The cost for this night is only \$10.00 for 3 hours and will start at 7:00pm. Please note that the students must have dinner prior to arrival.

PARENT REMINDERS

- * OPEN HOUSE - Saturday, February 16th from 10:00am - 2:00pm
- * FRENCH CAFE - Thursday, February 14th
- * FAMILY DAY - Monday, February 18th
- * PD DAY - Friday, February 22nd (NO SCHOOL)

Art Supplies Needed

We are requesting if parents can save egg cartons (paper or plastic), paper towel rolls and plastic containers with lids at home. If possible, we are also interested in the rigid plastic drink straws. Please bring it to school when possible. Thank you for your help.



WE REACHED OUR GOAL!

Thank you to all you who helped us surpass our goal at our Scholastic Book Fair held during the week of January 21st. In fact, with sales of \$4,400, this was an increase of \$300 over last year's figures! As a result, we fall in to the highest percentage bracket for return on books, generating **\$1,200** in cash profit to go towards the Parent Committee's fundraising efforts. We also chose \$400 worth of books from the book fair selection to enhance our classrooms and library.

During the week of the fair, students participated in special book fair activities, including the wonderful display of "animals" decorating the hallways, and the Rainforest Reading Corner created by Upper Elementary students displayed in the gym.

We want to thank Kim Addison for organizing the Trivia Contest. Even if you didn't win the voucher, we hope you enjoyed playing the game! The winners from each classroom category of the \$5 voucher were:

Casa	Ethan Golias, Mariana Almanzan, Keith Fernandez, Nathan Chan
Lower Elem	Jonah Ramirez, Courtney Robb, Jason DaSilva, Alexander Ceniti
Upper Elem	Andrew Khreich, Samuel Wong, Yousef Heiba, Jason Leung

In addition, the winner of the Family Event Draw was **Lucas Georgiou from Casa 3** who won \$25 in books, PLUS \$25 in books for his classroom.

Scholastic donated one copy of the displayed posters, so we held a draw and the following students won a poster:

Mabel Luo (C3), Samir (LE1), Andrew Khreich (UE1), Sofie Zaffino (C1), Olena Zubrytska (C2), Patrick Scherbluk (LE4), Ethan Golias (C4), Millen Iaboni (LE2), William Ragan (UE1), Tunc Gonel (C3), Yousef Heiba (UE1), Angelica Mapeso (UE1), Chandra Grewal (UE1), Zoe Wright (C2), Alexandra Berry-Calderon (LE2), James Cai (C2), Michael Petrovski (LE4), Jerica Dias (C2) and Neha Shah (LE1).

Congratulations everyone!

The teachers would like to thank the following students and their families who donated a total of **52 books** through the Classroom Wish List program:

Brittany Beheshti, Daphne Berberyan, Brianna Boakye-Cofie, Tristan Cabral-Pereira, Justin Crooks, Andre de Jesus, Lucas Georgiou, Stefan Georgiou, Allison Gonzalez, Christopher Gonzalez, Kennedy Iaboni, Millen Iaboni, Rishi Keny, Clarissa Loo, Aubrey McLeod, Ayat Mohammed, Raiden Oreta, Japeth Panganiban, Shemalee Panganiban, James Pennycooke, Arjun Persaud, Danika Poon, Sebastian Rye, Patrick Scherbluk, Iyzah Shaikh, Daniel Svoboda, Tyler Stennett, Michael Totino Brandon Williams, Kevin Wong, Tyler Wong, and Jillian Xu.

Book titles were handpicked by each teacher and every book was especially chosen to excite children about reading or to complement their learning.

Behind this successful event, a number of volunteers helped plan, advertise, set up, promote products, tear down, and calculate our profits. This year we reaped the benefits of getting help from students, parents, and teachers.

We would like to thank the following:

Students: Brittany Beheshti, Yousef Heiba, Mikhial Hudda, Andrew Khreich, Emily Ragan, William Ragan, and Alexis Van Esch

Parents: Kim Addison, Sandi Grewal, Selena Kang, Rita Khanna, Meg Lui, Reena Mehrotra, Esther Okeke, Anthony Palermo, Dianne Parsons, Michelle Ragan, Meret Rauof, Baljit Sadhal, Lori Svoboda and Marlene Van Esch

Teachers: Mrs. Beltran, Mrs. Wong, Mrs. Panwar, Mrs. Sta. Ana and Mrs. Linet

Everyone's efforts were much appreciated!

Finally, we would like to express a special thank you to Marlene Van Esch and Michelle Ragan for organizing this event, and Mr. Ramirez for his assistance leading up to the event.