



February 15, 2012



Our mission is to educate the whole child; thus we endeavor to nurture every heart and challenge every mind through the experience of meaningful inquiry.



Please save the date for our 20th Annual Gala

Sweet Dreams

Join us March 31, 2012 for an evening full of candy cane wishes and sugarplum dreams. Event treats include student performances, a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres and sweets.

To be held at the Bob Duncan Community Center in Arlington.

Admission prices are \$25/person. Receive 2 free raffle tickets for every 2 tickets purchased!

Event attire for students:

Primary students - Navy pants or skirts with white polo or blouse. Toddler/Transitional - bright color clothing.

Sweet dreams to all!

Class donations needed!

Please check the sign-up sheet posted in your child's classroom for donation items needed to fill gift baskets. Each class has a specific theme and items being requested relate to the given theme. The themes include:

- Toddler Class: 'Relaxing Dreams'
- Transitional Class: 'Coffee & Tea'
- Ms. Dunbar's Class: 'Game Night'
- Ms. Nusrat's Class: 'Paint Your Dreams' (Art supplies)
- Mrs. McCall's Class: 'Wine & Cheese'

We sincerely appreciate the hard work being done by our event co-chairs, Amy Seiders and Keirschen Maize-Tucker. This endeavor requires a lot of time and effort and we know the end result will be amazing!

No school Monday, 2/20
Extended Day available

CALENDAR

Mon., Feb. 20	President's Day holiday (Extended Day available)
Fri., Feb. 24	EARLY REENROLLMENT DEADLINE
Tues., Feb. 28	High Touch-High Tech visits 'Ssssnake Science'
March 9	International Day
March 12-16	Spring Break ☺
March 31	Sweet Dreams! Gala event at Bob Duncan Community Center

Thank You ~ Gracias ~ Merci

Last Friday, our teachers and staff were treated to a *DELICIOUS* lunch prepared by **Sarita Louys**. We appreciate **Don Louys** coming to the school and setting everything up—you are a great team!



Thanks to **Jason** and **Megan Quick** for their **APPLE** gift donation. In case you're wondering, **APPLE** stands for **Appreciative Parents Praise Laudable Educators**. Each month a different faculty member is given a gift courtesy of one of our parents. If you are interested in providing a gift, please contact Mrs. Hunt-French (joyce.hunt@cdsa.org).

Thank you for parents that were able to join the Spring Curriculum Night last week. If you were not able to join us and have any questions regarding the next level or any aspect of the Montessori curriculum, please see Mrs. Hunt-French. Additionally, there are DVDs available on loan for all Montessori curricular areas that include: Math, Language, Sensorial, Practical Life, Geography and Science.

Looking Ahead... 2012-13

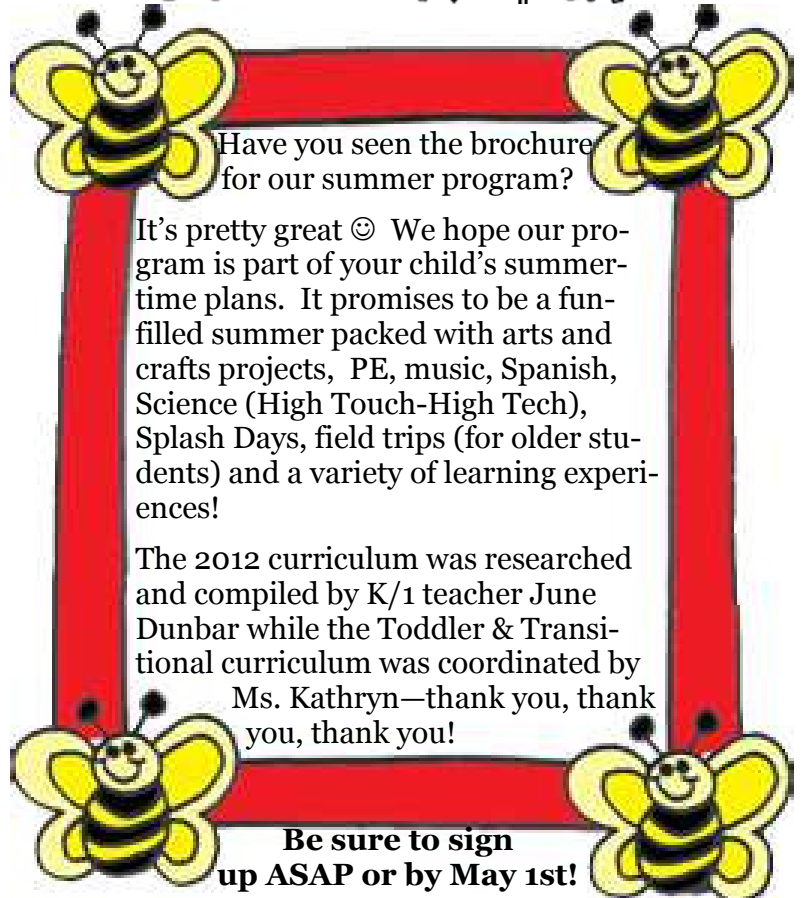


Reenrollment information for the 2012-13 school year was mailed out February 3rd.

Take advantage of the early reenrollment discount available through February 24, 2012! Please contact the front desk if you did not receive your packet.

New enrollment contracts for outside families will be accepted beginning March 1st, giving our current families the first opportunity to reenroll.

Summer fun!



Have you seen the brochure for our summer program?

It's pretty great ☺ We hope our program is part of your child's summertime plans. It promises to be a fun-filled summer packed with arts and crafts projects, PE, music, Spanish, Science (High Touch-High Tech), Splash Days, field trips (for older students) and a variety of learning experiences!

The 2012 curriculum was researched and compiled by K/1 teacher June Dunbar while the Toddler & Transitional curriculum was coordinated by Ms. Kathryn—thank you, thank you, thank you!

Be sure to sign up ASAP or by May 1st!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Primary student Addison D. recently became a big sister! **Gavin Carter** was born on February 10th and weighed in at 7 lbs. 3 ounces and was 19 inches long. Their clan is happy to welcome him into the family!



Don't forget we are collecting

Box Tops for Education!

Visit our website for more

information. If you have questions, contact Box Top Coordinator, Amy Seiders (pto@cdsa.org)



Move-Up Days at CDSA ☺

There was a lot of movement going on last week when several students visited the next Montessori level. Pictured below are just a few of the individual and group lessons that were shared.



International Day

Friday, March 9



In celebrating unique traditions and cultures from around the world, CDSA will proudly host its annual International Day on Friday, March 9th beginning with a parade at 9:00 am. We will have an *International Smorgasbord* of delectable foods from countries near and far. Students (and their families) are encouraged to dress in clothing that is representative of their culture/background.

WE NEED YOUR FOOD DONATIONS!! Please send a traditional dish or food that your family enjoys. Keep in mind this is not a meal, children will be eating small samples so please prepare petite portions. Ideas include (but are not limited to):

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| Desserts | Casseroles |
| Breads | Fruits |
| Salads | Juice |

To extend our learning, we are inviting students to bring items to share and display in their class that represents a family tradition or part of their culture and heritage. The week following the parade and feast, the students will present their "treasures" to their class, thus completing the International studies.

If you are open to providing food, please complete the bottom portion of this form and return it to your child's teacher. Please let us know if you have any questions.

YES! I will gladly send a dish that is representative of my family's culture. I will provide:

- Dessert
- Casserole
- Bread
- Fruit
- Salad
- Juice
- Other: _____

Name: _____

Student's name: _____ Teacher: _____

Country being represented: _____

