

# Queensville Montessori Academy

## January 2010 Newsletter

### **2009 - 2010 School Year**

It's that time of year, again! Registration packages will be sent home on Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 for the 2010 - 2011 school year. Please fill in the registration form and return it together with your deposit by Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 so that we may hold your child's spot for the upcoming school year. There has been a great deal of interest in enrolment expressed by families new to the school. Please do help us to keep your child's spot and to plan for new enrolment by registering early. Thank you for your help.

### **Open House/Registration Evening**

**Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** will be our first combined Open House / Registration evening for both Casa and Elementary for the upcoming school year. This evening is for families already with QMA and also for families new to our school. If you know of any family that is interested in sending their child to Queensville Montessori Academy, please inform them of this date and time. If you would like to speak with Mrs. Parker about our Elementary Programme, you may attend this Open House and/or arrange a private appointment. To arrange a private appointment, please simply advise any of our staff of your interest in such an appointment and Mrs. Parker will contact you thereafter.

### **Watch Me Workshop**

On Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 we will be hosting our annual Watch Me Workshop.

This workshop is an opportunity for your child to show you a selection of work that he or she has been working on in class.

In order for your child to have your full attention during their presentations, we ask that siblings who do not attend Queensville Montessori Academy be left with a care giver for the duration of the evening.

For families who have two or more children that attend Q.M.A., there will be care provided for them when they are not presenting to you.

For Casa, the duration of the workshop is 20 minutes and there are two time slots available. A form will be sent home with the assigned time indicated. If that time is not an available time for you, please re-arrange the time with your teacher.

We ask that families adhere to their allotted times to allow for the next group to come in and to avoid overcrowding.

Our students take great pride in their accomplishments and are thrilled to be able to share them with you. We look forward to seeing you at the Watch Me Workshop.

## **Monkeynastix**

Monkeynastix is an exercise programme that originated in South Africa. It is a programme that focuses on long term motivation, striving to develop confidence, a positive self image, general motor imitation skills, general fitness, strength, speed, agility, flexibility and cardiovascular fitness.

We are happy to provide this unique class to our Casa children.

The classes will take place on Monday mornings starting on January 11<sup>th</sup> and will continue until March.

We ask that your child come to school in clothing that is conducive to exercising (e.g. sweat pants or yoga pants).

If there is any particular reason your child should not participate in these classes, please let your child's teacher know.

## **New Staff Member**

We would like to welcome Mrs. Leigh Ann Pitre to our staff. Mrs. Pitre is a qualified Montessori teacher who has done some supply teaching for us in the past. Presently Mrs. Pitre is assisting Mrs. Parker in the elementary class.

## **Please Help Us**

Parents we are in need of your help. As you are aware our school classes begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. every morning. We are finding that there are quite a lot of children who are arriving late to school. When a child arrives late to school it is a huge disruption to the class that is already in progress or it can delay the start of the class presentations. This is where we need your help. We would like all children to be at school prior to the 9:00 a.m. start so that all classes can begin on time. Thank you in advance for your help.

## **Illness**

With the flu and cold season upon us and to help decrease the spread of any viruses to other children we ask parents of children who are displaying signs of fever, active cough, vomiting, or diarrhea to keep their child at home. If the symptoms should arise while your child is at school you will be called, advised of the situation and asked to pick your child up from the school. Please make sure that your child is free of all symptoms for **24 hours** prior to returning to school.

## **Holiday Food Drive**

Thank you to all families who contributed to our Holiday Food Drive. This is a very worthy cause and the contributions are greatly appreciated.

## **Upcoming Events**

Watch Me Workshop - Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010

P.A. Day – Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010

## **Scholastic Book Orders**

This month's book orders are due back on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

## **Change of Clothes**

Winter is now upon us. We ask that you check your child's change of clothes bag to ensure that it contains clothing appropriate to the winter season (long sleeve shirt, long pants, socks, underwear).

To the parents of full day students, we ask that you send your child with appropriate clothing for playing outside. This includes waterproof mittens, waterproof boots, snow pants, winter coat, hat and scarf. It is advised that an **extra pair of socks** be put in your child's bag so your child will not have wet feet for the afternoon session.

We will be sending your child's outerwear home on a daily basis. In order for your child to be warm and dry, we ask that you either hang them to dry or place them in the dryer. Thank you for helping us to keep your children warm, dry and well.

## **Inclement Weather Closures**

Occasionally, the weather is so bad that travel to the school is simply unsafe. Short of those sorts of conditions, our school is open. To check as to whether or not the school is open on a bad weather day, please call the school. The notification will go on to the answering service by 7 a.m. that morning. Please use your own discretion as to the safety of yourself and your children on these days.

## **Pop Tab Collection**

We are continuing to collect Pop Tabs. Each class has a 10L jug to fill. We hope to fill all of the jugs by the end of the year, so please continue to collect the tabs.