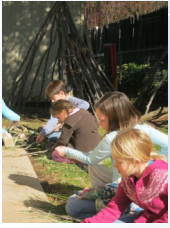


Dehesa Charter School ~ Montessori Learning Center



Community Beat

Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

The new year is always a time of wonder and awe in the Montessori classroom. This is the time of year when the student's comfort level and love of learning flourish. It is in amazement that we watch the children blossom. They are now very familiar with their environment and are eager to learn and grow. Below are a few things to remember that will help your child to be successful in the new year.

- Be sure your child has a healthy and nutritious lunch and enough snack to fuel them through the day
- Ensure your child gets enough sleep each night. "Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise."
- Please arrive on time in the morning. This helps your child start the day with their community
- Read to and with your child every night
- Help and encourage your child to do their homework and assigned projects. Help them plan and schedule accordingly
- Try and keep TV and computer time to a minimum, encourage them to play outdoors



"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically... Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."
- Martin Luther King Jr.

Dehesa's Got Talent!!

Can you sing, dance or whistle? Draw, play an instrument, dance or juggle? Skip, throw or hum? Recite a poem, a lyric or a famous speech? We are excited to announce our *First Annual Talent Show* and we encourage all students, parents and staff to show us what they've got!

Start practicing your favorite talent to share with your friends and family!

Auditions will be held on Friday
February 17th, after school

Acts should be no longer than 3 minutes and please come prepared with a CD if you will have music.

All music acts will be required to bring a print out of song-lyrics to the audition.

The Talent Show will be held on
April 27th
with a dress rehearsal held on
April 20th

We will also be holding auditions for MCs for the show!

To sign up for auditions, or if you have questions please call or Email Anne Grasser at anne-grasser3@gmail.com 619-339-8669

Upcoming Events This Month

Parent Legato Meeting	1/03
MLK Jr. Day	1/16
Movie Day	1/20
Sibling Enrollment	1/26
Form Deadline	
Home School Day	1/27
Field trip to the SD Symphony	1/31

Volunteer Logs

We are collecting volunteer hours for the first half of the year. If you have not had a chance to track your volunteer hours please put a list together. The volunteer hour tracking sheet is available on the Shutterfly site. Remember, helping in class, attending field trips, gardening work at school, attending committee meetings, these all qualify for volunteer hours. Even work you do at home to support our school counts.

Please e-mail your lists to anne-grasser3@gmail.com or drop them off to Mr. Otte by January 6th.

Reminder that families with one child are expected to volunteer for 20 hours and those with 2 or more are expected to offer 30 hours.



Sibling Enrollment

The new sibling enrollment form for the 2012-13 school year deadline is Thursday, January 26th 2011. This form will simply notify us that you have a student ready to join us next year! Applications forms will be available on April 1st. The new sibling enrollment forms are available on the Shutterfly home page If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Reingold @ sreingold@mydehesa.org

Upper Elementary Worm Farm



After School Elective Info!

*Still time to enroll in Art Classes for the spring! Classes are held Tuesday or Thursday afternoon from 3-4pm. Sign up in the front office, or e-mail Vanessa @ babyminephoto@gmail.com for more information.

*Congratulations to all of our Tae Kwon Do students who have worked so hard and tested so well to receive their first belt advancement of the year! Enrollment to Tae Kwan Do is continuously OPEN. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at the learning center after school! Sign up or inquire by contacting Mr. Otte @ eotte@mydehesa.org

*MAD SCIENCE class coming to Dehesa Montessori learning Center this winter! The course is 4 weeks long and will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 3-4pm. The cost is \$52.95 for the 4 weeks. The first class will be held on Tuesday, January 24th. Flyer to

We are excited to announce the start of our Upper Elementary Worm Farm project. One of Montessori's key philosophies for older children was that they should delight in working in the natural world and also learn real world concepts and experiences by running a business. This is the age when children really begin to see themselves as part of a larger community and begin to question how they fit in and what they can do to contribute to society. The 4th-6th grade students will set up and maintain the worm farms, collect and bag the castings and then sell them to parents and others in the community. Extras will be used in our own garden. *Now Wanted!! ONLY ALIVE Red wiggler worms!* Help set up our worm farm. We need worms and large plastic containers. If you can donate or sponsor please contact Mr. Otte@mydehesa.org or 760-740-9307

Field Trips

What is the community saying about our students?

"Hi Shannon,

I wanted to let you know how impressed we were with your students on Tuesday. They were all attentive, respectful, ready to learn and full of great questions! We hope that we will be able to have them back for our other field trips!

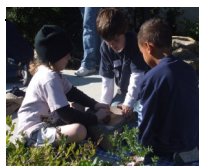
~ Katrina Keddy, the Director of School Education at the Agua Hedionda Lagoon."

Our Next Trip is to the
San Diego Symphony
Coming Up January 31st
for all students in grades 1-6

Passport to the World: A Musical Journey Around the Globe Travel around the world with a sampling of some of music's greatest composers. Our journey will start in Europe, go across to Asia, then down to Africa and then South America. We'll wind up right here at home in America! Learn how various cultures have influenced the symphonic music that we know and love.

Students will have the opportunity to learn from a Advocates for Classical Music docent in their classroom prior to the fieldtrip.

Tickets are \$5 for students and chaperones. Look for a permission slip in your child's backpack the week of January 17th.



Spring Enrichment classes

Spring enrichment classes begin Monday, February 6th. The cost for Yoga, Spanish, and Music is \$100 for the Kindergarten-3rd grade students, or \$65 for the 4th-6th grade class for Yoga and Music. The upper elementary students will be learning the recorder this semester.

Enrichment classes payments are due by Monday, February 6th. This semester we are accepting payment in two installments, with the second installment due on April 1st. Please make your checks payable to Dehesa Charter School and turn them into the front desk.

Thank you for your support of the enrichment classes. A fundraiser to support the second installment of the enrichment classes will be available to participate in in March. Information will be available in February.

Reminders

- * We have a waste free lunch policy and it is our goal to dispose of only one bag of lunch trash per week. Please remember to pack in reusable containers.
- * Write your child's name on all clothing items that come to school with them. The lost and found is overflowing with clothing! We'd love to return the items to their rightful owners. All lost and found items will be donated on January 27th.

Notable Thanks



* To all who contributed to the food drive. The upper elementary students collected all of your contributions and dropped them off just before the holiday!

* To everyone who ate out at Rubio's for our December Spirit night.

* To the parents and students who helped out at our Landscaping day and started the worm farm area. We are very excited to be getting this project underway.

* To Jen Dietrich and her committee for December's movie day. What a fun extra bonus with the DONATED pizzas for the event! We raised over \$200 for our center.

* To the Sisters in Treble who came in and entertained our students with some lovely Holiday Music. What a joy to see such talent here at our learning center. The children loved it!

* To all our Field Trip Chaperones—thank you for making each outing fun, educational and safe.

* To Anne Grasser for heading up our volunteer log hour collection and our first Talent Show.

Parent~Teacher Conferences

Please note the Learning Center will be open ONLY for Parent ~Teacher conferences on Thursday, February 2nd and Friday, February 3rd. Childcare will be provided by support staff during your scheduled parent teacher conference time. You will hear from your child's teacher shortly regarding individual appointment times.

Also, please look for an e-mail regarding a learning styles profile for your child. We encourage you to complete the LS assessment online with your child and bring a print out of the results with you to your scheduled Parent ~Teacher conference. The information contained in the report is a valuable conversation starter for you and your child's teacher as we strive to meet the individual needs of your child by recognizing their personal interests, talents, modalities, and dispositions.

We look forward to seeing you all here to discuss your child's individual progress and further partnering in your child's educational journey!