
The Montessorian

October 5, 2012

Nurturing the hearts, minds and spirit of children and adults for 33 years!

Calendar

- Oct. 8 **NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day**
- Oct. 9 Snack week for Kayla Gerson, Carter Cabrera and Izzy Fitzgerald
- Oct. 10 Scott & Deb’s Class Field Trip to Cornell Plantations 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Oct. 12 Ski Club Sign-Up Deadline
- Oct. 13 Cancer Resource Center of the Fingerlakes Walkathon and 5K Run,
10:00 a.m., Cass Park.
- Oct. 17 Dawn & Katri’s Class Field Trip to Cornell Plantations 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Oct. 17-18 Middle School Trip to New York City
- Oct. 18 First Observation Day
- Oct. 19 No School for Middle School Students Only
- Oct. 20 Open House for Prospective Families 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Oct. 24 United Nations Day Celebration (more details to follow)
- Oct. 31 Halloween Carnival (details to follow)
- Nov. 1 Middle School Field Trip to Scranton, PA
Steamtown National Historic Site/Lackawanna Coal Mine 7:45 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 8-9 **NO SCHOOL – Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- Nov. 12 **NO SCHOOL – Veterans’ Day**
- Nov. 20 Thanksgiving Feast (details to follow)
- Nov. 21 – 23 **NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break**

A Collection of Thoughts from our Extended Day Class

Signs of Autumn

Ducks and geese are flying away

Leaves are changing colors

Leaves are falling from the trees

Butterflies are flying away

It's getting colder every day

Squirrels are gathering nuts

Bears are preparing to hibernate

Snakes will soon be under the ground

Acorns are falling from the trees

The days are getting shorter

Birds are flying away

Flowers are dying

Lizards are getting ready to hide

Butterflies are emerging from the chrysalis

The grass is dying

The trees are becoming bare

Animals are gathering food for the winter

You can see yellow, red, orange, brown, gold, purple, green, pink, black

Apples are falling from the trees

The fish are going under the muck

Halloween is coming.... Boo!

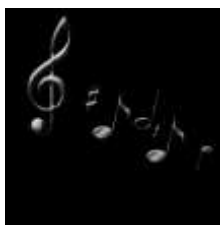


News from Ryan

Junior Level and Upper Level students were recently treated to a musical visit from our friends at the Ithaca College School of Music. Many of the listeners were inspired to begin weekly lessons on wind and percussion instruments. These beginners are sounding great, and it's wonderful to have them join our instrumental music program.

As you may have heard, our band rehearsals have begun. Junior Band is playing Beethoven and Dixieland, Big Band is improvising over groovy standards, the Percussion Ensemble is excitingly precise, and our Concert Band resounds with an advanced, balanced sound. In Middle School, chorus rehearsals joyously culminate every Friday afternoon.

Thanks go to Chamber Players Ceci, Faith, Peri, Sarah, and Theo for adding their flute and string sounds to our Welcome Picnic. Their music provided a wonderful background. At EACMSI we are all musicians, and our tuneful instruments and voices fill our halls and hearts.



Extended Day and Junior Level Music News from Linda

It is another exciting year as we begin our music classes! What a joy to see the familiar faces of returning students, and welcome new students. Extended Day children are singing, dancing, and playing instruments in their music classes. They accompany songs with rhythm sticks and sing with movement activities. The children are using *solfege* ("do-re-mi") to sing melody.

They are developing a repertoire of songs and an ability to use musical singing voices, as well as enriching their rhythmic coordination skills. We will continue to explore musical concepts as well as learn a variety of songs as the school year goes on.

Our Junior Level Music program consists of two general lessons per week for the Bears, one general music class and one recorder class for the Tigers, and one general music class and one choral class for the Lions. We began our year with a welcome chant, followed by a fun name game. In this game, the children were asked to say "My name is _____ and I like _____, while pat-clapping a steady beat. The object is to fill in the first blank with student's first name and second blank with a favorite item (color, fruit...), going around the circle without losing the beat. The children did an amazing job keeping the beat moving rhythmically. We also danced to a song called "Follow Your Own Instructions Canon". Many moved to the rhythm of the music with joy. This is a very fun song that can be sung in unison or as a round. We practiced singing this song in unison, and soon we will be ready to challenge ourselves singing in rounds.

Thanks to all who came to the welcome picnic. It was a pleasure meeting with you and discussing our music class. I look forward to a great school year, working with you and your children. Thanks again for the support you have shown our music program.

Dear Montessori Families,

Several families from our school are participating in the Cancer Resource Center of the Finger Lakes' Walkathon and 5K Run on October 13.

Team EAC first joined the event last year in honor of our founder Andrea Riddle. Julian Bushlow and his mom Lisa organized our group last year. We'd like to make this an annual tradition to honor Andrea and show our support for everyone in our community who has fought or is fighting cancer.

You can join Team EAC online at:

<http://crcfl.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1022328>.

If you have any questions, please email Lisa Swayze lswayze@impactdc.com.

GO TEAM EAC!



Members of the Elizabeth Ann Clune Montessori School of Ithaca, Cancer Resource Center of the Finger Lakes Walkathon and 5K Run, October 2011

Open House

There is an Open House scheduled for Saturday October 20th from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. At these events, we open our doors to families in the community and give them the opportunity to experience our beautiful buildings and the unique educational environments we offer to children.

In the past, we have found it helpful to have current parents and older students available at the Open House to give guided tours.

If you would like to act as a tour guide at the Open House, please let Lisa, Whitney, or Rebecca know. Please invite your non-Montessori friends!!

UN Day

It is an EAC Montessori School tradition to celebrate United Nations Day. This year UN Day is on **Wednesday, October 24th**. UN Day is celebrated in many schools all over the world. It has particular relevance to the citizens of the United States, as most of our families originally emigrated here from other countries. We feel this is a great opportunity to discuss your family's heritage and ancestry with your children. Please share pictures and stories about your ancestors or relatives, and/or show your child any family treasures or keepsakes that have been handed down through the generations.

As part of our school celebration on **Wednesday, October 24th**, we are inviting the children to wear a simple outfit that reflects some part of their family's ethnic heritage or cultural identity. **Children should arrive at school in their outfit.** More news on the festivities from each class coming soon!



Scott and Deb's Class Field Trip to the **Cornell Plantations**



Scott and Deb's Junior Level class
is going on a field trip to the
Cornell University Plantations on Wednesday, October 10th.

We are leaving at 10:00 a.m. and returning at 1:30 p.m.
Children should dress for the weather and bring a brown bag lunch.
We will be using the school vans, so no drivers are needed for this trip.

Dawn & Katri's Class Field Trip to the **Cornell Plantations**



Dawn & Katri's Junior Level class
is going on a field trip to the
Cornell University Plantations on Wednesday, October 17th.

We are leaving at 10:00 a.m. and returning at 1:30 p.m.
Children should dress for the weather and bring a brown bag lunch.

We will need drivers for this trip.

Please let the office know if you can help.

News From The Nurses

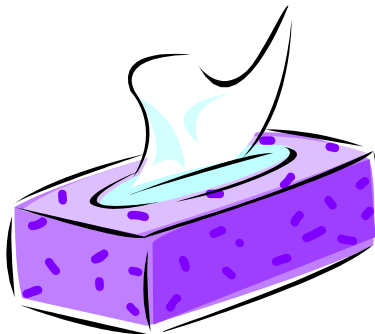
For many parents your child's return to school may bring a few more colds and perhaps even the seasonal flu virus this fall or winter.

This is information to remind you about steps you can take to protect yourself from getting sick and prevent the spread of germs.

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds
- Use a tissue when you cough, sneeze or spit and dispose of the tissue in a trash bin
- Keep hands away from your face
- Do not share personal items such as forks, spoons, toothbrushes, towels and chapstick
- Avoid people who are ill
- Remind children to practice healthy habits, too
- IF YOU OR YOUR CHILDREN ARE SICK, STAY HOME!!!

If you or someone in your home develops flu symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, and muscle pain) contact a health care provider for further advice.

Call your private physician or the Tompkins County Health Department at #274-6604 to schedule an appointment to get a flu shot.



EACMSI SKI CLUB

SKI CLUB BEGINS ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 3rd
and 1/10, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 3/7 & 3/14

**Earlybird deadline has passed but
you can still join!!!**

If you are planning to join the EAC Ski Club...

- Please register **online** (<https://register.communitypass.net/greekpeak>)
- Please make sure you register as part of the
EAC Montessori School Ski Club
- Please send a check for \$120.00 payable to EACMSI for the bus (non-refundable, you must be 9 years old or older to ride the bus).
- Anyone can join – see Lisa for questions and details.
- **NO FOOD BOOKS, PLEASE.**

**THE BUS FILLS QUICKLY. SEND
A CHECK IN RIGHT AWAY TO RESERVE YOUR
SEAT!!!**

**The Elizabeth Ann Clune Montessori School of Ithaca
277-7335**

Help earn cash for our school with the Box Tops for Education Program

EAC Montessori is continuing the Box Tops for Education program this year. This fundraiser allows us to raise money without any additional cost to you other than buying your usual groceries. The program has three easy steps:

1. Clip Box Tops Coupons from participating products (see below for sample).
2. Send your box tops into school. There is a collection box in the front office. We will collect the coupons and send them to General Mills.
3. General Mills will send our school a check worth 10 cents for each coupon sent in.

To see a list of all the products that support the Box Tops program, go to www.BoxTops4Education.com. Qualifying products include Betty Crocker, General Mills, Cascadian Farm, Old El Paso, Ziploc, Kleenex, Pillsbury, Green Giant, Nature Valley and many more.



An easy way to collect is to place an envelope on your refrigerator as a reminder and collection place for the coupons.

Questions? Please call Alex Pfeifer at 592-9030, or email at alexpfeifer@gmail.com



**Ithaca
Youth
Hockey
Association**

OPEN HOUSE

**Interested in playing ice hockey?
Come join us!**

Saturday, October 6

10:00 - 2:00

**The Rink
1767 East Shore Drive
Ithaca, NY**

Coaches and volunteers will be on hand to answer your questions.

Ages 4 and up are welcome.

- Meet the coaches
- Register for the 2012-2013 season
- Equipment swap and sale
- Equipment fitting workshop at 11:00 & 1:00



www.ithacayouthhockey.com

THE CORNELL EAST ASIA PROGRAM PRESENTS:

Martial Arts in Performance, Health, and Practice

October 26-28, 2012 at Cornell University

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE, NO TICKETS REQUIRED

FAMILY EVENTS**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26**7:00 PM
200 Barnes Hall**Cornell Wushu Performance****Beijing Opera: Uproar in Heaven**

Featuring Performers from the NY Traditional Art Center

Cosponsored by the East Asia Program and the Confucius
Institute of Chinese Opera at Binghamton University**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27**

10:30 - 11:30 AM

Johnson Museum

Martial Arts Artifact TourFamily-friendly tour in which participants can view and learn about
preserved martial arts artifacts

1:00 - 5:00 PM

Robert Purcell
Community Center (RPCC)
Multipurpose Room**Martial Arts Demonstrations**

- Cornell student organizations and area clubs: Karate, Kendo, Aikido, Judo
- Demonstrations of traditional Japanese weapons systems led by Larry E. Bieri,
Chief Instructor, Finger Lakes Koryu-kai, Finger Lakes Aikido*
- Ithaca Karate Harmony with Nature School
- Michael Costello, Cayuga Internal Martial Arts*

LECTURES AND OTHER ACADEMIC EVENTS**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27**7:00 - 9:30 PM
RPCC Auditorium**"From Beijing Opera to Film: Martial Choreography and the Power of
Fantasy and Humor"**Film screening and discussion of *Painted Faces* – with TJ Hinrichs,
Department of History, Cornell University**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28**

11:00 - 12:00 PM

RPCC Room 203

"Taiji practice for Low Back Pain and Arthritis"Michael Costello, Cayuga Medical Center Physical Therapy and Cayuga
Internal Martial Arts

12:00 - 12:30 PM

RPCC Room 203

Qigong and Taiji (Tai Chi) Demonstrations and Discussion of Health Benefits

Taoist Tai Chi Society

*cosponsored by the History Department

**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**If you need accommodations, please
email sk378@cornell.edu by October 18For the most up-to-date information
concerning this event, please visit:<http://eap.einaudi.cornell.edu/>

Proud to be a Let's Move! event

