

The Villa Voice

August 2011



FROM THE DESK OF MARGO O'NEILL:

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! We hope you had a relaxing and fun-filled summer.

The **Villa Voice** is one of our primary tools for parent communication. It is sent electronically via email on the first of each month. Please take the time to read it as it will keep you abreast of what is going on at the school. If you would like to receive a **hard copy** of the Villa Voice, please contact Kathy Egleston in the main office. This edition of the Villa Voice is just an introductory edition. The full Villa Voice will begin September 1.

The new school year is off to a wonderful start. The lead teachers have done a phenomenal job creating beautiful classroom environments. Preparing for the new year is truly a labor of love. Our maintenance men were also very busy this summer getting all of the campuses ready for the first day of school. We were able to do some facility improvements in the infant, toddler and pre-primary classrooms with the addition of some new flooring, and to the Meadowbrook campus with the addition of a beautiful paved outdoor environment space.

We hope all of you attend(ed) the Pre-Primary, Elementary I and Elementary II **Parent Orientation meetings** going on in classrooms this week. There is much valuable information shared at those meetings and they also provide you with a chance to build a sense of community with the other parents in the classroom.

This year, the "big" Parent Meeting we usually hold at CBHS **will only be for new parents to the school**. A personalized invitation will be sent to each new family with specific information about that meeting. Please be watching for it.

The main office staff remains the same this year with Tracy Gaines, Teri Pietila and Kathy Egleston there to offer you assistance. Please feel free to call them or stop by with any questions you may have. Rachel Croly-Pincock continues as our Pre-primary Circle Director and Dee Woods continues as Elementary Circle Director. They can help you with any questions or concerns you may have about the before and after school Circle program. There is also a sprinkling of new assistants that I'm sure you'll be pleased to meet over the next few days. We have a truly amazing staff again this year.

We look forward to the year ahead.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 8th

First Day of School
*Early dismissal MS only
11:30am

August 9th

PP Orientation 7pm in your
child's classroom
*Early dismissal MS only
11:30am

August 10th

Elementary 1 Orientation 7pm
in your child's classroom

August 11th

Elementary 2 Orientation 7pm
in your child's Classroom

August 12th & 15th

Enrichment Fairs

August 19th

Early Dismissal for Oak MS
only at 11:30 am

August 24th

Hearing & Vision Screening
K-8

August 26th

ALL SCHOOL CLOSED!
All Staff Professional
Development Day

August 31st

Mandatory meeting for all **New
Villa Parents** at
Camelback HS at 7pm



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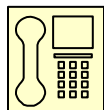
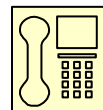
EXTRA! EXTRA!

READ ALL ABOUT IT! The Villa Voice newsletter begins with our first official issue coming out the beginning of September.

In it you will find information about:

- ⇒ Upcoming school events
 - ⇒ Circle News
 - ⇒ Classroom News
- ⇒ Fundraising Information
 - ⇒ Monthly Calendar
 - ⇒ Head of School Letter
- ⇒ Assistant Head of School Letter/Information
 - ⇒ Volunteer Information
- ⇒ Children's contributions, such as poetry etc.
 - ⇒ Special Education News
- ⇒ Information about Businesses within the Villa Community
 - ⇒ And much, much more

So you can see that it is very important that you read every issue! You will always find a copy on our website: www.villamontessori.com and it will be emailed to all parents who have an email address on file or have a hard copy sent home with your child. If you would like a hard copy please send an email request to kegleston@villamontessori.com and give me your child's name and teacher's name and I will make sure you get a hard copy.

**ABSENTEE PHONE LINE!**

We have a dedicated line just for you to use when calling in an absence for your child; regardless of which campus your child attends. All absences should be called in to the absentee line at **602-458-1356, no matter what the reason (illness, Dr. appt, personal/family business etc.). Please make sure to leave all pertinent information, such as the child's name, the teacher's name, the date and the reason for the absence. We will notify your child's teacher of the absence, including those at all our other campuses. We request that you call in every day that the child is absent, please try to call prior to 8:30am each day.**

SUPPORT YOUR VILLA COMMUNITY

Due to the strain of current economic times many of our smaller family-owned and -operated businesses are struggling to stay afloat; others are going bankrupt and some have even had to close up shop!

In keeping with the community spirit of the "Villa Family" we would like to help support those Villa families that own or operate businesses. We will do this by listing all of those businesses in our monthly Villa Voice in the hopes that other families will see this information and start supporting these companies (if you don't already).

So if you own or operate a business, have a child in school at Villa Montessori and would like to have your business listed, please contact Kathy Egleston at 602-955-2210 or email kegleston@villamontessori.com.

All information must be turned in by the 20th of the month prior to publication. We will list the name of the business and any pertinent contact information. The list will be published every month under the heading "Support Your Villa Community." **You must submit your information at the beginning of each new school year!**

ADVERTISE WITH THE VILLA VOICE

Throughout the school year we receive many requests from Villa families to advertise events or classes. We have decided to honor these many requests by offering ad space in the monthly Villa Voice for a small fee of \$10 per ad per month. Due to limited space we will only have room for 12 ads each month. We will accept these ads on a first-come, first-serve basis (taking into consideration any time-sensitive materials). The funds generated from these ad sales will be used to offset our own advertising budget costs.

There will be 6 ads per page (a page being the standard 8 1/2" X 11"); the ad must contain the name of the business, the date of the event (if applicable), cost and all contact information. If it is appropriate and consistent with our mission and values, we will publish it. Ads must be paid for by check only and made out to "Villa Montessori" and paid at the time of submission.

If you have any other questions or would like to place an ad please contact Kathy Egleston at 602-955-2210 or kegleston@villamontessori.com. All ads must be received by the 20th of the month prior to publication.



Villa will be doing Vision & Hearing Screenings for all Kindergarten through 8th grade students on Wednesday, August 24th. Please make sure your child is attending school on that day and try not to schedule any other appointments for your child outside of school on that day.



AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR ELEMENTARY 1 & 2 AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

ELEMENTARY 1 & 2: Hopefully you all had an opportunity to look over the enrichment offerings that came in your "Back to School" packet in July. To showcase these, we are having an **Enrichment Fair** for the students on each elementary campus on Friday, August 12th. (Elementary 1: Davis Campus in the ODE 1:00-1:30 & Meadowbrook Campus in the ODE 1:35-2:00 and Elementary 2: Cheryl Campus in the Science Room 10:00-11:00) At the fair, a brief presentation on each specific enrichment class will be made.

Registration packets will be given at your child's Orientation;
E1 Wednesday, August 10th and E2 Thursday, August 11th at 7 pm.

MIDDLE SCHOOL: Hopefully you all had an opportunity to look over the enrichment offerings that came in your "Back to School" packet in July. To showcase these, a brief presentation of each class will be made during the community meeting at Weldon on Friday, August 12th and on Monday, August 15th at the Oak Campus.

Registration forms will be sent home with each student the day of their Enrichment Fair.

If you wish to sign your child up for an Enrichment Class, you will be able to do so during the **week of August 15th-19th**. (Please make sure that the registration forms are turned into your child's **campus office** no later than **August 19th**).

If any of the enrichment classes that your child signed up for are cancelled due to lack of enrollment, we will notify you by Friday, August 26th.

All enrichment classes will begin the week of October 3rd-7th, 2011

ENRICHMENT PICK UP TIMES



For Non-Circle Students

Elementary 1-----4:00 pm
Elementary 2-----4:15 pm
Middle School-----4:45 pm

(Students not picked up on time will be taken to the Office and you will be charged \$1.00 per minute. Sorry if this sounds harsh, but we simply do not have the staff to stay with children who are not picked up on time.)

Should you have any questions please contact our Admissions Director Heather Carara at 602-381-9967 ext 103 or hcarara@villamontessori.com and place the title "Enrichment" in the subject line.

August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Infant/Toddler Closed today	2	3	4 Parent Orientation for MS at Oak at 6:30pm	5	6
7 	8 1st Day of School *Early dismissal MS only 11:30am	9 *Early dismissal MS only 11:30am PP Orientation 7pm	10 Elementary 1 Orientation 7pm	11 Elementary 2 Orientation 7pm	12 Enrichment Fairs for E1 & 2 and for Weldon MS	13
14	15 Enrichment Fair for Oak MS	16		18	19 Early Dismissal for Oak MS only at 11:30am!	20
21	22	23	24	25 Innisbrook Wrapping Paper packets go home today!	26 ALL SCHOOL CLOSED! ALL STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	27
28	29	30	31 Mandatory meeting for all NEW Villa Parents at Camelback HS 7:00pm	Maria Montessori's Birthday 		

IMPORTANT DATES COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 2nd—Early Dismissal for Weldon MS only at 11:30 am

Monday, September 5th—LABOR DAY HOLIDAY— ALL SCHOOL CLOSED!!

Friday, September 9th—PP Soccer Registration Due

Saturday, September 10th—MS Heroic Journey Parent Training Meeting

Monday, September 12th—Wrapping Paper Fundraiser Ends

Wednesday, September 21st—International Day of Peace

Friday, September 30th—1st Pre- Primary Soccer Game

