

Villa Voice

January 27, 2015



Letter from Head Of School, Margo O'Neill

Dear Parents,

The Arizona State Tax Credit Campaign was a huge success this year, raising \$140,087 in support for our school. This year's total is greater than any previous year's sum. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to each and every person who helped in this endeavor. The outcome of all your hard work isn't just the contribution of funding to our school but also the contribution to the growth and sustainability of our community as a whole.

When we re-declared our core values at the beginning of this school year, it was with much passion and soul searching that we decided upon these four: Community, Celebration, Authenticity, and Courage. In this campaign, I truly believe each of these core values was demonstrated.

I am excited that the vision statement of Villa's new PTO contains one of these core values. Their vision statement reads, "To inspire and strengthen a united Villa community." Together, we can do great things on behalf of our students and families.

The Elementary I teachers will be presenting two parent education workshops on the history curriculum in the upcoming months. This is a very rich curriculum so if you are interested in learning more about it, do plan on attending those. See inside for dates and more specific information regarding these.

Please take a minute to look over the Dates to Remember as well. There are some changes to our original school calendar regarding February 6 and President's Day.

Have a great week!

PTO Invites You to First Meeting at Jump City

We cordially invite you to join us for our very first Villa Montessori PTO meeting on Thursday February 26 at Jump City on Indian School Rd. from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. No babysitter? No problem! Bring your children and for \$5 they can jump and play while we meet and socialize!



This is a potluck - so bring your favorite dish (side, main, snack). Our agenda will be light and fun - we will formally elect the board, we will share volunteer opportunities across the committees, and we will have a guest speaker who will share a bit about Montessori education. Then, eat, drink, socialize, and watch our children jump until they are ready to go to bed!

RSVP - <http://www.evite.com/event/016A7G2NIDY5FYCZGEPETASCX2U64M>

We look forward to doing some wonderful things together to support Villa Montessori School! Look forward to seeing you at Jump City!

Nicole Newhouse
www.vmpto.org

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Valentine Grams are here!!

Kisses = \$3
Smencil = \$3
Kisses + Smencil = \$5

Valentine's Day is just around the corner...time to send your loved ones a little treat - or perhaps show some appreciation for your favorite teacher or administrator? We have a returning favorite this year – Smencils! These deliciously-scented #2 pencils are made from 100% recycled newspapers. We're excited about this fun, eco-friendly treat that kids & adults loved last year.

Valentine's Grams are the overnight field-trip sponsorship for E2 grade-level trips, which helps keep our costs down and allows for a higher participation rate among students. To support our E2 students, you can pick up your order forms from any campus office. Please fill out a separate form for each person. You may enclose the orders in an envelope with cash or a check made out to Villa Montessori, and deposit it in one of the Valentine Gram Boxes.

The sale runs from Wednesday, January 28th through Wednesday, February 11th. Deliveries will be made on Friday, February 13th. Extra order forms will be available in each campus office.

Thank you,
Valentine Gram Team
Christy Cantu

(Infants and toddlers will receive an age appropriate treat instead of chocolate kisses)

*"Of all things love is the most potent."
Maria Montessori*

EI Parent Education— Cultural History Curriculum

The Elementary teaching staff invite you to a parent education series centered around the Elementary I cultural history curriculum. There will be two presentations offered, each exploring a different area of this curriculum.

On Wednesday, February 25 the presentation will be centered around the Creation of the Universe, and the second presentation will be on Saturday, March 21, and will be focused on the Timeline of Life.

The location of each presentation is currently undecided and will be announced closer to the time of the event. If interested, please save the date in your calendar and look for more information soon!

Elementary Flag Football

Flag Football is well underway — and the children are in full football mode with the excitement of the Super Bowl coming to Arizona! Participating E1 and E2 students are learning the fundamentals of the sport while having fun on the field.

Thank you to our volunteer coaches who make this program possible!

E1 Coaches:
Scott Paulsel & Todd Lockwood—Black Team
Brian Whitacre—White Team
Tim Flynn—Green Team
Mark Springsteel—Light Blue Team

E2 Coaches:
Greg Gomez—Red Team
Glenn Appell—Blue Team
Tim Broyles—Grey Team
Brian Whitacre & Chris Lesniak—Orange Team

For more information about Flag Football, or any other sport programs, please contact Brian at bwhitacre@villamontessori.com.

Circle Program Welcomes New E1/E2 After School Director



Some of you may have noticed a new friendly face in our after-school Circle Program. Just last week, Chanelle Montgomery started as the new E1/E2 Circle Director, replacing Lisa Vinson who had been on staff for over a year. Lisa is moving on to an exciting opportunity and we are rooting for her success

as she takes on another big adventure. Please read the interview below to get to know our new Director better — and stop and say 'hi' the next time you see her on campus!

How I came to Villa:

I recently moved to Phoenix from Los Angeles and I was looking for jobs and came across a listing for a position here at Villa. I was called for an interview and nailed it!

What I do at Villa:

I am the Elementary Circle Coordinator. I am responsible for training the Circle staff, preparing activities, and making sure the program is in line with school policies and values.

The most valuable thing I offer:

My creativity along with my welcoming personality are two of the most valuable things I have to offer.

What I do when not at work:

When I am not at work I spend time working out, decorating, cooking and shopping.

Little known fact about me:

I was a volleyball and cheer coach for two years.

My Favorite quote:

This is a truly amazing life. Everything is conspiring for our benefit. There are no bad days." —Aaron Kennard, Author of The Positive Thinking Secret

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 2

Valentine Grams go on Sale

February 13

Valentine Grams get Distributed

February 6

Professional Development —
ALL SCHOOL released at 11:30AM

February 16

President's Day — School OPEN

February 25

E1 Parent Education Series—
Creation of the Universe, 7PM

March 6

Summer School Registration
Forms Become Available for
CURRENT STUDENTS

March 9

Infant and Toddler Program CLOSED

March 9-13

Spring Break

March 21

E1 Parent Education Series—
Timeline of Life, 9AM

March 23

Summer School Registration Forms
Due for CURRENT STUDENTS

March 30

Summer School Registration
Forms Become Available
to the PUBLIC

Villa Montessori School



50 Golden Years of Growing Greatness

APRIL 25th - "VILLA MONTESSORI SPARKLES & SHINES" 50 GOLDEN YEARS OF GROWING GREATNESS AUCTION DINNER

"We are encouraging everyone to dress in gold or sparkle – even the men!"

We are celebrating our 50th Year Anniversary and 2014 Charter School of the Year award!

Our auction committee has been working since last summer to make this a fabulous event. This year's event will be held again at the Chaparral Suites Hotel in Scottsdale. **We need parents to work the night of the event. Please contact me if you are interested. We also need help on Saturday morning and immediately following the event. – *You will receive double volunteer hours on that day!* You can also participate by soliciting items or underwriting expenses for this event.** Remember you can receive one-hour volunteer time per auction item or one hour volunteer time for each \$100 in value of the items. You can also donate wine for your hours. Every hour is worth \$20 so donate a \$200 bottle of wine and you will receive all 10 hours. We ask every family to volunteer 10 hours a year.

We will be sending donations forms out over the next three months. Extra donation forms are in the Administration Office or call me for a form (602) 363-5006. This is a great way to fulfill your required 10 hours volunteer time. **PLEASE HELP! *We must have all items in by April 16th!***

Co-Chairs of Event: Erik Droge & Trisha Hartnett

Silent Auction: Amy Armstrong, Laura Harper, Trisha Hartnett, Karen Heard, Sandy Jablonski, Denyce Doubleday, and Sarah Silvester

Procurement: Monica Bush, Shelly Cross, Cheri Farias, Natalie Gruner, Carrie Jankowski, Shoshanna Lieberman, Alison Oesch, Suzanne Siegel, Shannon Smith, and Julia Winter

Wine Wall: Denyce Doubleday, Trisha Hartnett & Carrie Jankowski

Auction Slide Show: Monica Bush

Centerpieces: Katie Easley

Finance: Sheri Johnson (Alum Parent)

Publications: Sue Watson

Classroom Baskets: Shelley Hubbard, Mary Ann Maher, and Shannon Smith

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Technical Support: Mel Richards (Alum Parent)

Administration Support: Margo O'Neill

Facilities/Program Production: Vince Watson

Villa Chair: Sue Watson

Invitations for this event will be mailed in March, so mark your calendars for April 25th!

FROM THE DESK OF SUE WATSON

UPDATED AMOUNT!

\$140,087 IN TAX CREDITS THE PARENTS OF VILLA HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB!!

We thank you all for your continued support. This year we had 445 donors with an average donation of \$314. We are up over \$15,000 from last year! These monies go directly toward our extracurricular courses and their instruction. All donors (Friends of Villa) are listed on separate pages.

The following families were each responsible for Villa receiving over \$1500 from friends and family. They will receive two dinner tickets to the Villa Auction in April.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Amy & Patrick Armstrong - \$1600

Monica & Brian Bush - \$1600

Elizabeth & David Van Wie - \$1600

Camille Rawdin & Kyle Vessel - \$1500

Jennifer Reighard & Aaron Walker - \$2800 – Plus \$800 in matched funds

Julia & Matt Winter – \$2000

I want to again thank Julia Winter as Parent Chair for this campaign and all of the wonderful parents that volunteered to be the Tax Credit Coordinators for their child's classrooms.

IMPORTANT: If you, your friend or family donated to the tax credit campaign and their name is not on the list, please call me (Sue Watson) immediately (602 363-5006).

We would again like to have a tax credit representative from every classroom next year. It would require one meeting in September to plan the campaign, phone calls to parents and sending informative emails to your classroom throughout the campaign. Please call me if you are interested in helping with this.

OUR WEBSITE IS AVAILABLE YEAR ROUND FOR TAX CREDIT DONATIONS.

Website: [http://www.villamontessori.com/apps/pages/index.jsp?
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THANK YOU!!

Support our Villa Community

In keeping with the community spirit of the "Villa Family," we would like to help support those Villa families that own or operate businesses. If you own or operate a business, have a child at Villa, and would like your business listed, please contact Barbi Smith at bsmith@villamontessori.com. We will list the name of the business, phone number, Web site, and your name.

It takes a VILLAge!

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YOUR *Villa* REALTOR

Our family has been at Villa for almost three years. My wife Karena and I along with our two boys Maxwell (4) & Calvin (2) embrace the Villa community.

Our children's education is extremely important to us and we support Villa however we can. With that, I will donate 10% of my commission to Villa from each successful Close of Escrow involving a Villa parent.

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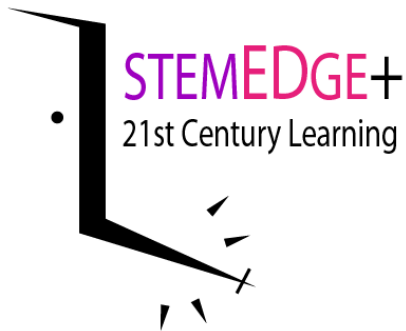
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The logo for LuxyMod FURNISHINGS is centered on a light beige background. It features a dark grey crown icon above the brand name 'LuxyMod' in a large, elegant script font. Below this, the word 'FURNISHINGS' is written in a smaller, all-caps sans-serif font. Underneath that, the phrase 'Custom Upholstery & Home Decor' is written in a medium-sized sans-serif font. A colorful, wavy, rainbow-like graphic element is positioned below the text. At the bottom of the logo area, the website address 'www.luxymod.com' is displayed in a sans-serif font.

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