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Upcoming Events

Nov. 9	Primary Cook Day
Nov. 10	Victorian Farmhouse Parent Education: At Home with Montessori 6 - 7:30 PM Victorian Farmhouse RSVP to Lisa Rimmel by November 8.
Nov. 11	Infant and Toddler Classrooms Closed
Nov. 16	School Picture Retake Day
Nov. 17	Coffee with the Head 8:30 AM Victorian Farmhouse Multipurpose Room
Nov. 17	7th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Churubusco 5 PM @ Howe School

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Headlines from Oak Farm Montessori School

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Our mission is to provide a Montessori environment that inspires children to reach their potential through meaningful work.

FROM JUDITH CUNNINGHAM, HEAD OF SCHOOL

Everyday is a New Beginning. . .

Our newly designed website is up and running and we are interested in your comments. We believe it is easier to navigate and presents the school in an easier-to-appreciate format. But the true test is your experience as you look through it, so please let us know your thoughts and suggestions. www.oakfarm.org

The Value of Education

According to a recent report by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average unemployment rate for those without a high-school education was 14.9 percent and the average income of those who could even get a job was only \$444 a week pretax.

However, for those with a high-school education, unemployment dropped to 10.3percent and their weekly earnings jumped to \$626. For those who went to college and earned a Bachelor's Degree, unemployment dropped to only 5.4 percent and the median salary jumped to \$1,036 a week. Those who went on to earn a Master's Degree had a median income of \$1,272 a week and an unemployment rate of just 4 percent.

Income cannot be equated with happiness and a sense of personal achievement, but it is an important measuring stick that cannot be ignored. Academic knowledge and the life experiences one acquires in school open up opportunities that are not available to those without it. That is why at Oak Farm Montessori we work so hard to help your children develop a love of learning that will help them to grow intellectually and emotionally, providing them with the tools that will support their continued growth. At Oak Farm we are not only thinking of our students' "todays", but we are also thinking about their "tomorrows".



Grandparents Day is scheduled for November 22. Invitations were included in the folder given to families at parent-teacher conferences, and all grandparents listed with complete addresses in RenWeb were mailed invitations last week.

Please look for information to come home this week regarding dismissal for Grandparents Day. We are all looking forward to making this a memorable day for all who can attend.

PRIMARY CLASSROOMS COLLECT FOR LOCAL BUREAU

By Lyndy Poyser, Primary Teacher

Recently, the Primary classrooms heard of a need in our community. The Avilla - LaOtto Christmas Bureau reaches out to families in the area who are in need. Last year, the Christmas Bureau was able to serve 78 families and 178 children in the area. They are expecting even more families to sign up this year. They were able to help out those families through donations from the community.

The Primary classes at Oak Farm have decided to assist with these needs by taking in donations of gloves, mittens, hats, and scarves. We can take all sizes, but especially we want to provide for the children of the community. We are also asking for donations of new or even gently-used stuffed animals.

There will be a collection basket or box in each Primary classroom for the students. Also, we will place a collection box in the Victorian Farmhouse main entrance.

We will begin collecting the week of November 7 and will wrap it up November 30. We look forward to serving our community and making the season a little warmer and brighter for those in need.



“AT HOME WITH MONTESSORI”: A PARENT EDUCATION EVENT SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2011

By Bonnie Schultz, Primary Coordinator

Infant, Toddler and Primary teachers are looking forward to this important time with you—the parents of students in the Victorian Farmhouse.

At this event, you will tour through prepared rooms of a model home and see how it is possible to apply the Montessori principle of fostering independence in children to your own home environment. You will learn how to create spaces for children in each area of your home that support your child's development; just as we do in the classrooms. Each family will receive a child-sized household item to take home for use in your kitchen.

Building connections between school and home not only involves physical environments, but also the preparation of the adults in each of the environments. Nikole Albright will be presenting the Montessori philosophy of natural consequences versus punishment and how this perspective develops from a relationship of trust.

Time will be allowed for discussion, so bring your questions and be ready to share your wisdom with other parents.

Admission to all parent-education events is free. We do ask that you RSVP to Lisa Rimmel by phoning the school or emailing lrimmel@oakfarmschool.com so that we know how many participants to expect.

RSVPs and prepayment for childcare (\$5/child, Primary through Middle-School age) must be made to Lisa on or before November 8.

2011-2012 YEARBOOK
Yearbook orders are being taken now. Please submit your order before November 30 to receive the \$15 Early Bird Special. Order forms can be found in the Victorian Farmhouse main entrance.