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Mater Amoris Matters

MARCH
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For All the News That Matters



Calendar of Events

Tues, Mar 2, 8-9 a.m.

Lower Elementary Introduction

Weds, Mar 3, 8-9 a.m.

Upper Elementary Introduction

Fri, March 5, 7-8 p.m.

Fathers' Night, Mrs. Nellis

(4, 5 & 6 year olds)

Mon-Fri, Mar 8-11

Science Fair

Wed, Mar 10, 7-8:30 p.m.

Science Fair Parent Night

Wed, Mar 17

Kennedy Center Opera trip,
Mrs. Perez and graduating class

Thur, March 18, 7-8 p.m.

Fathers' Night, Mrs. A-O and

Ms. Beitzell

Tues, Mar 23, 7-8 p.m.

Fathers' Night, Mrs. Perez

Weds, Mar 24, 7-8 p.m.

Fathers' Night, Mrs. Mosher

(4, 5 & 6 year olds)

Sun, Mar 28

Easter Egg and Scavenger Hunt

Fri, Apr 2

Spring Holiday begins

11:45 dismissal for all

NO PM CARE

Mon-Fri, Apr 5-9

Spring Break – NO CLASSES

Weds, Apr 14, 7-8 p.m.

Mothers' Night, Mrs. Mosher

(4, 5 & 6 year olds)

Thur, Apr 15, 7-8 p.m.

Mothers' Night, Mrs. A-O and

Ms. Beitzell

Mon, Apr 19

Kennedy Center field trip,

Lower & Upper Elementary

Tues, Apr 20, 4-7 p.m.

Spring Musical Rehearsal

Weds, Apr 21

Kennedy Center Opera Trip,

Mrs. Perez and graduating class

Thur, Apr 22, 4-7 p.m.

Spring Musical Dress Rehearsal

Sat, Apr 24

Spring Musical Performance

Thur, Apr 29, 7-8 p.m.

Mothers' Night, Mrs. Nellis

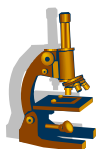
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FROM THE DIRECTRESS

Please join me in welcoming another new student to Mater Amoris for the second semester. Madeline Eggleston has joined Mrs. Nellis' class. We look forward to sharing the remainder of the year with her!

We are looking forward to a busy and productive spring with many special events ahead. We hope to see all of you at Mothers' and Fathers' Nights, Science Fair Night, and the Easter Egg and Scavenger Hunt. Please save the date of April 24th for our annual Spring Musical. This year the children will be performing "The Sound of Music" and there is already much excitement as they begin to learn the songs and dances.

The Parent Council will be looking for volunteers to help with the annual Spring Fair and Silent Auction in May. This is a great way to get to know other Mater Amoris families and to support the school in this important fundraising event.



SCIENCE FAIR

The Science Fair will take place March 8-11, 2010. All Mater Amoris families, primary and elementary, parents and children, are invited to come to school and enjoy the Junior children's science projects on *Wednesday, March 10th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.* Don't miss seeing and experiencing this wonderful and creative work.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OCELOTS!



Several students in the Upper Elementary class and one student from the Lower Elementary class recently competed in the Disney Field Hockey Showcase at the Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Florida. After a tremendous amount of hard work in a short period of time, the Ocelots were triumphant and captured the Gold Medal in the U12 division. The Ocelot players were complimented extensively by parents, officials and tournament directors for their positive attitude and admirable team spirit throughout the event. Coach Chaudry and Mrs. Perez would like to thank all of the students and parents for their continued support and dedication to the program. Our great success would not be possible without your help. Students who attended the tournament are Aidan Borsh, Sarah Colbert, George Drewyer, Jeremy Mednik, Ryan Meyers, Jack Morrison, Dana Reed, Taylor Reed, Margarita Ryan, Sophia Ryan, Stephanie Salazar, Chloe Sutherland, Brooke Tomalty, Matthew Wilson and Elizabeth Young. ***Go Ocelots!***

WELCOME, OSCAR!

The Upper Elementary class is looking forward to welcoming Oscar Friberg, age 12, from Montessoriskolan Villa Darjeeling in Goteborg, Sweden. Oscar will be here as an exchange student in our class from March 12 through April 3, 2010. He will be staying with Samantha and T.J. Picciotti. Oscar has been T.J.'s penpal for this school year. A special thank you goes to the Picciotti family for opening their home to Oscar.

MOTHERS' AND FATHERS' NIGHTS

Primary children ages 4, 5 and 6, and all junior children are welcome to bring their mothers, aunts, or motherly figures, or fathers, uncles, or fatherly figures to school to share their classroom work. We ask that you come with only the child whose class is scheduled for the evening, not with his/her siblings.

EASTER EGG AND SCAVENGER HUNT



Mater Amoris will have its annual Easter Egg and Scavenger Hunt at school on Sunday, March 28, from 2-4 p.m. There will be hundreds of eggs for the primary children to find and a scavenger hunt for the juniors. Games, crafts and other surprises will make the day enjoyable for the entire family. ***The Easter egg and scavenger hunt are for Mater Amoris students only.***

A WORD FROM THE PARENT COUNCIL

Put the snow behind you! Think about the Spring Fair Silent Auction 2010 "America the Beautiful".

This year the money we raise will be used to purchase the hardware and software necessary to catalog our library. We will also enhance the library collection. This will make more books more accessible to our children and their teachers.

We hope also to raise enough money to purchase an additional piece of equipment for the school playground.

These goals are achievable and offer significant returns on relatively modest investments. But we need your help. 100% participation is our goal. There are many opportunities to contribute, just visit MaterAmoris.com for ideas. Be watching for information in your child's lunchbox. And don't forget to support your child's classroom basket. This year's themes are Made in America (Mrs. Perez); History 101 (Mrs. A-O and Ms. Beitzell); National Treasures (Mrs. Nellis); and Classic Toys and Other Treats (Mrs. Mosher). For questions contact Kimberly Morrison at 301-774-3886 (morrisonhousehold@msn.com) or Carrie Weitzman at 301-854-3121.

The Parent Council would also like to invite all students to attend this year's Easter Egg Hunt for the Primary children and the Scavenger Hunt for the Upper and Lower Elementary children on Sunday, March 28. Crafts will also be available at 2 p.m. Both hunts will start **promptly** at 2:15. You must RSVP for the hunt to be allowed to participate.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Community Night at California Tortilla. Our next Community Night Out is March 15 at Cheeburger Cheeburger in Olney. Finally, please remember to nominate yourself or another parent to serve on the Parent Council. If you would like more information about these items or any Parent Council-sponsored activity, please call Jessica Eustace at 301-570-5442.