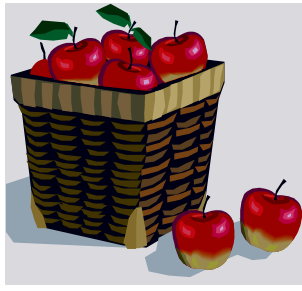


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SEPTEMBER
2010

For All the News That Matters



Calendar of Events

Sun, Sept 19, 2-5 pm

Fall picnic

Raindate: Sun, Sept 26

Weds, Sept 22 – 7-8 p.m.

Elementary Parent
Education Meeting

Thurs, Sept 23

Picture Day

Friday, Oct 1, 7 pm

Parent Social

Weds, Oct 6, 7-8 p.m.

Primary Parent Education
Meeting

Fri, Oct 8

NO CLASSES

Conference for teachers

Mon, October 11

NO CLASSES

Columbus Day

Tues-Thu, Oct 12-14

Parent Conferences

Dismissal at 11:45 for

ALL children

PM CARE available 12-4

by arrangement through
the office (details to
follow)

Mon-Mon, Oct 25-Nov 1

Mater Amoris Book Fair

Weds, Oct 27, 7 pm

Primary PJ Party

Fri, Oct 29, 11:15 am

Halloween Parade for all
children

Sat-Sun, Oct 30-31

Family Portraits



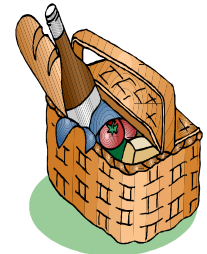
FROM THE DIRECTRESS



The school year is off to a wonderful start and I am pleased to welcome all the families, returning and new! Mrs. Elizabeth Brunetti has joined the staff as our new primary teacher and Mrs. Shannon Meyers has returned to Mater Amoris to teach one of our lower elementary classes. Please join me in extending them a warm welcome.

FALL PICNIC

A school potluck picnic for all families will be held on Sunday, September 19th, from 2-5 p.m. at the school. The rain date is Sunday, September 26th. The picnic is a sharing of fellowship and your favorite dishes, and also a time to get acquainted with other families in your child's class. Details will be sent home soon with the children. ***Please leave all pets at home.***



ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

Please remember to follow the instructions for arrival and dismissal (Parent Handbook, page 10). The teachers are making every effort to make arrival and dismissal both safe and efficient. At the 3:30 dismissal only, please form 2 lines, regardless of whether you will make a right or left turn onto Mink Hollow Road. The teachers will signal you to leave the parking lot in whichever direction you need to go. ***PLEASE USE TURN SIGNALS ENTERING AND EXITING.*** As has been done in the past, overflow traffic can go into the field, weather permitting. The staff will buckle your child's seatbelt. If you feel you must buckle the seatbelt, please pull into a parking space and walk to pick up your child. ***PLEASE ALWAYS EXIT BY THE TENANT HOUSE,*** even at the morning dismissal when the traffic is lighter. ***NO ONE MAY EVER EXIT FROM THE ENTRANCE GATE.*** As a matter of safety and courtesy to other families, please keep in mind that arrival and dismissal are not the times for parent/staff conferences. If you have questions for your child's teacher, please call the school office. Thank you for your cooperation.



PARENT EDUCATION MEETINGS

Mrs. Alexander-Ozinskas, Mrs. Meyers and Mrs. Perez will be presenting an overview of the Lower and Upper Elementary Montessori lessons and materials on **Wednesday, September 22nd**, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. All lower and upper elementary parents as well as parents of 5 and 6 year old children in the primary classes are invited to attend.

On **Wednesday, October 6th**, 7:00-8:00 p.m., Mrs. Nellis and Mrs. Brunetti will be leading a demonstration and discussion of the Primary Montessori math materials. Parents of all primary children are invited.

Light refreshments will be provided by the Parent Association.



PARENT SOCIAL

Suzanne and Mark Simpson are hosting a school wide Parent Social on Friday, October 1st, at 7:00 p.m., at their home in Spencerville. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and get to know other parents in your child's class, enjoy delicious food and cocktails, and spend some time with your child's teacher. Members of the Parent Council will also attend the social.

If you are able to help with refreshments, please contact Donnette Lanning at 301-774-6976 or Kate Albus at 301-963-4763.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARENT COUNCIL

Welcome Back! The Parent Council is very excited about all of the activities we are planning this year.

- ♥ The Fall Picnic is Sunday, September 19th, at 2pm. Each family is assigned either an entrée, side dish or dessert; details will be sent home soon. If you wish to volunteer for set-up or clean-up at the Fall Picnic, please call Hilary Phillips-Rogers at 301-570-3221.
- ♥ Book your babysitter now - the Parent Social is Friday October 1st. We look forward to seeing all of the Mater Amoris parents for an adult only evening. Invitations are in the mail!
- ♥ MoCo Photo will be back October 30-31 to take professional portraits and make holiday cards for your family and loved ones.

If you have any questions or wish to contact the Parent Council about volunteering for any of the various events throughout the year, please call Jessica Eustace (301) 570-5442 or Carrie Weitzman (301) 854-3121. We are looking forward to a great year.

LABELS

As the school year begins, please take time to label clearly every article of clothing your child brings to school, including shoes, slippers, umbrellas, etc. We appreciate your help with this to avoid lost and mixed up items!



HEAD LICE

Please establish a routine of checking your child's hair for lice or nits. Transmission of lice most often occurs by head-to-head contact but can also be the result of shared brushes, combs, hats or other head gear. Please remind your children not to share these items.

TICKS



Children should be checked regularly for ticks. Deer ticks carry Lyme disease which can result in serious problems if not caught early. The spread of infected ticks in our area has been more dramatic as deer have become more common roaming through backyards, woods, and parks.

GETTING IN TOUCH WITH TEACHERS

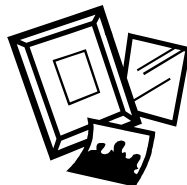
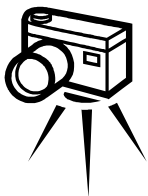
For the most part, the teachers are unavailable for phone calls during the day. If you would like to speak with your child's teacher, please call the office and we will take a message. The teacher will call you back as soon as her schedule permits (which may not be until the next day).



CHANGES IN CONTACT INFORMATION

Please inform the office in writing of any changes to phone numbers or email addresses. All messages to the school are best sent in writing or by email as verbal messages can be forgotten or delayed.

PICTURE DAY



Splendid Portraits will be coming to Mater Amoris on Thursday, September 23rd, to take individual and class pictures. Order forms will be sent home soon and must be returned to school by September 22nd in order for your child's picture to be taken. Retakes will be offered on Thursday, November 18th.