



# PBMS Newsletter

## March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010



### March 2010

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2 Elementary Field Trip National Geographic Museum	3	4  Open House 9:30am	5  Lower Elementary Assembly 9:15am  <span style="color: green;">Pizza Day</span>
8	9	10  Talent Show Auditions	11 Talent Show Auditions <span style="color: green;">Parent Child Night 6:00 – 8:00pm Pizza Day</span>	12 Parent Teacher Conferences <span style="color: green;">No School for Students Day Camp Offered</span>
15	16	17	18	19   <span style="color: green;">Pizza Day</span>
22  Talent Show Practice All Week	23	24	25	26  Talent Show 1:30pm  <span style="color: green;">Pizza Day</span>
29  Spring Break School closed  <span style="color: green;">Spring Fling Camp</span>	30  Spring Break School closed  <span style="color: green;">Spring Fling Camp</span>	31  Spring Break School closed  <span style="color: green;">Spring Fling Camp</span>		

### ~ Maria Montessori

"Let us always remember that inner discipline is something to come and not something always present."

### Elementary Field Trip – Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Lower and Upper Elementary students will be going to the National Geographic Museum on *Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>* to see the Terra Cotta Warriors exhibit. Students will be having lunch downtown. Students will be back at school in time for afternoon dismissal.

### Open House – Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

PBMS will be hosting an Open House on *Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>* at 9:30am. If you know of any family, friends or neighbors looking for a school, please let them know about our Open House. They should call the school office to reserve their spot.

### Lower Elementary Assembly – Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

The Lower Elementary class will be presenting a play from Japan and a song from Sri Lanka on *Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>* at 9:15am. It would make them proud and happy to see you during the presentation.

## **Talent Show Auditions – Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

Talent show auditions will be held on *Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>* during the school day. Primary, Kindergarten and Elementary students are invited to come and share their special talents with us.

Students participating in the Talent Show will have the opportunity to rehearse in the afternoons at school, during the week of *March 22<sup>nd</sup>*.

## **Parent Child Night – Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

Parent Child Night has been rescheduled to *Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>* from 6:00 – 8:00pm. This is always one of the favorite times of the year for the students and their parents. Primary, Kindergarten and Elementary families will be invited to their child's classroom where students will present their favorite Montessori material.

In order to accommodate all the students, we will have two sessions of 45 minutes each. You will receive an e-mail on *Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>* informing you of the time you have been scheduled to come in with your child. Siblings are welcome to attend this family event.

## **Parent Teacher Conferences – Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

Parent teacher conferences will be held on *Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>* for Primary, Kindergarten and Elementary students. Parents will be required to sign up for a conference time. Sign up sheets are posted in the front school entrance. School will be closed but we will be offering Day Camp. Please note we do not have the facilities to look after children if they accompany you on Conference Day. Day Camp may not be used to drop off children while you attend your conference.

## **School Closed/Day Camp - Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

- The Half Day camp will run from 7:30am to 12:30pm and will cost \$45.00.
- The Full Day camp will run from 7:30am to 6:00pm and will cost \$70.00.
- The sign up sheet is posted in the front school entrance.
- You must sign up and pay for Day Camp by *Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>*.
- We need to have at least 8 students sign up in order to run the Day Camp.

## **Talent Show – Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

We will be hosting our annual Talent Show on *Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>* at 1:30pm. Please come and support our students and join us for this exciting event.

## **Spring Break – Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

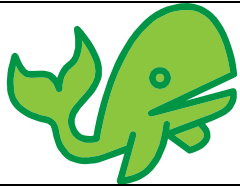
School will be closed *Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> through Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>* for Spring Break. Classes will resume on *Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>*.

## **Spring Fling – Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

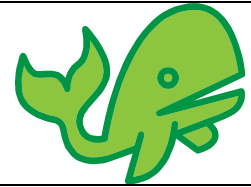
PBMS will be running a Spring Fling Camp from *Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> through Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>*. Families must register and pay for the Spring Fling Camp by *Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>*. The Spring Fling information was e-mailed on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know if you did not receive it.

## ~ Maria Montessori

“It is necessary for the teacher to guide the child without letting him feel her presence too much, so that she may always be ready to supply the desired help, but may never be the obstacle between the child and his experience.”



## Teacher Updates



### **Primary Room 4 & Toddler Class ~ Ms. Joan**

After shoveling all that snow it's great to be back together! February turned out to be an even shorter month than usual. Some of our planned activities were either postponed or cancelled. Fortunately, we were able to have our annual art show. PBMS has a lot of budding artists! Conferences are planned for March 12 and I am looking forward to seeing parents and talking about the progress the children have been making.

March winds bring in lessons on fish, Europe, St. Patrick's Day and famous Americans. The children sense that Spring is just around the corner because they have been asking to plant flowers outside. Our class started some tomato plants a few weeks ago, and to the delight of the children, we have 2 cups of small tomato plants that will soon be transplanted to larger pots. I would love to have a parent or grandparent come in to the classroom to plant with the children once the snow has melted. If you would like to volunteer, please call Ms. Rebecca in the Office to schedule a time in the morning to come in to Room 4. Many thanks!

### **Kindergarten & Primary Room 2/3 ~ Mrs. Singh**

February, already a short month, was even shorter with the snowmaggaden that hit our state. After being away from school for almost two weeks it was good to get back.

This month we learned about amphibians and winter. Asia is our unit of study, so we learned to sing songs from India. We also learned how to count from 1 to 10 in Hindi and attended the “Travel Expo of Asia” set up by the Elementary students. We used our passports to visit different counties like Kazakhstan, Laos, Japan and Pakistan. The country reports presented by the Elementary students were a lot of fun. The best part was the good food we got to taste from each country that a report was done on.

Chinese New Year and Presidents' of the USA are also something we learned about this month.

Next month, we will be learning about Europe, wind and fish. If anybody has anything they can share with us we would love it.

### **Lower Elementary ~ Ms. Verma**

The children in the lower elementary classroom learned to define land and water forms such as a gulf, peninsula, iceberg, archipelago, fjord, pass, valley, mountain and mountain range. They completed the research on countries in Asia, presented their reports and brought a dish from the chosen country as well. Parents and children shared the wonderful food from Asia. They have been introduced to the abbreviations of the states in USA and topographical features. They explored the organs of a fish, parts of a bird and learned the difference between cardinal and ordinal numbers. We discussed the relation between a point and a line and drew and labeled different kinds of lines. They have been introduced to the format for writing a friendly letter.

We will be starting “Personality of the Week” next week and the children will write a letter to the child chosen for that week. We will also be preparing for the Lower Elementary assembly approaching next month.

### **Upper Elementary Class ~ Mrs. Grover**

Even with the biggest snow storm in PBMS history canceling a week of school, Upper Elementary has been busy. Students have been preparing for their standardized tests by practicing every night at home and reviewing key concepts in class.

Our work on Asia continues with many map assignments. The biggest news in Asian study came with the presentation of our Asian nation projects. Each student shared super information and food from the Asian country they studied. Parents, staff and fellow students alike were very impressed!

In science, we have learned our place in the environment and the relationships between all biotic and abiotic factors. We have studied the oxygen, nitrogen and carbon cycles as well as our impact on them.

Finally, our month came to a close with students putting their finishing touches on their pieces for the art show, which is always a highlight of our year.

Next month is going to take us into Asian history, more standardized testing, the talent show and Parent Conferences too.