



PBMS May & June Newsletter

Important Dates in May & June

Spirit Week—

May 3rd— 7th

The whole school is invited to participate in Spirit Week.

Monday 3rd *Twin Day*

Choose a friend and come to school dressed alike.

Tuesday 4th *Opposites Day*

Wear your shirt inside out, come with mismatched socks etc.

Wednesday 5th *No Work Day*

We will spend the day doing no work! Students are invited to bring in games and books to share.

Thursday 6th *Celebrity Day*

Come to school dressed as your favorite celebrity or storybook character.

Friday 7th - *Sleepover Day*

Come to school wearing your pajamas. Students are welcome to bring in stuffed animals and movies.

Teacher Appreciation

Day—May 4th

It is time to show the teachers of PBMS how much we value and appreciate them for all of their hard work throughout the year. A luncheon will be held for staff on Tuesday, May 4th. Parents can contribute either by providing food or beverage for the luncheon or by volunteering to help with set-up and clean-up for the event. Children can be encouraged to make cards for their

teachers to honor the day. A sign-up sheet is posted in the front entrance of the school.

Tea with Mom— May 7th

In honor of Mother's Day, we will host Tea with Mom on Friday, May 7th from 11:00am to 11:45am. Please RSVP to the office by Wednesday, May 5th.

Carnival & Silent Auction—May 8th

Join us on Saturday, May 8th from 2:00pm—6:00pm for our Carnival & Silent Auction. There will be a moon bounce, games, crafts, yummy treats and lots of exciting items to bid on.

Book Fair Week— May 10th—13th

Our Scholastic Buy-One, Get-One-Free Book Fair will be here from Monday, May 10th to Thursday, May 13th. Listed below are the hours the Book Fair will be open.

Tuesday 11th
11:30am—12:30pm
2:30pm—5:30pm

Wednesday 12th
2:30pm—5:30pm

Thursday, 13th
2:30pm—6:00pm

Ice Cream Social— May 13th

Join us on Thursday, May 13th from 5:00pm—6:00pm for our annual Ice Cream Social. Stu-

dents can enjoy yummy ice cream treats while parents shop at the Buy-One, Get-One-Free Book Fair. Please RSVP for this event by Tuesday, May 11th.

Music Assembly— May 21st

Please join us on Friday, May 21st at 9:15am for our annual Music Assembly. The Kindergarten and Elementary students will demonstrate what they have learned in music class this year.

Upper Elementary Graduation Party— May 25th

Mrs. Singh has invited the Upper Elementary students to her home for the 6th Grade graduation party. She will provide lunch and entertainment!

Graduation— May 28th

We invite the PBMS community and friends to join us in honoring our 2010 PBMS graduates. The Graduation ceremony will be held in the Kelley Room from 1:30pm to 2:45pm on Friday, May 28th.

Graduation Dinner— May 28th

PBMS will host a dinner celebration on Friday, May 28th at 6:00pm for the graduating 6th graders and their families.

Donuts with Dad— June 4th

In honor of Father's Day, we will host Donuts with Dad on Friday, June 4th from 8:30am to 9:30am. Please RSVP to the office by Wednesday, June 2nd.

End of Year Picnic— June 7th

On Monday, June 7th we will hold our End of Year Picnic from 9:00am to 11:45am in the school clearing. Please bring a food item to share. The school will provide pop-sicles and fun games for everyone.

Last Day of School— June 7th

Monday, June 7th will be the last day of school. All students will be dismissed at 11:45am and there will be no After Care.

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Toddler & Primary Room 4 News

What a year it's been! Not only have the flowers and plants been growing, but so have 'my' children! Most of the students have mastered the important skill of using the bathroom, along with learning waiting their turn, saying please and thank you, and walking inside the classroom. The children have demonstrated how much they care for each other and how much they enjoy coming to school. Their work is very important to them and their skills have grown accordingly.

One of the highlights of the year was the emergence of our Painted Lady Butterflies. It was a delight to watch the children's enthusiasm over the insects and to hear them tell me all about the different stages of a caterpillar. An ant farm has joined our class-



room and the ants are busy digging tunnels. A couple of crickets visited us for a few days hopping around in an insect habitat. Bug hunting has become a favorite activity. Another source of fascination has been bird watching. The children have observed doves, red headed finches and a woodpecker. The love of nature comes so naturally to children.

This month we have ventured into gardening. I want to thank Darius's Dad, Derrick, for coming to our room and helping the children plant some flower bulbs and some tomato plants. This was a lot of fun. The children got a bit upset, though, when they discovered that squirrels absolutely love freshly buried



bulbs! I also want to thank Lyla's Mom, Heather, and her Grandma, Linda, for coming to plant herbs with the class. We are going to enjoy cooking with our very own herbs!

The children have grown to know and love their routine. It's a beautiful sight to see the class enter the room, sit on their name on the rug, and read a book. As summer approaches, please remember to keep some kind of routine for them. It is a stabilizing factor for a young child and gives them a sense of security and a sense of confidence.

We look forward to May and June for more opportunities to explore our world! I so enjoy my time with the children..

Kindergarten & Primary Room 2/3 News

"The child is truly a miraculous being and this should be felt by the educator"
~ The Absorbent Mind - Dr. Montessori

April was the Primary Assembly month. The Assembly was a super success as the children went on stage to sing songs from the seven continents and perform different plays. They acted and sang like professionals and made us all very proud and impressed at their confidence!

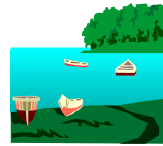


We studied birds this month and the children had an opportunity to feed them outside. The beautiful birds outside our room keep the children fascinated constantly. It is a beautiful sight seeing cardinals, finches, woodpeckers and other birds flying around.



We learned about Spring and weather too. It is fun to hear the children give different adjectives to describe the weather. This way they get to know describing words are adjectives!

Our continent in April was South America. The children learned the names of the different countries and Ms. Magda brought us food and artifacts from Bolivia. Erica, Emily's mom, gave a slide show presentation on the Galapagos Islands and Ms. Dana, Ada and Iris's mom, talked and shared photos with the children about her experiences in Ecuador, Peru, Chile and Bolivia. It was fun learning about these countries. Thanks to all who came to share their experiences with us.



Spring day and we walked and walked and walked! The children really enjoyed themselves but were a bit disappointed

because we did not get to see many animals. Thanks to Ms. Erin, Ms. Chantel, Ms. Lori and Ms. Sharon for driving us there.

Next month, we are going to study Australia, insects, flowers and famous artists. We would love to have you share information about these topics.



Our field trip to Lake Artemesia was a lot of fun. It was a very beautiful

Lower Elementary News

The children completed the "Personality of the Week" letters for each other this month. We learned the function of pronouns, adverbs and conjunctions in sentences. Our class has also been involved in the book club. We have been reading "Days with Frog and Toad" and working on various aspects of reading like comprehension and book analysis.

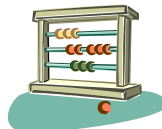


In Science, we enjoyed experiments like making ice cream and measuring different parts of the body. We are also studying the organs of the body and the life cycle of plants, animals and human beings.

In Geography, we completed our study

of various landforms and waterforms.

Another fun project has been making personal timelines.



In Math, we are working on multiplication. The metric system of measurement has been introduced as well.

We will explore more Montessori materials to learn how to multiply numbers, learn the function of interjections, suffixes and do more experiments in the weeks ahead.

"Spring is a heart full of hope and a shoe full of rain."

~ Unknown

Upper Elementary News



April was a wonderful month for Upper Elementary. Not only was the weather more enjoyable, we also had tons of exciting events and lessons. We made our way through the rest of the human body, learning about the cardiovascular system, the teeth and some very important organs: the liver, kidneys, pancreas....



Our study of Asia continues to fascinate us as we keep cooking wonderful food from the continent. Also, we have taken our recently-gained knowledge about the ancient Harappa and Mohenjadaro cultures and made wonderful replicas of their artifacts that should be coming home in a few weeks. Our papier mache Asian animals are a work in progress, and they look fantas-

tic! We are all looking forward to finishing them and painting them.

The two biggest events in April were our annual Standardized Tests and our outdoor education trip to Echo Hill. The students were excited to finally put all their practice and knowledge to the test, as everyone took on the challenge. Echo Hill was a blast as usual! The food was fabulous, the camp songs were cheerful and everyone came away with wonderful memories. We had amazing adventures on the outdoor courses and we also learned interesting facts on our night hike. The lesson aboard an old-time boat in the brackish waters of the Chesapeake Bay will stay with us forever as we care for our Bay. After making friends with some marine creatures, we got to 'kiss' them farewell; a wet and unforgetta-



ble end to a wonderful boat trip.

The next few weeks will prepare us for spirit week, another field trip, music assembly, and (6th grade) Graduation exercises with farewell lunches etc.



PBMS Reminders

1. Tick season has started so please make sure to check your child daily for ticks.
2. Please send in a hat for your child to wear at recess time.
3. Please apply bug spray and sunscreen in the morning before dropping your child off at school.
4. With the warm weather finally here, please make sure your child has a weather appropriate change of clothes in their backpack.
5. We strongly recommend students come to school in closed-toe shoes. Socks must be worn at all times.

May & June 2010

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10 Book Fair Week	11	12 Elementary Field Trip Asia Show	13 Ice Cream Social 5:00pm - 6:00pm	14	15 
17	18	19	20 Progress Reports Go Home	21 Music Assembly 9:15am	22
24	25 Upper Elem. Graduation Party 11:00am	26	27	28 Graduation 1:30pm Graduation Dinner 6:00pm	29
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