

SANDS MONTESSORI REPORTER



THE SANDS MONTESSORI PARENT ORGANIZATION NEWSLETTER

MAY 2010

REPORTER ON LINE

Next year we hope to have all communication from SMPO on line. This includes the Reporter. The costs now used for printing will be much better spent on our children and their classrooms. There will be more information to come in the first day packets at the beginning of the school year, but should you have any questions or concerns or if you have no Internet access to SMPO.net, please call 871-0102.

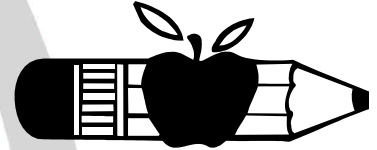
SAVE THE DAY

- May 6** Spring Concert
9-12 10am/ 6-9 2pm
Friends&Family 7pm
- May 7** Kids Art Fair 5-7
in cafeteria
- May 17-21** Book fair
- May 26** Last day of school
for students
- May 27** Last day of school
for teachers

NEWSLETTER

Articles, ideas and comments regarding the newsletter are always welcome. Please email Emily Bond before the 21st of each month at ebond@cinci.rr.com.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Sands Montessori Families,

Here we are, ending another wonderful year together. We've had a school year with many successful and productive activities. Our students earned \$10,000 for our school with the Clever Crazes program. We were selected to implement First in Math for the entire school. We have participated in box top collections, canned good collections, community service, and had lessons of interest each day.

Summer is a wonderful time to allow our "friends" to have some down time and play outside all day long, visit places together as a family, listen to the sounds of nature and find laughter and relaxation. I have so many fond memories of childhood summers that I encourage you to have quality time with your children so they, too, will remember their summer experiences and put them in their memory bank!

Our city has many educational, fun places to attend as a family: the zoo, the aquarium, libraries, downtown, beautiful parks, bike trails, walking trails, various restaurants of ethnic backgrounds, and the list goes on and on. Enjoy continuing your child's love for learning as a family in Cincinnati.

Our new school will be something to look forward to in August. The school is almost complete and it is, indeed, beautiful! Each time I take the staff over to see their classrooms their excitement grows. Each level will enjoy wonderful natural lighting, brand new furniture and surroundings, courtyards for outdoor education, comfortable temperatures inside and peacefulness around. I look forward to showing off the school in August to all of you.

Have a wonderful safe summer. I will be excited to return in August, seeing all of you again, starting a new year together. This school community is the very best community in the city. Look for the article in the Enquirer in June where we will be mentioned as one of the Best Places to Work in Cincinnati. We have earned that recognition because we have the BEST STAFF around!

Happy Summer and Peace,

Rita Swegman

Principal

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS STILL AVAILABLE

SMPO NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The following parent leadership positions are still available. If you are interested, please contact david.kitchings@gmail.com.

Executive Secretary- takes/keeps minutes of Rudder meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month 7pm

Resource Coordinator- oversees the fundraising efforts of SMPO- mainly carnival and auction

LSDMC Rep- Local School Decision Making Committee- meets one time per month at 4pm with parents, staff, community reps, principal.

ART FAIR

ART FAIR is Friday, May 7th from 5-7pm in the school cafeteria. If you plan to attend please return your RSVP slip ASAP. We are still in need of ten or more volunteers to help run the event. If you can volunteer, please contact Erin Dean at Deaneri@cpsboe.k12.oh.us.

Thank you for supporting your child's art education.

REMEMBER OUTDOOR FUN THIS SUMMER!

Here in Cincinnati/Hamilton County we have one of the best park systems in the country. So to liven up your summer consider: Frisbee golf or Parky's Wetland Adventure at Woodland Mound, fishing at Lake Isabella, a summer concert and paddle boating at Sharon or Winton Woods, walking or biking the nature trails at Miami Whitewater, putting a canoe in at Bass Island, exploring the Childrens' Discovery Garden at Glenwood Gardens, hiking through California or Withrow Woods, or taking advantage of myriad educational outdoor programs.

www.greatparks.org
www.cincyparks.org



FROM THE SMPO PRESIDENT



The countdown is on..... the move is fast approaching. Please watch for emails and other forms of communication from your teachers and room parents. We are hoping many parents will step up and relieve some of the pressure the teachers are under during this time. More details to follow.....

Thanks to all who attended the General Parent Meeting/ice cream social, it was nice to see some new faces and the dedicated few that participate in EVERYTHING! We adopted some new by-laws for the SMPO, presented the nominations for Rudder and the SMPO budget for

2010-2011. All of this information can be found at **SMPO.net**

I want to again thank Shannon and Brad Roush for their hard work obtaining the donation of over 184 PC/laptops from GE and Fifth Third Bank. SMPO was planning to fund technology in the new school but we would never have been able to do this much. Now we can concentrate on other areas.

Think boxes and packing.....

Melissa Murphy

SMPO President

SMPO FINANCIAL REPORT

Closing the school year on a good note...and a new building.

As reported at the General Parent Meeting on April 22nd, we are closing the year with great fundraising results from the Silent Auction, Carnival, Network For Good, Rewards programs, Market Day and other activities. While we did not reach our goal of raising \$100,000, we will start our new school year with approximately \$60,000. These funds will support new school needs such as classroom and office equipment, landscaping, and the funding of new initiatives.

SMPO will continue to support annual

programs such as: After School Enrichment Scholarships, Health and Wellness, back to school events, teacher appreciation, and direct classroom support.

New for 2010-2011: Strengthening and possible expansion of Sands' Sports Programs.

All information presented at the General Parent Meeting can be found on SMPO.net. Direct any questions to bartosl@fuse.net Thank you for your support!

Alma Bartos

SMPO Business Manager

“NO COST” FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Kroger - \$1257 earned in 2008-2009, \$964 earned so far this school year

Biggs - \$504 earned so far this school year

Target - \$703 earned in 2009, \$593 accumulated toward 2010, total earned-\$5983

Boxtops - \$1474 earned in 2008-2009, \$547 earned so far this school year

Tyson - \$49 earned in 2008-2009

Campbells - ~8000 points in 2008-2009, 16,413 points current total

Terracycle - Drink Pouch Brigade - 10,506 drink pouches saved from landfill, \$210 current total earned

Please continue to support Sands through the end of the school year, as well as through the summer, by collecting box tops, using your Kroger gift card, Target red card, etc. Find details on these and other programs at www.smpo.net, click Fundraising, click “No Cost” Fundraising. Thanks again for supporting Sands!