

# Columbia Montessori School

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### CLARK'S ELIOAK FIELD TRIP

All classes will be taking a field trip to Clark's Elioak Farm on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am (weather permitting). The children will take a hay ride and enjoy a petting zoo. The bus will leave the school promptly at 9:40am and return in time for the children to eat lunch at school. Permission slips went out last week. Please turn in the permission slip and fee to your child's teacher ASAP.

**If you would like to chaperone, you are welcome and appreciated!**

Parents with siblings who plan to chaperone may not bring siblings. We need your full attention to help with our students.

### SPECIAL PERSON NIGHT

On Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, children will be dismissed early at 12:00noon in order for teachers to prepare for our evening program. Daycare for those under contract will be available.

Children invite one special person to school to show off their accomplishments and new skills they have learned so far this school year. We recommend a non-parent adult. A letter with information will be in your child's folder this week.

### ENRICHMENT CLASSES ENDING

All enrichment classes (Art, Spanish, Music, Reading, Ballet and Jumpbunch) will be ending in May.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**MAY 2 Clark's Elioak Farm Field Trip**  
**MAY 10 Early Dismissal**  
**MAY 23-24 Early Dismissal**  
**MAY 27 School and Daycare CLOSED**  
**MAY 29 Graduation Program**

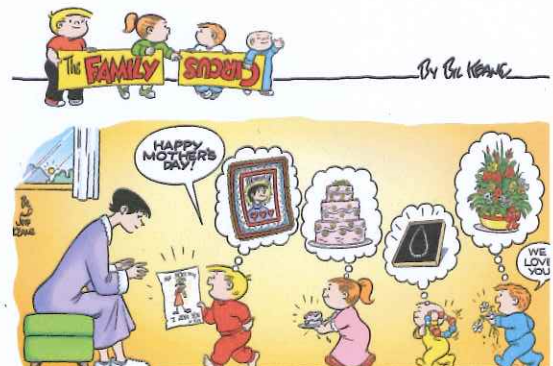
### PARENT CONFERENCES

Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Montessori classes will be held on these two days with a 12:00noon dismissal. Daycare will be available for those under contract for the 7-6 program at no extra cost. If you are not under contract for this program, and need to use our Daycare for these two days, please call for availability. An extra fee will be required.

**Conference sign-up sheets will be posted in the hallway on May 6<sup>th</sup>.**

### MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Please mark your calendars! School and Daycare will be closed Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> due to Memorial Day.







### GRADUATION PROGRAM

We finish the school year with the Kindergarten and First Grade Graduation and Spring Program which will be held on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Slayton House in the Wilde Lake Village Center across the street. The program also includes singing and sharing of our school values by the children from all four classes, so please bring your children so they may participate. All classes have been very busy rehearsing. Please be sure to arrive by 6:45pm. Only parents and siblings are invited due to limited space at Slayton House. Extended family is welcome to come and observe our rehearsal. More information to come May 20<sup>th</sup>!

### GRADUATION REHEARSAL

Rehearsal will be the morning of Graduation Day (Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>). We will travel by bus to Slayton House at 10:00am and return by 11:30am. Permission slips will go out Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and need to be signed and returned by Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. If your child does not attend Wednesdays, please bring them for this day!

**We need all children to attend the rehearsal to be ready for the evening program.** If you would like to go with us and help out, kindly inform us. Extended family is welcome to watch the rehearsal!

### SCHOOL PICNIC AND CONCERT

On our last day of school, Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, we get together for our end of the year school picnic outside. Food is shared and after lunch a concert is presented by a popular children's musician. It is a great way to end the school year. Everyone is invited to this outdoor event.

Picnic: 11:30am

Concert: 12:30pm

Dismissal: 1:00pm

**NO AFTERNOON DAYCARE**

### JUNE TUITION

For the families paying tuition on the installment plan, the last payment for this school year is half of your normal payment and is due on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please remember that tuition is based on an annual fee or 9.5 installments (not weekly or monthly). Be sure to review your school contract for further clarification. Please call Ms. Maria or Ms. Theresa in the office with any questions.

### FALL 2019: PLEASE PLAN AHEAD

The school and Daycare will be closed for Teacher Work Week August 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Class placement letters and related information will be sent home towards the end of July. Our first day of school will be Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.

### *Scheduling time to eat together has far-reaching benefits*

*Family meals give busy parents and kids time to share achievements, news and problems and foster a more productive family unit. Studies show family dinners boost children's vocabularies, self-esteem and interpersonal skills. What's more, University of Minnesota researchers found eating together lowers the odds teens will experiment with drugs and other risky behaviors and improve parent-child relationships across the board. While there's no magic number of family meals you need for benefits, aim for at least 3 every week if possible.*

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