



# ONEONTA MONTESSORI SCHOOL



## April 2014



### SPRING BREAK

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> - Fri, 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Child care will be available on these days at a cost of **\$ 25.00 per day**. Please sign up if you need this service so we can schedule enough staff members to work over spring break.

The tuition for the month of April is the same; \$725.00. The tuition fee does **not** cover the days the school is closed; only the 186 days that the school is in session this school year.

### MRS. NELSON'S BOOK FAIR

**April 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> 3:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

**WE NEED NEW BOOKS FOR OUR CLASS LIBRARIES!**

The school receives 30% of total sales in new books so please stop by the computer lab and purchase as many books as you can; our classrooms benefit!

Students will be given the opportunity to view the books presale & make their selections. Teachers will have their wish lists up for review as well. We are counting on all of you to help our classroom libraries get a whole lot of new books. Thanks for your support.

### REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2014/2015

We would love for all our students to return for another year, however, we have started accepting applications from new students as of today. If you have not yet paid the registration please do so ASAP so you will secure a place for your child for the next school year.

### SUMMER CAMP – Jun 23<sup>rd</sup> – Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>

The excitement starts the Monday immediately following the end of the school year. Our summer program will include a very intense academic program every morning followed by enjoyable camp activities such as adventures outdoors, stimulating projects indoors, and exciting field trips. Elementary students, look out for the early bird special summer prices!

### SPORTS DAY PRACTICES ARE STARTING!

Elementary students get ready to start practicing for Sports Day which will be held June 5<sup>th</sup>. The teams have been announced and the students are excited to learn all the new relays and the individual events. Practices will start the week of Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> and will be held after school from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. All students must attend on assigned day. *No daycare charges from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.*

**Mondays:** Golden Dragons and Black Hawks  
**Tuesdays:** Purple Ravens and Red Falcons  
**Thursdays:** Green Vipers

### PARENT APPRECIATION LUNCH ☺

*Save the date!* **Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.**

Inviting all our wonderful parents to a scrumptious lunch at school. Our children are privileged to take this day to acknowledge the dedication and sacrifices you make by preparing lunch packed to capacity with LOVE!! It is a simple little gesture to show you their love and appreciation. We expect all of you to attend this special event, so please make sure to show up!

### MASTERPIECE COOKIE DOUGH PICK UP

**Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

Individually packed orders will be ready for pick up. Please remember to pick up the goodies in the afternoon as these are perishable items and need to be refrigerated. Thanks to all who participated in this fund raiser. The money raised will offset field trip costs in the summer.

### GRADUATION & TALENT SHOW

**Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**@ ALHAMBRA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

**1:30 p.m.** - Kinder/6<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation Ceremony  
**5:30 p.m.** - Talent Show (Whole School)

Parents may bring as many guests as they like as the auditorium can hold up to 1000 people. The cost per ticket is \$ 5.00 each. Get ready for a wonderful evening of entertainment as our talented students get to perform.

**SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 12:00 NOON**

### NO PARKING IN ANIMAL CLINIC LOT

Please do NOT park in the parking lot adjacent to our school. The Animal Clinic has informed us that they will be calling a tow truck the next time our parents use their lot. Please be on time and use our upper parking lot only. Thanks for your cooperation.

Class # 1 – Ladybugs

April is another month to blossom like flowers and get rejuvenated with fun-filled activities. We will talk about Earth day and we will plant our own flower seeds to watch grow as days go by. As we learn about the parts of an insect the children will go for a nature walk to find a variety of insects. In Geography, The kids will learn about South America and it's rainforest animals. We will also talk about Easter before we hop into our Spring break. We will get ready to dye eggs and decorate our own easter bags as we go egg hunting in our classroom. Looking forward to a fantastic month!

Class # 2 – Fireflies

We're springing into the month of April with fun filled Easter activities. We will be starting the month by decorating Easter baskets and butterflies. We will be packing our bags to travel to South America to learn about the Rainforest. Thank you to all the parents who made Open House such a great turn out. I really appreciate each and every one of you and our kids. Thank you for all you do.

Class # 3 – Honeybees

We are starting April with a big thank you to our parents for your lovely support with the Open House activities and projects. The images of our children posted throughout the classroom truly made it shine. This month we will start off by learning parts of the insect with some cool activities. For Earth Day our class will clean up our playground to show our appreciation for Planet Earth. For Geography the class will take a journey to South America with music, stories and fun art projects.

Class # 4 – Butterflies

Thank you parents for your part in making Open House such a wonderful success! We are ready to "Spring" into April with a book fair, an appreciation luncheon in your honor, more exciting lessons all culminating in a much needed Spring Break. We will explore South America and the beautiful Amazon Rainforest as well as plate tectonics (right on time) complete with erupting Volcanoes! Reduce, reuse and recycle will be the name of the game as we celebrate the Earth's b-day. Trash to treasure art projects and thinking green will be at the top of the list this month. We will continue to challenge the Butterflies as they work to sharpen their Math, Reading, and printing skills. Our dear parents are so loved and appreciated; please let us show our appreciation for you on the 18<sup>th</sup>! Have a very blessed Passover and Easter.

Class # 5 – Ms Vangie

Welcome Spring!! This month's focus for Language will be on adverbs, homonyms and more creative writing. Addition, subtraction and reading 5 – 6 digit numbers as well as more drills for Irregular figures for math and Geometry. We will continue with North America for Geography and Spiritual Needs of Man for History. Plant habitats for Botany and animal habitats for Zoology are also lessons for this month. We are well on our way with the Scoring High Practice tests.

Class # 6 – Ms Courtney

A great big congrats to all our kindergarteners for doing such a great job at Open House. They demonstrated the use of the Montessori material beautifully. Spring has arrived and we are ready to learn about the parts of the leaf. We will also be celebrating Women's History month by introducing the class to a few important women in U. S. History. We are eagerly anticipating our well deserved Spring Break.

Class # 7 – Ms MaryAnn

Spring is here! Congratulations Room 7 for a job well done during the Open House. We are very proud of you! We will continue working hard on our book reports, writing exercises and grammar. More practice tests will be given in Math to prepare for the upcoming CAT Tests. Our learning journey will continue as we learn more about the External Parts of the Invertebrate and Vertebrate for zoology and famous landmarks in the continent of Asia and Europe for geography.

Class # 8 – Ms Sue

Open House was a memorable experience for all! We were pleased to see our little ones speak with such confidence in front of all parents and guests! A big 'thank you' to our parents for all your help, participation and generosity. We will continue to work on new skills; creative writing in for Kindergarteners and consonants blends for TK. We will work on borrowing for our KG's and continue with basic four digit addition and subtraction for our little TK's. Australia will be our focus in geography.

Class # 9 – Ms Ernamarie

Thank you dear parents for your admiration of your children's wonderful Open House class projects. The classroom is indeed "student-made" and proud spirits are everywhere. Success is due to the combined efforts of all. Another vigorous month awaits with adverbs and prepositions in Language, research topics to complete for Botany and Zoology and new lessons in History and Geography along with more Math and Geometry drills.