

Alfred Montessori School

March/April 2009 Newsletter

Recycling Program

We at AMS will be focusing our efforts on what we can do to help the Earth! We will be teaching the children about recycling, reducing waste, and conserving energy and natural resources. We ask that you help us in our teaching, and do the same at home! Here are some of the activities we have planned:

We will be setting up recycling bins throughout our school for the children to use and see the difference they can make.



To kick off our Recycling Program we are going to hold an earth-friendly fundraiser, from March 20-April 9.

Later in the school year we will also hold a can recycling drive.

If you have great ideas to share, or would like to volunteer your time, please let Kristin know! Your help will count as a parent activity!

Bring Your Parent to School Day!!

Laura shares her work with her parents!



Julian and his dad make music!

Clutterbugs & AMS

You can help AMS by donating your unwanted gently used household items to Clutterbugs Consignment Shop at 5 North Main St. Alfred. Clutterbugs will sell your unwanted items, and give Alfred Montessori School **50%** of the profit!!!

Clutterbugs is open Wednesday – Saturday,
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

You can also call 587-9043 to make an appointment to drop items off.

Just notify the shop that you would like to donate your items to AMS!!!

Evening Child Care Services

Thank you for your response to our survey. AMS will soon be offering evening or weekend child care services. Watch for more information!!!

WHY DO WE RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL?

Alfred Montessori relies solely on registration, tuition, and daycare fees to afford payroll and utility bills and to purchase nutritious snacks, furniture, supplies, Montessori works, etc. Last year our fundraising efforts helped to replace the carpets in the toddler and preschool rooms. This year, our focus is to replace some of the Montessori materials and furniture and to look at possibly expanding our services. The money that we receive from fundraising helps us to keep the building in top shape and the children engaged and happy. It is your hard work, dedication, and support that keep Alfred Montessori going!

Thank you for your support!



More Bring Your Parent to School Day!!!

Help Me Do It Myself

Applying Montessori in Your Home

Having your preschooler help you in the kitchen is a good way to get your child to try new foods!

Kids feel good about doing something "grown-up". Give them small jobs to do. Praise their efforts. Children are much less likely to reject foods that they helped make.

Here are a few activities a child can perform at home in the kitchen:

At 2 years:

- Wipe tables
- Hand items to adult to put away (such as after grocery shopping)
- Place things in trash
- Tear lettuce or greens
- Help "read" a cookbook by turning the pages
- Make "faces" out of pieces of fruits and vegetables
- Snap green beans

At 3 years:

All that a 2 year old can do, plus:

- Add ingredients
- Talk about cooking
- Scoop or mash potatoes
- Squeeze citrus fruits
- Stir pancake batter
- Knead and shape dough
- Name and count foods
- Help assemble a pizza



At 4 years:

All that a 3 year old can do, plus:

- Peel eggs and some fruits, such as oranges and bananas
- Set the table
- Crack eggs
- Help measure dry ingredients
- Help make sandwiches and tossed salads

At 5 years:

All that a 4 year old can do, plus:

- Measure liquids
- Cut soft fruits with a dull knife
- Use an egg beater

Contact Info

Executive Director – Kristin Graves
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Lead Toddler Teacher – Brandi White
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If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me by calling 587-9334 or by emailing alfredmontessoridirector@yahoo.com.

Summer Program 2009

AMS will be holding enrollment for the summer program toward the end of April. The summer program will be run from July 6 – August 28. Prices are set on a weekly basis, and you may sign your child up for any of the eight (8) weeks! There will be exciting theme weeks and special activities ~ Watch for more information soon!

Upcoming Events

Greenraising Fundraiser

Friday March 20 –Thursday April 9, 2009

AMS earth-friendly fundraiser

Supt's Conference Day

Monday March 23, 2009

Alfred Montessori School Age Program will be open from 8:00am-5:30pm.

AMS Closed

Friday April 10 & Monday April 13, 2009

AMS will be CLOSED for Spring Recess

Spring Recess

Tuesday April 14-Friday April 17, 2009

Alfred Montessori School Age Program will be open from 7:30am-5:30pm.

AMS Board Meetings

April 8, May 13, June 10

The AMS Board meetings are held at 5:30pm at the Village Hall Bldg.



The toddlers use their "circle rugs", which were donated by Mullen's Carpet in Almond.