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# The Montessori Elementary School

## Parent Newsletter

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Congratulations to **Monty Bruckman** from Ms. Kari's class, who ran 24 laps at the Jog-A-Thon. Great job, **Monty!**

**Last Day  
of School**  
May 24



Kindergarteners from **Ms. Angie's** violin class go over the parts of the instrument.



**Ms. Canice** and **Ms. Angela** perform at the violin concert.

**TMES has applied for a preschool grant from the state. This program will be for 4 year olds, and we should know by mid summer if we receive the funding. More information coming soon!**

### Violin Concert Full of Proud Moments

It was standing room only on April 26, as TMES students, parents, family, and friends packed the Sandia Prep theater for the first annual TMES Violin Concert. **Ms. Canice** and **Ms. Angela's** students were dressed up and excited to show off their violin skills. Thanks go out to all the parents and teachers who helped with the concert, and, of course, **Ms. Canice** and **Ms. Angela** deserve much credit and appreciation for all their hard work this year. They have done an outstanding job developing the violin program for TMES.

### Montessori Education Foundation, Inc.

For some time now it has been apparent that TMES needs a nonprofit organization devoted to supporting the school. I am so pleased to announce that the Montessori Education Foundation, Inc., has been organized and incorporated. This nonprofit is just getting off the ground, but we do have a bank account, bylaws, and we are in the process of filing for 501(c)(3) status with the IRS. This is a lengthy process, but we can operate as a nonprofit while we wait for approval.

If you are interested in learning more about the nonprofit, the next meeting is July 31, 2006, at 6 pm at the school. **All parents, teachers, and staff are welcome to attend.** If you have any questions, please contact **Jill Riester** at 281-1337 or [riesterr@msn.com](mailto:riesterr@msn.com).

## Jog-A-Thon a Success

The fundraising committee would like to personally thank all the students, parents, teachers, and staff who supported the Jog-A-Thon! It was a great success due to the overwhelming contributions made by all. According to our calculations, **we raised almost \$9,000** and have collected approximately \$7,200 as of May 3, 2006. If you have not turned in your money, please do so this week. Also, please don't forget about our **Golf Tournament/Silent Auction this Friday, May 12**. The Golf Tournament begins at 1 pm at the Chamisa Hills Country Club in Rio Rancho, followed by the Silent Auction and Dinner at 6 pm. We appreciate all your support and look forward to another great fundraising event.

## Big Thanks to Golf Tournament Sponsors

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The TMES E-Mail List is up and running! If you haven't received a message, please sign up at the front desk!

Mr. Loric and Ms. Kari run with the students at the Jog-A-Thon. Thanks to everyone for making this such a great event!



## Intel Employees

Parents who work at Intel, please take a moment to tally any volunteer work you have contributed to TMES this year, and log your hours on the Intel Involved website (<http://intelinvolved.intel.com/nm/>). Select "VMPG" and "Report your hours," then log hours to The Montessori Elementary School. There are many task categories (or type of work) that can be logged, and for every 20 hours of volunteer time, TMES receives \$200. To date we have only 25 hours of volunteer time logged. If you have any questions please contact **Eleanor Radius** at [eleanor.l.radius@intel.com](mailto:eleanor.l.radius@intel.com).

## Updated School Calendar

*Friday*

**May 12**

**TMES Golf Tournament, Dinner, and Silent Auction**

Chamisa Hills Country Club in Rio Rancho  
Golf Tournament, 1 pm, Dinner and Auction, 6 pm

*Tuesday*

**May 23**

**Pizza Party and Water Play Day**

Bring sunscreen and a hat!

*Wednesday*

**May 24**

**Graduation and Last Day of School**

School closes at 1 pm.

*Monday*

**June 4**

**TMES Summer Camp begins**

*Monday*

**June 12**

**Collaborative Council Meeting**

3 pm at the school

*Monday*

**July 31**

**Montessori Education Foundation Meeting**

6 pm at the school

*Wednesday*

**August 16**

**Registration  
& Welcome Back**

**August 17, 18, 21, 22**

**Teacher In-Service**  
No School

*Wednesday*

**August 23**

**School Resumes**

An earlier version of the calendar stated that Achievement Tests would take place in May— please note that these tests were given in April.

## Fun in the Sun at TMES!

Parents, if you're looking for something fun for your kids to do this summer, be sure to sign up for the **TMES Summer Camp**. The program runs from June 5 through August 4 (no camp the week of July 3). You may sign up for the entire summer or select the weeks your child will attend. For all the details, see the bright yellow brochure from your child's communication folder or pick one up at the front desk.

To get the Early Bird registration discount, turn in your registration form with payment by Tuesday, May 23.



Thanks goes out to **Gabriel Simmons** from Ms. Wendy and Ms. Phyllis' kindergarten class. In lieu of gifts for his birthday, **Gabriel** asked party guests to donate to TMES. He was proud to present \$100 to Ms. Besante for the school. Way to go, **Gabriel!**

# Kudos

. . . to **Ms. Canice** and **Ms. Angela** for the wonderful Violin Concert. Thanks for all your hard work this year.

. . . to **Rebecca Bailet** for a very successful Jog-A-Thon.

. . . to **Ms. Kim** for organizing an excellent Science Expo.

. . . to **Deepesh Kholwadwala** for conducting science experiments with Ms. Wendy's kindergarten class.

. . . to **Ms. Leanne** and **Ms. Marilyn** for their help in Ms. Wendy's class.

. . . to **Ms. Melissa**, for putting together the TMES Summer Camp.

. . . to **Melissa David** and **Monica Noce** for coordinating the Golf Tournament and Silent Auction. We appreciate you!

. . . to **Eleanor Radius** and **Connie Trujillo** for putting together the preschool grant. Great work!

. . . and, finally, to all the **TMES teachers and staff**. Thank you for making the first year a success. Have a wonderful summer!



Mr. Loric leads Ms. Wendy and Ms. Phyllis' kindergarteners in some stretching before the Jog-A-Thon.

## Parent Reminders

**No toys are allowed at school**, including iPods and tamagatchis.

Don't forget to turn in your **Quality of Education surveys**.

Be sure and **return acceptance letters**; the school needs to know who is returning in the fall.

## Summer Playdates

If you're interested in organizing playdates and getting together over the summer, please contact **Alex Piland** (AJ's mom, from Ms. Melissa's class) at [apiland@tvi.edu](mailto:apiland@tvi.edu).

## Box Tops Update

Thank you to all who brought Box Tops to our school this year. We were very successful and actually exceeded our goal. TMES received \$232—that's 2,320 Box Tops! Congratulations to the following prizewinners: **Target Gift Cards—Evan Sanchez** (Ms. Kari's class) and **Hannah Geubelle** (Ms. Angie's class). **Toys R Us Gift Cards—Allie Snyder** (Ms. Kari's class), **Asel Venturi** (Ms. Kim's class), **Nicole Fleming** (Ms. Melissa's class), **Alexis Bradley** (Ms. Angie's class), **Gabriel Simmons** (Ms. Wendy's class), **Jack David** (Ms. Melissa's class). **Cold Stone Creamery Gift Cards—Brittany Davis** (Mr. Dennis' class), **Matthew Salopek** (Ms. Kari's class), **Heather Murray** (Ms. Wendy's class), **Antonio Ebell** (Ms. Angie's class), **Madison Peterson** (Ms. Melissa's class), **Autumn Box** (Ms. Kari's class). Please remember to keep clipping those Box Tops over the summer. Each one is worth 10 cents and they add up quickly. Our goal for next year is \$3,000! We will have plenty of prizes when we return in the fall!

## Collaborative Council Seeking Members

TMES is looking for community members to participate in the TMES Collaborative Council. Currently, there are three vacancies, and we would like to fill them before the beginning of school in the fall. Applications can be picked up at the front desk.