

# Arrow Montessori School Newsletter

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## WELCOME Spring !!

We're eager to welcome Spring! It is always a joyous season where everything once again blooms and opens up - everything becomes colorful and it is indeed a period of new life and growth!!! Look what we have in store this month:

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ 3/4 to 31 Pre-Registration Summer '16 and Fall '16- '17
- ◆ 3/4 PRIMARY CHILDRENS' NIGHT
- ◆ 3/11 Gr. K to 8 CHILDREN'S NIGHT
- ◆ 3/13 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- ◆ 3/16 Tea Party for graduating students
- ◆ 3/17 St. Patrick's Day
- ◆ 3/20 Spring Begins
- ◆ 3/23 Egg Hunt
- ◆ 3/25 School Closed - Spring Holiday

**CHILDREN'S NIGHT.** The Primary Children's Night (Rooms PS1, B & C) is scheduled for the first Friday of March 4 at 4:30 p.m. On March 11 will be RM A at 3:00, RM D AT 3:30, RM F AT 4:00, and RM E starts at 4:30 pm. WE would like to invite the in-coming KINDERGARTEN on March 11 at 3:30 to see your child's classroom when they start transitioning this July. You would not want to miss this opportunity to see your child's demonstration of his/her favorite classroom material. We do encourage your attendance as well as bringing some family or friends along. Although the evening is scheduled for your child, please attend the other Children's Night so you can experience the spectrum of the Montessori Primary and Elementary Education. See you there!

**PRE-REGISTRATION, Summer and Fall.** It is always wise to secure your child/ren's spaces for the coming Summer '16 Camp as well as the Fall School Year 2016-2017. Pre-registration packets for both enrollment periods will be handed BY March 4. We have so much in store for Summer Camp 2016 - taking them to exciting field trips and working their minds in our fun-filled summer camp weekly themes. And as a continuation of the solid academic foundation for School Year 2016 - 17, we would like to invite you to sign up early to avail of our EARLY BIRD SUMMER AND FALL REGISTRATION SPECIALS (discounted offers end March 31, 2016.)

**SWIM SCHOOL SPECIALS.** Beginning March, we will be offering Group Swim (Ages 5 and up) for \$200 (2 weeks, savings of \$45!) as well as Private Swim Classes (March to May only) for \$275, 2 weeks - a savings of \$50! AND 6 weeks Private Swim for \$775 - savings of \$200(for students of Arrow). We don't want you to miss out on these special deals!

### SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES!

**CHANGE OF CALENDAR DATES.** We are happy to announce the following activities for the month:

**Children's Night PS1,Rms B & C at 4:30pm on FRI. MARCH 4**

**Children's Night Elementary WED. March 11**

**Rm A 3pm      Rm D 3:30 pm      Rm F 4pm    Rm E 4:30 pm**

**TEA PARTY - Wednesday, March 16 for the K, 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> candidates**

**EGG HUNT - Mach 23, Wednesday**

**SCHOOL SPRING HOLIDAY - Fri. Mar.25 School Closed**

**DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME.** Don't forget to "spring forward" your clocks one hour on Sunday March 13!

**Tea Party.** The Lower & Upper Elementary together with Grade 6 & 7 will be hosting a Tea Party, with cup cakes and tea, for the Kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graduating candidates on Mar. 16. See you there!

**Egg Hunt.** This year, we will have a classroom Egg Hunt Activity on Wed. - March 23. We appreciate some plastic egg donations with candy! Thank you!



*"Let us always remember that inner discipline is something to come and not something always present."*

- Maria Montessori  
*The Absorbent Mind*  
 ::Clio Press '94

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## INFANT AND TODDLER News

Welcome Spring! We are excited to welcome the season with its longer days and beautiful blooms!

Our theme for this month is about Spring! We will listen to stories about spring , sing songs and finger plays. We'll also do some arts and crafts about St. Patrick's Day and fun Egg Hunt!

We'd like to remind the parents to bring the appropriate change of clothes for the children in class. Spring starts shortly and we want to make sure we have season appropriate clothes to change them into in times of needs. Please continue to label all clothing and things of your child to make sure they don't get exchanged.

Happy St. Patrick's day & Happy Spring! See you next month!

## PRIMARY News

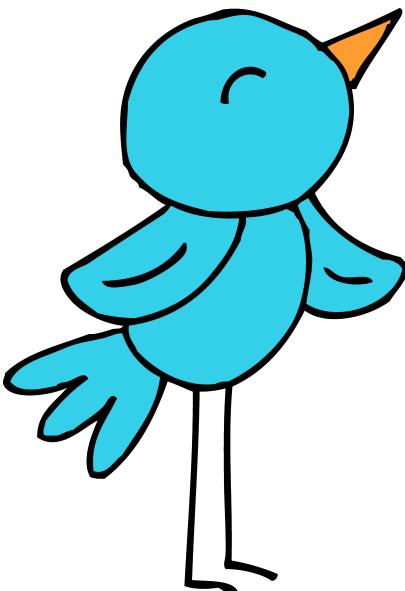
Happy St. Patrick's Day! We'll be celebrating this holiday with some fun arts and crafts and stories. We'll also be talking about the Spring season and note the transition from winter to spring.

Thank you parents for your support in last month's activities: Groundhog Day, , Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day and the Science Fair activities. Aside from the fun festivities, we always learn valuable lessons from them. This month, we likewise look forward to the spring season as well as St. Patrick's Day.

## LOWER ELEMENTARY News

We couldn't wait for Spring! As predicted by Punxsutawney Phil last month - we are supposed to have an early Spring! By the looks of it, our weather seems so unpredictable these days - so we wait and see.

We had so much fun last month and we anticipate another fun month this March. We're working on our fractions and measurements for Math, learning about our Presidents and we're starting with Botany and Zoology lessons. We're enjoying the Classic Books in Reading as well as developing and mastering our skills in Punctuation Marks, the Grammar Symbols and Capitalization. Most of all, we can't wait for the Children's Night on Mar.11, the Tea Party and the Egg Hunt! Lastly, thank you to our supportive parents for your help in our Science Fair and Fundraiser!



## UPPER ELEMENTARY and MIDDLE SCHOOL News

We surely had a fun-filled February and look forward this March for more exciting events. Last month was an extraordinarily busy month with all our activities. This month is a bit more subdued but equally relevant in terms of the academics and lessons we are completing. First event is our Children's Night - where we are preparing something special come March 11. We will also be preparing for our National Standardized Testing to be taken next month (3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade). The Elementary and Middle School life is very hectic-enjoyable especially when we practice teamwork in our small group lessons and classroom events, It feels great to be supported by our peers as well as our teachers and family.

## Science Fair / Spring Fundraiser Update

**Science Fair.** This year all classrooms - even our youngest children , presented some science experiments! This exhibit definitely gave the children a chance to "shine" and prove their ideas through age-appropriate experiments. They had a chance to demonstrate their projects to their class and then again to the other children of the school. Thank you parents for visiting the exhibit and helping in the projects.

**Spring Fundraiser Update.** At the moment we are still working on the spring novelty items for our spring fundraiser. Proceeds for the fundraiser will help us for the purchase of classroom materials as well as the school building and playground maintenance and upkeep. Thank you for your participation!

During Ms. Lily's absence. Ms. Dinusha Is a preschool teacher as well as an Art Teacher. She is currently a substitute teacher.

## St. Patrick's Day & Field Trip to Heritage Park

**St. Patrick's Day.** St. Patrick's Day is celebrated worldwide by those of Irish descent and increasingly by other ethnicities as well. Celebrations are generally themed around all things Irish and by association the color green. (from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia). At school, we celebrate the holiday within our regular school day, by wearing something green . Happy St. Paddy's Day to all!!!!!!

The [Chicago River](#) in [Chicago, Illinois](#) on Saint Patrick's Day.

**Heritage Park Field Trip.** The Preschool to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade classroom will be having a field trip to the Weber House at the Heritage Park in LaVerne on March 9. The children will learn about how life was 100 years ago - will go on a tractor ride around an orange grove, squeeze and drink the orange juice and plant a plant on an orange rind as well as go inside the Weber House. It will definitely be an enjoyable and educational morning!

## Student Exchange Visitor News

**Student Exchange Visitor News.** We recently had some student exchange visitor program of visiting Chinese nationals last month. The two week program had children from Elementary who visit America during their Winter Break. We were one of the schools that were picked to accommodate their group sponsored by ESL for Asia and American United International Group. During the two weeks, they shared classroom time with our Middle School class where they had lessons and out of campus activities. They liked the Cultural Arts lessons, particularly Geography, and also enjoyed Physical Education. We learned that at their level, they have over 6 hours of learning a day. The children though embraced our methods and express their likelihood to return perhaps in the summer or fall.

Likewise, the parents and teachers who housed the children had first-hand experiences with them. Some children loved their host families that they are in communication with them through emails.

Their last school day with us was Feb. 14, where the host classrooms - Rooms D, E and F of Mr. Raymond and Ms. Rowena & Ms. Celia - together with some parents, sent the group off with a Certificates of Attendance.

We are truly grateful for this experience and we hope to see them sometime soon!



## Office Reminders

Here are some important school policies and guidelines. Please make a note of it.

**SAFETY FIRST.** We would like to remind our parents to please observe the 25mph school zone speed limit in both our parking lots. Remember that the safety of the children come first in everything and we would like everybody to make sure that they drive with caution upon entering and exiting both parking lots. Thank you for your cooperation!

**TUITION FEES.** Monthly tuition fees are due on the first of each month. Late fee of \$24 that apply after the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Tuition can be made in the form of check or credit cards (VISA or Mastercard with 1% processing fee).

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## Extra Curricular Activities

**Charter Oak Gymnastics.** Every Monday from 12:00 -12:30 Preschool & 12:35 - 1:05pm Elementary. Cost is \$51 for 6 sessions per period.

**Music and Kids.** Cost is \$44 for four 30 minutes class on Mondays 3 - 3:30 Preschool & 3:30 Elementary.

**Petite Feet.** There will be 4 sessions per month on Wednesdays at 2:45 & 3:15 pm. Cost is \$44. There is a one time \$20 registration fee and includes a class T-shirt.

**Bricks4Kidz.(STEM Program) New!** - Spaces limited, first come first served . 6 classes per session on Wednesdays from 1 - 2 pm(K to 2<sup>nd</sup>) & 2:15 - 3:15 (3<sup>rd</sup>to8th) - \$89.

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