



Mater Amoris Matters

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*Mark your
calendars*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tues, June 6, 7 p.m.

Graduation, Ashton
Methodist Church

Weds, June 7, 9:30-11 a.m.

Open House for prospective
parents

Fri, June 9

Field Day

Tues, June 13

Last day of school
11:30 dismissal for ALL
children; NO PM CARE
End of the year picnic



*Have a wonderful
summer and we'll see
you in the fall!*



FROM THE DIRECTRESS

Grandparents' Day was very special again this year and the children were delighted to show their work to their grandmothers, grandfathers and special guests. I would like to thank Ellen Teverovsky for organizing the event and Sabrina Strickler, Sarah Nanan, Caron Branch, Cynthia Shaw and Sonal Bhatt for providing the delicious refreshments and beautiful flowers for the reception. A very special thank you to Jules Gross (a 2015 Mater Amoris graduate) for baking the beautiful and delicious cupcakes which were enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to Laurie Maddalena, Ingrid Kleckner, Ben Gross, Sarah Nanan, Caron Branch, Jill LaFavors, Lorraine Tegeris and the entire Parent Council for their efforts in planning the spring fair. While the weather didn't allow us to hold the fair on May 13th, we are delighted to be able to have a very special field day for the children on Friday, June 9th, which will feature many of the activities originally planned for the fair.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to the Weitzman family for delivering the supplies for pizza/hot dog Fridays once again this year. We were all set each week with hot dogs, buns, chips, drinks and condiments thanks to their willingness to pick up the supplies from Boarman's Market and bring them to the school.

As summer approaches, I want to thank everyone – parents, children and staff – who has helped to make this another successful and rewarding school year. I also wish to express my sincere appreciation to the 2016-17 Parent Council members for their many contributions to the school. I look forward to working with next year's officers and council members.

President: Sabrina Strickler

Treasurer: Chirag Bhatt

Vice-President: TBD

Secretary: Laurie Maddalena

Council Members: Nadia Ali

Cynthia Shaw

Sonal Bhatt

Lorraine Tegeris

GRADUATION

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who is participating in the graduation on Tuesday, June 6th. The lovely contributions of food coming in for the reception and the volunteers who are helping with set up, serving and clean up will help to ensure that this very special celebration is a memorable event. Your time, effort and support make this important evening possible. We especially want to thank Jules Gross for baking the delicious graduation cake. This is the third year Jules has provided the cake, starting with her own Mater Amoris graduation in 2015.



UPPER ELEMENTARY SPRING PLANT SALE

The 2017 plant sale was a great success thanks to everyone who participated and placed orders. The 9-12 class raised a total of \$959.00 for the Mater Amoris Athletic Fund.



END OF THE YEAR UPDATES FROM THE CLASSES

From Mrs. Tremblay: The past nine months have been a time of growth for the children individually, and as a community. I often hear the children ask each other, “Would you like to work with me?” or “Would you like to have snack with me?”, and sometimes they even greet each other with handshakes. The children each have lots of work that they do independently, but they often pair up to work on puzzle maps, golden beads, function of words or distance matching games. We will end the year with a class luncheon; the menu will consist of foods prepared by the children. I’d like to wish everyone a fun, relaxing summer, and I look forward to seeing you in the fall!

From Mrs. A-O: It’s always such a surprise when the end of the year pops up! The children have all “gelled” so well together, steaming up wonderful reports and projects, and truly becoming one large happy family. It’s the beauty of Montessori – the close relationships of respect, friendship and leadership. They came in with some reservations of this new world of the lower juniors – most of them 1st year and new students – wondering what their work would entail. Now they are all friends, scurrying to complete all their goals, already missing their friends with the approach of summer, but happily already filled with excitement and plans for their fall return. Thank you all for your backing and support of your children. And a grand applause and best wishes to our 4 graduates – Matty, Noah, Luke T. and Luke W. – in their future endeavors! Have a wonderful summer. Love, Mrs. A-O.

From Mrs. Perez: The Upper Elementary has had a very busy month of May which started with the “class project” designed by Jon Mort, spring planting and Echo Hill. The Civilization research projects and timelines are receiving their finishing touches and everyone is trying to finish any work that needs completion. Final preparations for Cal Cup and Channel Islands National Park were underway with departure on May 25th. The graduating students and Elementary classes have worked on the music for graduation which is coming along nicely and will include recorder, Orff instruments and singing. This is always such a busy time of year but also a time to reflect on what has been accomplished and what continues to need work. We all remain very busy.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MATER AMORIS PARENT ASSOCIATION (MAPA) MEMBER?

MAPA is seeking individuals to serve as representatives of the Parent Association. We meet approximately seven times a year to plan fundraising and social activities and to help determine how funds raised will be allocated. The school and MAPA need your support and welcome your interest in becoming a member. If you have any questions, please contact Sabrina Strickler, Mater Amoris Parent Association President, at 301-704-8602.

SUMMER CHILD CARE

Patricia Salazar, Primary classroom assistant for 26 years at Mater Amoris, is available for child care in your home over the summer. Mrs. Salazar will help your child have a wonderful summer with picnics and trips to playgrounds, pools and parks. She has a lot of experience sewing, baking and doing arts and crafts with children for those rainy days that call for indoor activities. Mrs. Salazar will also help your child learn Spanish. If you are interested, please call 240-277-6890.

AVAILABLE DATES: July 20 – 21 July 31 – August 4 August 14 – 18
 July 24 – 28 August 7 – August 11 August 21 – 25



