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Mater Amoris Matters

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For All the News That Matters



Calendar of Events

Tues, May 4, 7-8 pm

Mothers' Night, Mrs. Perez

Weds, May 5, 10-11:30 am

Open House for prospective families

Weds, May 5, 7-8 pm

Mothers' Night, Mrs. Mosher
(4, 5 & 6 year olds)

Fri, May 7, 10-11 am

Grandparents' Day

Mon-Thur, May 10-13

Echo Hill Outdoor School

Fri, May 14th, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Advance Bidding Night for
Spring Fair/Silent Auction

Sat, May 15, 12 noon - 4 pm

Spring Fair/Silent Auction

Weds, May 19, 10-11:30 am

Open House for prospective families

Tues, May 25, 7 pm

Graduation, *Ashton United
Methodist Church*

Mon, May 31

Memorial Day
NO CLASSES

Fri, June 4

Last day of school

11:30-11:45 Dismissal for all
End of Year Picnic



SUMMER CHILD CARE

Patricia Salazar, primary assistant at Mater Amoris for 17 years, is available for child care services in your home over the summer. Flexible hours. If you are interested, please call her at 240-277-6890.

FROM THE DIRECTRESS

I want to congratulate all of the upper and lower elementary children on their wonderful performance of "The Sound of Music". The evening was a great success and we had a very enthusiastic and appreciative audience, as always. Thank you to all of the parents of the cast for preparing costumes and accommodating rehearsal schedules. Special thanks to Jessica Eustace, Shana Kile, Kathleen Sparrow and Rose Ambrose for selling Sound of Music tickets, 50/50 tuition raffle tickets and water before the performance.

We're now looking ahead to Grandparents' Day, Echo Hill Outdoor School, the Advance Bidding Night Reception, and the Spring Fair and Silent Auction. Please also mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 25th, at 7 p.m. when we honor our eight graduating students. I look forward to seeing you there.



Congratulations to Mrs. Mosher's class, which achieved 100% participation by collecting more than 21 items for their classroom basket. Special thanks to room parent Adrienne Cunningham-Blank who rallied parents to help the children win an in-class ice cream social. We will continue to accept basket items until May 12th for the remaining classes, so please keep us in mind if while shopping you see anything Made in America, or reminiscent of our National Treasures and American History.

FROM THE PARENT COUNCIL

The 2010 Spring Fair/Silent Auction is almost here! The adults only Advance Bidding Night for the Silent Auction will be held on Friday, May 14th from 7:30 to 9:30 pm in the Mater Amoris Library. Please bring friends to enjoy complimentary food and spirits. Please RSVP to the E-vite sent to your household email account or call Kimberly Morrison at (301) 774-3886. The Spring Fair will be Saturday, May 15th from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 pm. We have more activities than ever before! Look for the pre-order form coming home this week. This year we will be offering wristbands at a flat rate for unlimited activities and games throughout the day. Individual game and food tickets will also be available the day of the fair. The silent auction will re-open from the evening before at Noon and its closing, at approximately 3:15, will be announced by loudspeaker 15 minutes in advance. Announcements about winning bidders will be made by 4:00 pm. The live auction of quilts hand sewn by the children will take place at approximately 2:00 pm. Activities and games will be operational at all times, except during the live auction. Between 3:15 and 4:00 pm (while the silent auction paperwork is being completed) we have organized several contests, including pitching, batting and free throw contests for the adults and children.

We thank you in advance for your support and participation at these great events!



GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Friday, May 7, 10-11 a.m.

This very special day is to give grandparents the opportunity to join their grandchildren in their classes, see their work, and meet their teachers and friends. Please extend the invitation to your children's grandparents. We look forward to hosting them on May 7th. Refreshments will be provided by the Mater Amoris Parent Association.

HIKE 4 HOCKEY

On Friday, April 30th, the Upper Elementary students and some of their parents spent the day at the Sweet Air Area of Gunpowder Falls State Park in Baldwin, MD, hiking and enjoying a picnic lunch. The 7-mile trail is considered to be of moderate difficulty and includes both areas of flat paths and steep ascents and descents. Part of the trail runs closely alongside the Little Gunpowder River.

The students collected pledges and raised approximately \$1000 for the Mater Amoris Athletic Fund. Hike 4 Hockey T-shirts are still available for \$16 and pledges are still being accepted. All of the hikers had a wonderful time and enjoyed the benefits of fresh air and lots of exercise!



OPEN HOUSES

Mater Amoris will be hosting Open Houses on May 5th and May 19th to introduce more families in Montgomery and Howard Counties to our school. Your assistance in promoting the May 19th event would be greatly appreciated. The children will be coming home with a flyer for the Open House. Please consider giving the flyer to an interested family and/or posting it in your favorite coffee shop, your pediatrician's office, your dry cleaners, or wherever you deem appropriate. Thank you for your help in publicizing this event.

ECHO HILL OUTDOOR SCHOOL

All of our students ages 9 and older will be attending Echo Hill Outdoor School in Worton on Maryland's Eastern Shore from Monday, May 10th to Thursday, May 13th. The school has 300 acres of forest, meadows, and freshwater shrub swamp bordering a mile of sandy beach on the Chesapeake Bay. Along with environmental studies, Echo Hill also offers challenges aimed at building and enhancing confidence, self-esteem and cooperation. Our graduating students who have attended Echo Hill for several years all agree that it's "a great place to experience the value of friendship while learning about the many things our wonderful state has to offer. Being outside is a fun way to learn about what we can do to take care of our Bay and the environment in general. We've learned so many valuable lessons about not wasting food and water, dealing with pollution, and our eco-systems. It's also a great place to make new friends and become even closer to the ones you already have." The students look forward to Echo Hill every year and know that the younger children who are going for the first time this year will love it. "The counselors are really nice, the food is great, and everything all around is a lot of fun!"

SPRING MUSICAL DVD's AVAILABLE

Parents may purchase DVDs of our spring musical performance of "The Sound of Music" at the cost of \$30 each. Checks should be made payable to Audio-Video Freelance and can be sent to the school office. Please allow 6-8 weeks for delivery.