



Mater Amoris Matters

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Weds, May 3 – 9:30-11 a.m.

Open House for prospective parents

Weds, May 3

Opera field trip – Mrs. Perez and the graduating class

Fri, May 5 – 10-11 a.m.

Grandparents' Day

Mon-Thurs, May 8-11

Echo Hill Outdoor School science camp

Sat, May 13

Spring Fair

Thurs, May 18

Kennedy Center Field Trip for all Elementary students

Thurs, May 25

Ocelots depart for Cal Cup

Mon, May 29

Memorial Day – NO CLASSES

Tues, May 30

Hike 4 Hockey XII

Weds, May 31

Ocelots return from Cal Cup

Tues, June 6, 7 p.m.

Graduation, Ashton Methodist Church



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

Open House for prospective parents

Tues, June 13

Last day of school

11:30 dismissal for ALL children; NO PM CARE

End of the year picnic



FROM THE DIRECTRESS

I want to extend my thanks to Ingrid, Gary, Trinity and Marissa Kleckner, Kristine Brecht (Trinity's, Marissa's and Matty's grandmother), Ben and Jules Gross, Karen Witte (Jules' and Jackson's grandmother) and Sabrina Strickler for helping with the egg and scavenger hunt. The children had a wonderful time at this much anticipated annual event. We are looking ahead to all of our activities in May - Grandparents' Day, the Spring Fair, Echo Hill Outdoor School science camp and the Cal Cup tournament. I hope you will also save the date of Tuesday, June 6th, when we honor this year's graduating students: Sophia Houston, Kellie Kuchinski, Olive Lara, Leah Morrison, Veronica Sinsky, Sydney Strickler, Sarah Weitzman and Logan Wilt.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY - Friday, May 5, 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 5th. Refreshments will be provided by the Mater Amoris Parent Association.



CAL CUP FIELD HOCKEY TOURNAMENT AND HIKE FOR HOCKEY EVENT

Our Upper Elementary Ocelots and many of their families will be leaving for California on Thursday, May 25th, to participate in the annual Cal Cup field hockey tournament and this year's Hike 4 Hockey event. This will be the eighteenth time since 1999 that Mater Amoris has participated in Cal Cup. The children have been working very hard developing their skills in focused practice sessions with Coach Asher and truly enjoy the challenge of conditioning sessions with Kimberly Morrison, Margot Bass, Becky Derro and Lanaya Nelson. As part of their trip, the Ocelots will participate in a Hike 4 Hockey on Santa Cruz Island, one of the Channel Islands, off the coast of Ventura, California. The 5-mile hike will be led by a naturalist guide and will provide an opportunity for each player to learn the natural history of the island and to challenge his or her personal fitness and self-determination. The team will return to Maryland on Wednesday, May 31st. Coach Asher and Mrs. Perez will be accompanying the children on the trip.



GO OCELOTS !



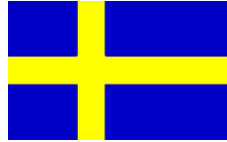
KENNEDY CENTER FIELD TRIP

Our final Kennedy Center trip for this year will be on Thursday, May 18th. All of our Elementary students and their teachers will be seeing a performance of "Mouth Open, Story Jump Out" in the Terrace Gallery. Master storyteller Polarbear will introduce a world of zany characters and madcap adventures as he tells how one little decision set off a huge chain reaction in his life. The interactive show explores how storytelling begins and where it can go from there. Polarbear, one of the UK's most exciting spoken word artists, will keep the audience fully engaged in the fascinating creation taking place right before their eyes. This is part of the Kennedy Center's Theater for Young Audiences celebration. Bus transportation is generously provided by the Parent Association.

OUR TRIP TO SWEDEN

By Kellie Kuchinski, Leah Morrison and Sarah Weitzman

This year we had a great opportunity to go to Sweden. Kellie stayed with Jacob, Leah stayed with Enar, Vide and Alve, who came here last year. Sarah stayed with Sven half the time and with Lucas and Leander, who came to America five years ago. We were featured on the radio and in the local newspaper along with Frida and Joakim who visited our school in March. The best part about being on the island of Resö was the freedom. After school we could ride bikes anywhere on the island. There was a soccer field where we could play. We saw baby lambs being born belonging to Enar's family. Lucas's family had chickens and long-haired Scottish cows that lived on Sven's farm. Being with the animals was a favorite part of the trip. We also went to the Hålden Fortress in Norway. Overall the experience was amazing and we would recommend it to our classmates at Mater Amoris.



ECHO HILL OBSERVATIONS

Article contributed by Harrison Eustace and Wren Rickenbrode

Echo Hill Outdoor School is located on the Chesapeake Bay near Chestertown on the eastern shore. One of the best things about Echo Hill is the food. **It is amazing!** Among our favorite things are the cinnamon bread, corn bread and pancakes. If you don't eat all of your food it will go in the slop bucket which is weighed at the end of every meal. Some of our favorite classes are "aqualogy", survival, adventures 1 and 2, bay studies and free time. Activities during free time include canoeing, swimming (if the water's warm enough), basketball and other fun games. And then there's your passport. At the end of every class you have to write down three things you learned and get the signature of the class counselor. On your last night of Echo Hill there is a stick burning ceremony with games and funny skits. At the very end we all take a stick and say something about our wonderful experience at Echo Hill.



MAPA NEWS & NOTES

In just 2 short weeks our annual Spring Fair will take place on Saturday, May 13th. This event is sure to delight with games, crafts, caricatures and a magic show to name just a few! We hope you will all join us from 12-4pm for this fun-filled day with family and friends. A food truck will be there to feed the hungry masses (cost associated) and new this year - the entrance fee (\$15) only applies to kids 4-18.

Interested in volunteering at the fair? We would love to have you!! Please email Laurie Maddalena:

lauriemaddalena@gmail.com directly, or keep an eye out for our SignUp Genius coming to your inbox soon.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and commitment to our wonderful school!

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 24 – 28

July 31 – August 4
August 7 – August 11

August 14 – 18
August 21 – 25



