

MONTESSORI of Ladera Ranch

Spirit Week: The **preschool & elementary** classes will be celebrating **Spirit Week** from June 13th through June 17th. The toddler class will not be participating in these activities.

Father's Day Breakfast: Friday, June 17th, Dads, we hope you will join us for a special breakfast from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM.

Last Day of School: Our official last day of school is Thursday, June 23rd. Please join us at our school carnival on Saturday, June 11th from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM to celebrate another wonderful year at MOLR!



Summer School: For those continuing students enrolled our Summer Session I, the first day of summer school will begin Monday, June 27th. This summer, our program will consist of two Summer Sessions. For the toddlers and preschool, we conduct business as usual. Our units of study for the summer will be insects in July and oceans in August. We will schedule some in-house field trips and the ever popular "water days" will be held once a week during the children's playtime. Our elementary age students will be participating in a summer camp. The camp is open to children ages 4.9 to 11 years. We are very excited to see some of our former students for the summer! The children will choose a new camp theme every two weeks and will have the opportunity to participate in weekly field trips. Please make sure you have signed the sun block permission slip.

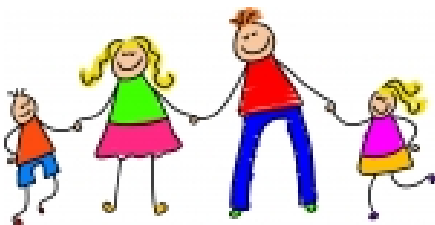


Farewell: The office staff would like to extend a fond farewell to those families who will be moving on this June. It has truly been our pleasure being a part of yours and your children's lives. Please be sure to keep us on your holiday card lists as we are always interested in the achievements of our graduates.

Thank you from the Top - Lisa Norby: As the Executive Director, I have the pleasure of spending two days a week at Montessori of Ladera Ranch and two days a week at our sister school, Fountain Valley Montessori. While Montessori of Ladera Ranch will always be my "home," I have truly enjoyed being a part of so many children's lives. I am so very proud of the achievements the students from both schools have made with the guidance of such a loving and



dedicated staff. Thanks to strong administrative teams at both schools, my time is largely spent developing curriculum and team building opportunities to compliment the premier programs at each school. I look forward to continuing to lead both schools in our tradition of preparing children emotionally, socially, and academically to take their places as the future of our communities. Thank you for your support and dedication. I wish everyone a wonderful summer and hope to see you in the fall.



NEWS FROM THE P.T.U.

Parent Teacher Unity Director: Lisa Nickell

Well, it's that time of the year again! Bring out the sunscreen and swimsuits, its summertime! It's been a fantastic year for the PTU and though we are wrapping up this school year, we are already preparing for fall!

Thank you to all the families who supported our fundraiser at Café Maiz. The food was delicious and it was fun to see all the families there!



This month, the PTU is busy planning our schoolwide End-of-the-Year Carnival on June 11th, 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM for all of our students, families and friends. We need all the helping hands we can get to help make this event the best ever! Your Room Parent has posted sign-up sheets and information regarding the Carnival. We will be hosting a silent auction therefore if you would like to donate anything, please stop by the front desk and let us know.

Also, this year Ms. Melissa's dance class will be performing at our carnival. Their performance will start at 12:00 PM. We now have food, fun and live entertainment!!

Our annual Father's Day Breakfast is June 17th, 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Looking forward to seeing all you dads there!

It takes many to make the PTU successful. I would like to take this opportunity to thank some of our parents who have been instrumental in making this year successful. Your respective room parents work very hard to ensure that all activities and events are executed in your classrooms without a hitch. They are very instrumental in making sure you are informed. A huge thank you goes out to this year's room parents:

- Lori Coble- Room 1
- Shelley Hodges, Desiree Wells - Room 2
- Anne Dalfiume- Room 3
- Karen Melton and Sepi Naficy –Room 4
- Usha Ganesen - Room 5
- Ettie Graham, Tricia Teitleman - Room 6
- Virginia DeBergh, Kim Samuels and Amy Hahn - Room 7
- Kristin Hunziker- PTU Secretary
- Indi Lombardo – Librarian



Also we really appreciate all the support and hard work from Shannon Rubin who has done another amazing job of publishing our wonderful monthly newsletter. Also, thank again you to Lisa Solomon who has done such an incredible job organizing our End-of-the-Year Carnival and becoming the Assistant Director of the PTU.

Also, to all the parents who helped out at PTU meeting, events, and fundraisers, we are so appreciative and hope to see you back next year! If you are interested in becoming a room parent for your child's class next year, or would like more information on becoming active in your child's school, I encourage you to attend our final PTU meeting for the year that will be taking place on Wednesday, June 1st at 5:30 PM here at the school.

I hope everyone has a most enjoyable summer and I'll see you all in the fall!

Room 1

Ms. Karen, Ms. Karen West, Ms. Jharna, Ms. Diana, Ms. Veronica



First of all, my abject apologies to Arden for the acceleration of her birthday! She will actually not turn three until June, along with Kevin and Eddie. I'm almost running out of glitter glue for the birthday crowns.....but we all enjoy the group celebration.

Second of all, an enthusiastic thank you to all the parents and children who participated in Open House. We had an unprecedented turnout and wasn't the closing circle just the best!?! Now you get a little glimpse of why I love to come to work each day. And, holy cow, thanks for literally showering us with love during our designated week. Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated!

June is the beginning of big change in Room 1. Of the 25 children on the roster at the present time, 19 of them will be transitioning to preschool this summer or early fall. As the toddlers take the long walk to their new classrooms, we will begin to welcome several newcomers to the toddler program. And, I must say, my heart breaks a little each time I let go of the hand of a child entering a preschool class. The flash of sadness is mitigated by the pride I feel and the

knowledge that each child is ready to move on. I know it sounds trite, but (seriously) thanks for giving us the opportunity to be constantly amazed and delighted on a daily basis by your children!

But back to the present! We could not possibly end our school year without honoring the great Eric Carle as our Author of the Month. I think I have a different Eric Carle classic to read for each day in June! Our Color the Month for June will be purple, and we've already had some lovely artistic results from our color mixing project. And since summer is fast approaching, we'll be singing our collective hearts out on that classic favorite "Summertime" for our Song of the Month.

Hope you all show up to our Carnival on June 11th. I owe a HUGE debt of gratitude to Bob Coble, the grandfather of Ashley, Ellie, and Jake. He did the base painting of the rocking chair which will be our room's contribution to the silent auction. And it looks fabulous. Seriously, we should bring in some major bucks on that puppy.

We look forward to breaking the fast with Dad on June 17th in celebration of his big day! And if you have not brought in a 4 X 6 photo of your child with the aforementioned Dad, please do so. It will make the Father's Day gift the children made complete!

On Wednesday, June 22nd we will be having a Very Hungry Caterpillar Potluck Snack. A sign-up sheet will be posted soon. Basically, we are asking parents to bring in all the food the Very Hungry Caterpillar consumed for us to consume! Have a great summer. Use sunscreen. See you in September.

Room 2

Ms. Naranja, Ms. Kelli

June is already here and it's hard to believe that it's the end of the school year! We have really enjoyed sharing such an important part of your child's lives with them.

For Cultural Geography, we will be exploring the continent of Australia. We will be learning about such natural sites as the Great Barrier Reef, Twelve Apostles, Ayers Rock and landmarks such as the Sydney Opera House and Harbor Bridge. In addition, we will be learning about the flora and fauna of the country. We will also study Aboriginal Culture and Art and we will be creating art inspired by the aboriginal art of Australia. Aboriginal art originated from the people called the Aborigines (original inhabitants of Australia). Aboriginal art has existed for many thousands of years. Some of the rock carvings and aboriginal paintings are 30,000 years old. These paintings and carvings narrate the stories of the painter or sculptor. Lots of dots are used and also earthy colors such as reds, browns and yellows. It will be interesting to see how the children will grasp this unique form of art and the wonderful creations that they will create. This month, we will also review all the travels to the continents, focusing on land and water forms.



Happy Birthday to Emily who turned four last month and the June birthday honors go to Grant!!

The End-of-the-Year Carnival will be on Saturday, June 11th and please join us by signing up for an item for Hot Dog Stand! The Father's Day breakfast will be on Friday, June 17th and we would like to see all the Dads sharing this special moment with your children.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to facilitate learning in your children, in their growth and development and also for the learning with which they have enriched us. We hope everyone has a fantastic summer and we look forward to seeing you all back soon!

Room 3

Ms. Angela, Ms. Melinda

We made it to the end of the school year! It was such an honor and a privilege to be a part of your child's daily growth and development. We hope that they have learned as much as they have taught us this past year. This month, we will explore the Jungle and Rain Forest of Africa including where they can be found and what animals live there. We will also learn the Parts of an Elephant and the Life Cycle of a Butterfly. We will review how to care for oneself (how to wash hands, greet others, table manners, cleanliness, etc.), as well as how to take care of our environment.

For the Month of June our artist will be Paul Klee (he is famous for his incredible African Masks).

We are looking forward to our school's Second Annual Carnival on June 11th---it should be a blast! We hope to see all of you here (especially at our cupcake decorating booth---yum!). Look for the posters and sign-ups all around the school for more information.

We have been gathering projects and work since September for your child's End-of-the-Year Book. You should expect these as well as Progress Reports the week of June 20th. The end of the year brings fun activities. Spirit week is June 13th-17th and is a great time for the children to show their school spirit. Each day will be a different theme---be on the lookout for the specific daily themes.

Please remember the dates of all of our activities:

- End-of-the-Year Carnival-Saturday, June 11th
- Father's Day Breakfast-Friday, June 17th
- Spirit Week -June 13th to June 17th
- Last day of school-June 23rd
- Closed for Summer Setup-Friday, June 24th

Thank you once again for the opportunity to work with your child. We have enjoyed having each and every one of them in our class throughout the year. It has been such a pleasure to watch them grow and develop every day. We hope all of you have a great summer vacation and we look forward to seeing you back soon!



Room 4

Ms. Jessica, Ms. Erin

June 2011 is already here? How is this possible? It is such a bittersweet feeling to be at this point. I have loved watching the children grow, but at the same time I am sad to see some of them grow up! I swear when they came to Room 4 they were toddlers! I have enjoyed being their teacher more than I know how to express. We really have a wonderful group of children.



During the month of June, we will be exploring the geography of the world. We will do a general overview of all the continents. We will also be exploring the different hemispheres of the world and explain to the children the difference between north, south, east and west. We will also be learning about the four oceans of the world: Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, and Arctic. We will be studying different water formations around the world and recognizing the differences among them. I would also like to introduce the children to different terrains of the earth, including mountains, plains, and deserts.

For Science and Zoology, we will be exposing the children to the Life Cycle of a Frog. Furthermore, we will be learning about the Parts of a Frog. As always, our classroom will be equipped with different materials that will allow the children to explore these units.

Our Artist of the Month will be Andy Warhol. I feel that we have not done anything in this style and think that the children will enjoy the diversity of his work.

We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Nicholas, Natalie H., and Ava!

Schoolwide, we have some fun activities during the month of June. Saturday, June 11th will be the Second Annual MOLR Carnival! This is a great day filled with fun, and the children really enjoy it. We really hope to see you all there! Also on Friday, June 17th, we will honor Father's Day with a special breakfast from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. We hope that all of our Dads are able to make it, as it is very special to the children. The last day of school will be Thursday, June 23rd. Thank you all for an incredibly rewarding and special year. It has been a true privilege.

Room 5

Ms. Michelle, Ms. Myra

I can't believe it is June already! What an incredible year it has been. It seems like yesterday that the children were sitting in circle in Room 5 for the first time, the look of complete wonder in their eyes. And look at them now! I can't begin to tell you how honored and blessed I am to have had your children for my class the first year as a lead teacher. I have grown to love and respect them so much. They are smart, respectful and kind. I am so proud of each and every one of them for the progress they have made this year. They have all worked so hard and you too should be very proud of them. I will miss them so much next year but know that wherever they are, they are going to be amazing! Thank you for allowing them to be a part of our lives this past year.

A couple of reminders for June. Father's Day breakfast is on Friday, June 17th from 8:00 AM until 9:00 AM. Look for more information regarding our Second Annual MOLR Carnival to be held Saturday June 11th. Please sign up for one of the time slots to help out with our booth if you have not already done so.

Happy Birthday to our June babies: Carly, Mikayla and Ethan!!!

Have a wonderful summer!



Room 6

Ms. Sneha, Ms. Patty

Welcome to the month of June! I cannot believe how fast the year has gone by! We are already in the last month of the academic year and summer is fast approaching. Last month was fun for everyone. The children loved learning about the beautiful continent of Europe and its abundant landmarks and monuments. We also talked about the Parts of a Plant and about the Life Cycle of a Butterfly. I thank you all of you for coming to our Open House. I could see the joy on the children's faces as they shared their work and their environment with you. We enjoyed having the moms over for the Mother's Day Breakfast and we also celebrated Ella Lucia's birthday.



For the month of June, we will work on Science Experiments. We will learn about magnetic and non-magnetic materials, substances that sink and float, and solids, liquids and gases. We will also focus on the beautiful countries of Italy and Germany. This will be a general overview month and we will briefly review all the topics that we have covered throughout the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for the generous and thoughtful gifts Ms. Patty and I received during the Teacher Appreciation week. Once again thank you for everything.

We look forward to seeing all the Dads for the Father's Day Breakfast and have a great month ahead.

Room 7

Ms. Yu Mon, Ms. Jessica



Welcome to the month of June! It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the year already. This year has definitely gone by fast. It has been so wonderful teaching, loving and sharing all the wonderful experiences with your children. Those of you who will be moving onto a new school, we will miss you tremendously next year. However, we are so excited to start a brand new year with our returning students.

On a different note, we would like to thank all the moms who joined us for the Mother's Day Breakfast. The children truly enjoyed giving you the beautiful flower pots and spending time with you. It was also very nice to see you all at our Open House. The children were very excited to share all their hard work with the families.

We hope all the dads will be able to join us for our Father's Day Breakfast on Friday, June 17th. The children are looking forward to sharing this special day with their wonderful DADS!!!

Spirit Week is coming up June 13th-17th. Be on the lookout for each day's theme as the week gets closer along with the Progress Reports and the End-of-the-Year Books.

As a friendly reminder, the last day of school is Thursday, June 23rd. Please be sure to make necessary arrangements for Friday, June 24th as school will be closed that day for the teachers to set-up for our summer camp. Be sure to sign up for the various classes that will be offered during the summer! The teachers have been very excited planning everything.

Thank you so much for your continuous encouragement and support. We truly appreciate the wonderful families we have here at the Ranch. Again, we look forward to seeing all the children who will be returning and we wish all the best to those who will be moving to a new school! You will all do great!

A very happy birthday to Hunter, Max, and Savannah!

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