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Tree of Life Charter School

Public Montessori Education



Teaching Values through Community

by Celeste Beck, Principal

Think about the values that are important to you, then narrow those to your top three. Are these the same values emphasized to your children by our mass-media culture?

Perhaps now, it is a bit clearer why our children may not be following our values, and why parents and schools must work together to set the right climate for them—a climate that values friendship, peace, wisdom, family, and other important values at home and at school.

Your children, our stu-

dents, need parents and educators to provide inspiration, imagination, joy, optimism, humor, love, support, firmness, safety, clear values, and respect. With our collective support, our children's youthful aspirations can soar into accomplishment.

We will be asking you for ideas about programs we can offer, and we will encourage all of you to join our Parent/Home and Teacher/School support team by attending parent meetings, student conferences, school events, and volunteer work days. We would also love for you to

share what you are doing to build a supportive school climate.

We would LOVE to have your help with completing our school site beautification plan...any contractors or gardeners who can help? Our jobs list is located on the white board in the office. And a BIG thank you to those who have been coming in to make the wall ball, work on the garden, pull weeds, do class fundraisers, and drive on field trips!

Working together on projects is a great way to build community and show your child what you value. We hope to see you soon at a meeting or event.

Parent Council News

By Autumn Johns, Parent Representative

Hello from the Parent Council, and happy Fall! So much has happened over the last few months, and I can't believe that it is October already. It was great to meet some of you at the Back-to-School BBQ, and I look forward to meeting more of you as the year continues. Wednesday, October 5th, will be our first official Parent Council Meeting; it will begin at 5:30 pm, with food and child care provided. I can't stress enough how important it is for parents to attend these meetings; you are all representatives

of our Parent Council, and I need your input! We are trying out a new format this year and hosting both the Parent Council Meeting and the individual committee meetings on the same night, so I hope you all have been thinking about which committees you would like to be involved in.

Also, just a quick reminder about some parking lot safety: please be sure to drive slowly through the parking lot, especially during drop-off and pick-up times; if you are not using the drop-off line for your

child, please be sure to walk in the designated pedestrian areas all the way to the front gate; and, if you are using the drop-off line, please have your child enter and exit on the right side of the vehicle only. Please do not lift children over the barricade fence, and please do not show them the example of climbing or stepping over the fence. We want to keep all of our Tree of Life family safe!

Thank you all for being part of our wonderful community, and I can't wait to see you all at the Parent Council Meeting October 5th.

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Brief Reminders:

- Oct 5: School Picture orders DUE
- Oct 10-14: Scholastic Book Fair after school
- Oct 11: Picture Day
- Oct 20: Board Cabinet Meeting 4:30
- Oct 22: Taste of the World event and fundraiser at Alex Thomas Plaza 10-3
- Oct 24: International Day Celebration; potluck at lunch
- Oct 25: Make up Picture Day
- Oct 25-27: Student-Led Conferences, early dismissal 2:30 on Tues, Thurs
- Nov 1: NO SCHOOL; district-wide staff training

Primary Class News

By Molly Johnson, Guide

We are off to a great start. Students have received lessons on a variety of areas, including reading, sensorial, math, practical life, social skills, and science.



We had a wonderful time at Frey Vineyards. Students were allowed to harvest and eat the sweet grapes. Then we washed everyone's feet and they took turns stomping around in a bin full of grapes to experience what people used to do in the old days. You should have



heard the laughter! A great time was had by all! We really appreciate all of the drivers who made this outing possible! And thanks again to the Frey family. They sent home gigantic bins of grapes that we just finished last Friday!



Thanks to those parents who are

helping with our hot lunch and coffee parent fundraisers. We need more parents to sign up as pinch hitters who we'll call when our regulars are unable to make it. Be sure to stop by for a cup of coffee, tea, or a goody on Fridays before school. If anyone has time to make organic, sugar free (gluten free is also good, but not a must) goodies for our sale, we will gladly accept them. Last year parents made some delicious, tiny quiches that students could purchase.

Our next outing will be to the Pumpkin Patch, October 5th, on HIGHWAY 253 ...on left as you head to Boonville. Please sign up right away so we don't have to cancel and reschedule this next outing. We will find pumpkins and purchase as many as you want for \$2.00 each. We will be able to have a picnic under the shade trees. This year Nadine, the owner, said they had to give their land a rest after 20 years, so they rotated squash crops to the back of their property. They actually had to purchase their pumpkins for the children this year, but still have lots of delicious squash we can buy to support their farm and eat healthy food. Make sure your child wears sunscreen, packs a lunch, a water bottle, and \$ for one or more pumpkins on Wednesday the 5th.

We passed out shelf cleaning assignments for each family. I think some of the information was cut off on the note home to some of you. Please come and dust and sanitize your shelf once a week so we can keep the germs away during flu season. (If you don't know what I am talking about see note on our door). This is a way that parents don't have to take their entire day taking turns cleaning the entire classroom (something we did in prior years).

Please come to our class to listen to our emerging readers, or to do a cooking or other project. David and I are always happy to have volunteers come in and teach a song, game, or skill. This works best

when I know in advance what time and skill you have to share and make sure it fits in with our schedule of activities. I love that parents are coming to me with different ideas to make the lives of our children even better! We have an amazing class this year because of your children, but also because the people who have raised them are so willing to support this school! Your child won't be little for long, so come in and watch them grow in front of your eyes!

Please remember to talk to your child about staying close to an adult during their trick or treating this year so everyone stays safe. It is so hard for drivers to see children. Happy October!

Student-Led Conferences

At the end of our first quarter of the school year, October 25-27, we will have Student-Led Conferences. This is an opportunity for your child to show you what he/she has been working on so far. It's also great to have a conversation about learning and behavioral goals for the next quarter.

Some of the older students may have done self-evaluations of their work or performance. Self-evaluation helps students develop meta-cognition skills and to think about cause and effect. They also learn to use their observations and evaluations to guide them in steps to reach their goals.

Please note that dismissal time is different on conference days. Although the Wednesday dismissal is still 1:30, dismissal on Tuesday and Thursday will be at 2:30 in order to accommodate all the conferences. Usually 1-3 students will be meeting with their families for conferences during one appointment time.

Please call the office to schedule YOUR appointment with your child!

Jr. Elementary 1 Class News

By Mary Anne Kenealy, Guide

Field Trip News

As you all know by now I had to cancel the Monterey Bay Aquarium field trip because of the 10 student minimum required, which I did not find out about until MBA emailed me our confirmation. It seemed too risky, in case anyone could not go at the last minute. Let me know any FT ideas you have. Current ideas are:

Castello di Amorosa Winery in Calistoga has an "authentic" 13th Century Tuscan castle to complement our Europe studies - apparently March is an uncrowded time to visit.

MacKerricher State Park has Glass Beach with docent tours which will complement the Environmental curriculum I will be presenting soon, and also sand dunes, although they are being culled of non-native grasses - may be limited access.

Russian Gulch State Park has tide pools to complement Great Lesson Two "Life on Earth."

Maria Montessori felt that the study of nature and experiencing nature was integral to children's development so I hope we can visit the state parks.

Classroom News

Celeste will be presenting the first and second Great Lessons in October. All of the students are doing handwriting each day. The art area has evolved into a morning handwriting area, so we will be having Art Projects (and Spanish :) every afternoon. The students are enjoying reading books and would like to bring them home to read. Since I also borrow books from the Ukiah Library, I want to start slowly with this request: starting this week with the oldest children I will be loaning books for ONE night only. As long as they return their book the next day, they can keep borrowing one night at a time M-TH. In math the elders are working on addition and multiplication memorization (tables

and boards); and the rest of the class is working on addition and subtraction with the Golden Bead



Material and colored bead bars. The Snake Game (addition), Division Board, and Factoring are just around the corner! The students each have a file folder with finished and ongoing work in it. The whole class has also been working with animal nomenclature and many are doing animal research reports. Spelling has been excellent. Keep up the good work, parents, with helping your children with their spelling "homework."

Slippers

Right now only half the class has slippers or sandals/flip flops to wear inside. I hope we can get a complete set of 12! This helps to keep our carpet clean, and the changing of shoes reminds the children that it's time to change from their boisterous outside behavior to their quieter inside behavior.



International Day Celebration

Tree of Life holds an International Day celebration each year on United Nations Day, October 24. It has evolved to become one of our school's favorite events! It helps us to appreciate the beautiful diversity of all the peoples of the world, and to learn something about different cultures, customs, and ways people meet their fundamental human needs.

Each classroom prepares by studying countries from a particular continent, and then might do some art projects to decorate their room, put up posters about the people or biomes in that region, or even make project boards about the country they studied. Each classroom will choose an activity to share with the other students at the school as they rotate through the classrooms on the morning of the event with their passports. Parents might want to help by offering to share experiences and photos of places they have visited or lived, songs, dances, artwork, crafts, etc.

As part of learning about how people meet their need for clothing, students (and we also urge our adult participants to do this if possible) come to school that day wearing clothing that might be typical of a particular group of people in any area of the world. It's best if they can wear something that shows how people dress or dressed in the area they studied, but that is not a hard and fast rule.

We also explore the diversity of foods around the world by having a potluck lunch, and we invite parents to join us at lunchtime. Each family should bring one international dish to share..and a favorite thing to do has been to bring something that draws from your own family's heritage. If you can't make it for lunch, drop your food dish off when your child comes to school. We'll need parent helpers to come early to set up tables and heat food, and some to stay later to help with clean up after the event. Come and join us for this fun event!

Jr. Elementary 2 Class News

By Stacy Strauss, Guide

The Fire Foxes have been busy finishing up their research from the First Great Lesson (the story of the beginning of the Universe). They researched planets, stars, blackholes, and volcanoes. They were all very interested in everything about the Universe and anxiously awaited the next Great Lesson-The Coming of Life. After they heard that story, they began choosing their topics with enthusiasm. Some have chosen animals from the Timeline of Life that are extinct, and some have chosen an entire time period, such as the Jurassic. The Great Lessons are given to the entire class as a collective, unlike most other subjects, for which they are divided into levels-1st years, 2nd years, and 3rd years. I have a schedule of lessons of each subject that I follow each week. This is to ensure every student is getting at least one new lesson in each subject each week. Everyone is always invited to each lesson, but the lesson is only required for that particular age level. I often have extra observers from other levels, which tells me that we have many students who are choosing to learn just because they want to, which is the goal! Mondays are new math lesson day. In math, they are refining their skills in adding, subtracting, and multiplying large numbers, depending on their age level. They are also practicing math facts for memorization. Most Language Arts lessons are on Tuesdays, although they should be reading on their own each day. Each Wednesday morning, each group gets a new Geometry lesson. Art and science experiments are on Thursdays. After new lessons, each student is responsible for doing the follow-up work. Each student is also practicing handwriting each day. The elders are practicing typing skills. They are also preparing burritos and snacks for themselves each day. We begin each day with physical education

games. I also try to make sure we are working on a song each week. As you can imagine, all these subjects make it very busy in our class each day! There is a happy hum of work in the classroom! The Fire Foxes are learning how to manage their time and enjoy the sense of accomplishments! I look forward to a very busy October!



Thank you to John Johns (Anson's grandpa) who is coming in on Wednesdays to work in the garden with the students. They planted peas, carrots, and cilantro last week. Thank you to Courtney (Lila's mom) for donating soil, so we could plant the seeds! Thank you to Stacy R. for bringing in her sewing machine and helping the students monogram their hand towels.



Our field trip to California Academy of Sciences was amazing! I



look forward to our next outing. **Our next field trip coming up is October 18th to the Safari West in Santa Rosa.** We will leave TOL at 8:30 and return by 2:00. I have enough drivers for this trip, and I cannot take any more adults because we have reached our limit for chaperones. Our December field trip is to the Luther Burbank Center on December 9th. We will be seeing Posada Navidena, a show that celebrates folk dancing and music of Mexico at Christmas time. So far, I have 3 drivers, but I will probably need 1 or 2 more. Let me know if you can go.

As always, please come to me with any questions you may have. Be sure to talk with your child about the work they are doing or even come in for a few minutes after school to have them show you their goal book. It takes you, me, and your child to make it work!

Social-Emotional Learning

By Sara Esserman Melville, Teacher

This last month we spent time talking about when we use our prefrontal cortex and when we use our amygdala. For example we want to use our amygdala if we are in danger, but when we are communicating with others we want to be using our prefrontal cortex. All of the students at Tree of Life have been discussing these two parts of our brains as part of our schoolwide MindUP lessons.

Additionally, we have been conversing about proper use of the bathroom, which includes how much toilet paper to use, how to let others know how you would like to be treated in the bathroom, and what to do when you accidentally make a mess. The students all spoke with respect and agreed to keep our bathrooms clean.

Jr. Elementary 3 Class News

By Anthony Esserman Melville Guide

The Golden Dragons have been studying the story of the universe, our solar system, minerals, crystals, and conducting experiments. Most everyone's space reports were wonderful and a great deal was learned. Now we are focusing on how to improve all of our research practices,



citing sources and editing our work with group research reports about nature of rocks and

the earth. Our Fieldtrip to the School at night was a wonderful time for many who attended. We watched the first episode of COSMOS, walked out

a size comparison of the solar system in the field with a 10 cm Sun (when folks realized the nearest star at that scale would be in Chicago it blew a lot



of minds!). Many parents told me their favorite part of the night was holding the styrofoam moon models in their hands and realizing how the phases of the moon work. Some of the children remarked about the model of the seasons and understanding equinox and the solstices. The sudden understanding of a scene in the film "Happy Feet" where the penguins huddle for warmth was quite moving for me to witness in those gathered. The "ohhhh!" was poignant when we revealed why the sun fails to rise for 4 days at the time of the summer solstice in Antarctica. Or the "Woah! No way!" with the knowledge that the sun never sets at the Arctic Circle for 4 days during that same time, but in fact, appears to move around the sky in a circle. Although exhausting for me, it was so very satisfying to hear the light bulbs going on... it's what we teachers live for.

Our next fieldtrip is to the San Fran-

cisco Exploratorium on October 6th. We will be leaving at 7:00am to reach the Larkspur Ferry at 9:05am and get to San Francisco at 9:50am. We will "explore" at the Exploratorium until 2:45pm at which point we will head to the ferry and then re-



turn to Larkspur by 3:30pm. We should be back in town by 6:00pm. I sent home all the fieldtrip and drivers forms on Monday last week. You most likely have already turned

those in but if not, complete and return all forms to the class ASAP. As of the time of writing this newsletter, we still need 2 to 3 more drivers. Please call or text me at 228-9274 at your earliest convenience. If we don't have enough drivers who have all the forms, insurance coverage, and DMV printouts, we will have to cancel and be out \$200+. It's going to be a blast, so first drivers to call me get to go! Students please bring your car seat, closed toed shoes, long pants, warm jacket, hat with a brim, bag lunch, snacks, water bottle, \$ for a souvenir (optional) and a back pack to carry your stuff.

It's been a blast and a privilege to serve your children so far. Singing has been amazing with them. Many of the parents and guardians in our class community have been going through some trying times and heavy challenges lately. We recorded our song we rehearsed for Peace Day while thinking about our loved ones who are healing right now. If you want me to send you a recording of the song "Umbrella" we recorded, please let me know. They are truly a talented and empathetic group.



Fundraising News

by Vanessa Mallo, parent volunteer

I would like to start by taking the time to thank all of the parents that showed up on Monday to contribute their ideas for our fundraising efforts. We have 2 great events planned that will require parent participation. It is a great way to spend time with your kids and gain parent hours at the same time.

Our first event is Taste of the World, an International Celebration on Oct 22 from 10-3 at Alex Thomas Plaza. Not only is this our first fundraiser of the year, it is a community event that we want to be able to do every year to celebrate the diversity in our school and overall community. We will need helpers on the day of the event with set up, clean up, sales, etc.

In two weeks, packets for Equal Exchange Company coffee and chocolates will be coming home with your children, so get some holiday orders in early!

We also have our Original Artworks fundraiser, coming to you next month, that features artwork done by your children that can be ordered on items like mugs, coasters, or other items on the order form. This is another great opportunity to get some holiday shopping done early. Look for those packets at the end of October so that we can be sure they are back in time to place our orders so that all of our items come back before our winter break.

Then in the spring we have our main fundraiser, Roots and Shoots, which has dinner, live and silent auctions and our raffle drawing for some amazing prizes. SO please remember to check your purple folders for this information coming home! We rely on our fundraisers to continuously improve our school so that our kids have the best learning environment to foster their creativity. Also remember to sell as many raffle tickets as possible before the December 1 deadline!

Sr. Elementary News

by Angela Reglin, Guide

"We must help the child to act for himself, will for himself, think for himself; this is the art of those who aspire to serve the spirit." –Maria Montessori

To guide a child to learn integrity, to choose what is right in the face of what is easy. To accept learning as a process rather than focus on a project as being an outcome. These are the goals in our classroom. Sometimes this might mean talking with a student for a lengthy time trying to encourage them to tell the truth. That day, the result may not be what was hoped for, but it becomes a choice. In conversation the next day, the child willingly admits the wrong-doing. This is one way we help a child act and will, and think for himself.



After a thrilling adventure through the solar system, we are extending the story of the universe into how life first appeared on earth. This second chapter of the story will take us into epochs and eras, classification of animals, parts of a cell, parts of plants, and so much more.

We are looking forward to many thrilling adventures within the next month. First off, students have been introduced to the election process and have researched a few of the parties, including the Green Party and the Tea Party. On October 3, we have a field trip planned to the Luther Burbank Center in Santa Rosa. The show is called "Rock the Presidents." It is a musical show that incorporates learning about the presidency. Within the second week of October, we will

have a mock election and will be discussing the various propositions on the ballot. You can support our class efforts by asking your child questions about what he/she thinks, and how he/she arrived at the conclusion. We want to have independent thinkers who are drawing their own conclusions based on their experiences.



We will be preparing for our Fort Ross adventure by making costume preparations, conducting biography research, cooking Russian recipes, playing games that Russians and First Peoples of California and Alaska played. We will be learning Russian dances and songs. We will also be having different art projects like beading, sewing, and Russian painting projects in the classroom. We will be making different items to "sell" while at Fort Ross, including beaded jewelry and wooden boxes with a Russian style painting. This activity lands right in time with International Day, so our class will be focusing on Russia, China, and Native Peoples of California and Alaska this year. We will turn our classroom into a "Fort Ross" type atmosphere incorporating the cultures of the people who lived at Fort Ross. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or are able to assist with any of these projects/decorations, I invite you to

be a part of the festivities and preparations.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of you for the home to school communication, your diligence in following through with our purple communication folders, and for entrusting your child to this learning community. Each community is unique based on its citizens, and your children are proving to be peaceful, responsible, p r o - ductive citizens in our shared learning community.



Student Council

By Roman and Silas

We elected two people from each class to be on Student Council. The officers are Marcos as President, Brandon as Vice-President, Shasta as Secretary, Amia and Ida as Treasurers, Esther and Gabe as Historians, Roman and Silas as Journalists, and Eden as Member-at-Large. Maddie was elected to be Student Representative on the school's Board Cabinet.

The last spirit day was Art Day. We made puppets in Molly's class, clay sculptures in Stacy's class, collages in Angela's class, drawing in Mary Anne's class, and origami in Tony's class. It was especially fun.

The next spirit day will be Pajama Day on October 21st. People can wear favorite pajamas to school and bring some books to read and share in your class.

From Monday through Friday, the oldest to youngest student council representatives are going to take turns watching that people are safe around the monkey bars. We want them to remember not to run under the monkey bars when someone is on them so they don't get hurt. If someone does run under them, student council will remind them of the safety rules.

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Regular School Hours:
M, T, Th, F—8:30 AM-3:15 PM
W—8:30 AM-1:30 PM
Before School Care 7:30-8:30 AM
After School Care until 5:30 PM
Student-Led Conference 2:30 PM Dismissal
Guide-Led Conference 1:30 PM Dismissal

From our charter:

“Like parents everywhere, we care about our children, want what’s best for them, and know that their experience in school can have a great impact on the quality of their life. We want them to have an education that is worthy of their beauty and potential. We want them in a place where they are known, not as faces in a crowd, but individually and personally. We want them in a school where they receive direct, high-quality attention, where their actual needs are met, where their potential is being realized.”

Office News

by JanLaree De Julius, Business Mgr

Hoping that the school year is going well for all of our Tree of Life families. I, for one, cannot believe this is our October newsletter!

A few reminders:

Attendance: Please call the office before 9:00 a.m. if your child is going to be tardy or absent. Remember that if your child is tardy you (a parent/guardian) must come into the office and sign her/him in. Please remember that if you write in “late” or “tardy” as the reason, that is not an excusable reason for being late to school and your child will be noted (reported) as tardy. Three unexcused tardies or absences constitute truancy, and it would be really great to be reporting ZERO truanancies to the State this year!

Independent Study Packets: If you signed for an Independent Study packet and have yet to return it, please note the due date on the front page of the packet and return it as soon as possible. Our attendance reporting period (1) ended on September 16. In order to count your child as “present” we must have the packets returned so they may be reviewed and your child given “full credit” for their work when I report attendance to the State. If you requested one and have not picked it up, are unsure, or need a replacement, please con-

tact the office. When you opt to do Independent Study in lieu of absence, the school receives funding for those days and your child gets the skills practice they otherwise may have missed.

Child Care: The August/September statements/invoices will be out at the end of next week. If you have signed up for our Child Care, please ensure that you have dropped off your deposit and registration/supply fee payment. If you have a past due balance from last year, please note our new policy states that your balance must be clear in order for your family to participate this year. Please come to the office if you need to discuss payment options.

Roots and Shoots: I still have a number of Raffle ticket packets for our annual fundraiser yet to be picked up. We are asking all of our families to participate. If you haven’t received one, please stop in and pick one up. If you are a prolific seller, please come get more! J We value your assistance in ensuring we have a successful fundraising event.

The office hours are 7:30am - 4:00pm, phone 462-0913, fax 462-0914. As always, should you have any questions or need any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me. I am here to assist in any way possible.

Peace Day Photos



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October Tree of Life

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28 Bank Day every Wednesday	29	30	01
02	03 Sr. El. Field Trip	04 Picture Day Orders due TOMORROW	05 Primary Field Trip Parent Meeting 5:30	06 Jr. El. 3 Field Trip	07	08 Book Fair Volunteers meet after school
09	10 Scholastic Book Fair	11 Picture Day Scholastic Book Fair	12 Scholastic Book Fair	13 Scholastic Book Fair	14 Scholastic Book Fair	15
16	17	18 Jr. El. 2 Field Trip	19	20 Board Cabinet Meeting 4:30	21	22 Taste of the World @ Alex Thomas Plaza 10- ³
23	24 International Day	25 Make-up Pictures Student-Led Conferences 2:30 Dismissal	26 Student-Led Conferences 1:30 Dismissal	27 Student-Led Conferences 2:30 Dismissal	28	29
30	31 (November 1st NO SCHOOL; staff training day)	Notes: Lunch fundraiser cost is \$3 Menu: Monday-pasta; Tuesday-burrito; Wednesday-chili/soup/stew; Thursday-sandwich; Friday-casserole Bank Day is every Wednesday at 9 AM				

A LOVE STORY

Wedding & Portraiture by Eric & Jessica

TREE OF LIFE CHARTER SCHOOL 2016-2017 SCHOOL PORTRAITS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11th

Student Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Contact Number: _____ Email: _____

Note to Photographers: _____

PACKAGE A - \$35

- (1) 8x10
- (2) 5x7
- (3) 4x6
- (16) Mini Wallet

PACKAGE B - \$30

- (2) 5x7
- (4) 4x5
- (8) Wallet

PACKAGE C - \$25

- (1) 5x7
- + (4) Wallet
- (2) 4x5

A LA CARTE

(Add-Ons to Packages)

- (1) 8x10 = \$5
- (2) 5x7 = \$5
- (3) 4x6 = \$5
- (8) Wallet = \$5

A LA CARTE

(Sheets without Packages)

- (1) 5x7 Class Photo = \$15
- (1) 8x10 = \$10
- (2) 5x7 = \$10
- (3) 4x6 = \$10
- (8) Wallet = \$10

STUDENT/CLASS

- (1) 8x10 = \$25



ALL SALES ARE FINAL | NO REFUNDS | ORDERS TAKE APPROXIMATELY 3 WEEKS FOR PROCESSING

PACKAGE	STUDENT/CLASS	CLASS PHOTO	A LA CARTE	SHEET	QTY	TOTAL

CASH CHECK/MONEY ORDER #: _____
MAKE CHECK/MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO ERIC BURCH

_____ TOTAL DUE

PLEASE BRING COMPLETED FORM WITH EXACT PAYMENT ON OCTOBER 5th!

Dear Parents and Families:

Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. It will even help them get into college! Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in the home. Update this collection routinely to keep pace with changing tastes and reading skills. Talk about books and what your child is reading.
- Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read to our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates: October 10-14

Shopping hours: School dismissal time until 5 PM]

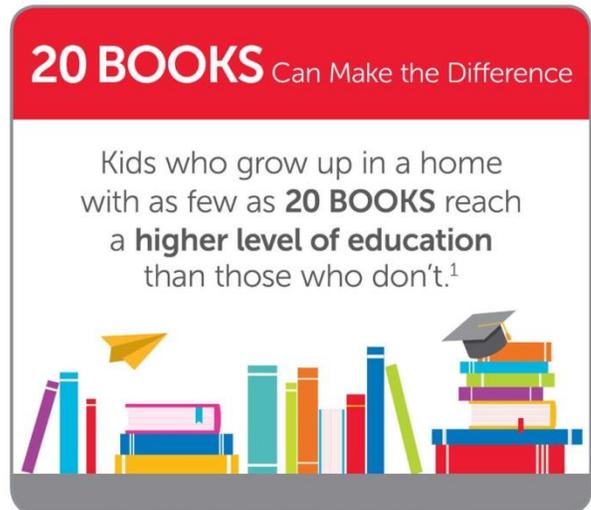
Before you visit the Book Fair, be sure to download the Book Fairs app to help you find the right books for your child. For more information, visit scholastic.com/apps/bookfairs.

If you are unable to attend in person, we invite you to visit our online Book Fair at scholastic.com/fair, or go directly to our special book fair webpage at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/treeoflifecharterschool>. Our online Fair is available from October 5 to October 18.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Sincerely,

Celeste Beck
Principal



¹Evans, Mariah, Dr., Kelley, J., Sikora, J. and Treiman, D. J. "Family Scholarly Culture and Educational Success: Books and Schooling in 27 Nations." Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, Volume 28, Issue 2. Pages 171-197. June 2010.