



CCMS LOVES THEIR STUDENTS

# Montessori Minutes

Corpus Christi Montessori School

November 3, 2017

Dear Families,

October flew by. Welcome to November! We had a busy month with so much learning taking place. What a great end to our month with the Rockin K Maze field trip, our Upper Elementary Fall Carnival Fundraiser and a day of students and staff dressed as Heros and Heroines. Our Fun Fridays began in October with hands-on measurement, All about me writing, Science Safety and experiments, Mask making in Spanish, learning about depth perception in Art, Gardening and more. November looks like it should be a busy month. Please be sure to check the calendar for upcoming events. Please also check out our Facebook page – Parents of CCMS for new information. Exciting news, we are receiving quotes for a Cover Top for our hardtop court. This would provide a much-needed shaded outdoor space. This is our next large goal for CC-Montessori. A big thank you to our families and staff who worked to beautiful the side garden last Saturday. Join us tomorrow for another great

## Upcoming Events

- November 4<sup>th</sup> Family Workday 8 – 2 pm
- November 9<sup>th</sup> Early dismissal 12:30 p.m
- November 10<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser – MS – lemonade/fruit cup or hot choc./cookies. Depending on weather
- November 10-12 Southern State Chess Tournament
- November 13<sup>th</sup> Report Cards home
- November 15<sup>th</sup> Health Screenings 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, plus 6<sup>th</sup> grade spinal check PTO Meeting, 5:30 No Childcare
- November 17<sup>th</sup> Breakfast by MS Thanksgiving Feast 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- November 18-27<sup>th</sup> No School

## STUDENT NEWS

### CHESS CLUB

THE STUDENTS ARE LEARNING A LOT. WE NEED MORE PEOPLE SO WE CAN WIN! THE NEXT TOURNAMENT IS THE STATE GRADE ON NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup>.  
-DIEGO HERNANDEZ (8<sup>TH</sup>)

### VOLLEYBALL MIDDLE SCHOOL

OUR SUPERB SEASON IS COMING TO AN END. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE MADE MANY GREAT MEMORIES TOGETHER, IT IS BITTERSWEET THAT THIS IS OUR LAST VOLLEYBALL SEASON AT CCMS. WE'D LIKE TO THANK COACH JACOB AND COACH RONNIE FOR DOING A WONDERFUL JOB OF COACHING AND SUPPORTING US. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE TEACHERS AND PARENTS FOR COMING TO OUR GAMES AND SUPPORTING US ALL THE WAY TO THE END. THANK YOU!  
-RENEE DOMINIQUE PAGAYONAN (8<sup>TH</sup>)

### MS. STEPHANIE & COACH RONNIE'S CLASS

WE ARE DOING A LOT. WHAT I AM MOST PROUD OF IS THAT WE COMPOST OUR LEFT OVERS DAILY IN OUR CLASS AND HOW WE FUNDRAISE FOR THOSE IN NEED. WE ARE FILLING THE "FREE LITTLE PANTRY" THIS MONTH.  
-JOAQUIN MARTINEZ (3<sup>RD</sup>)



## Bringing Something to the Table

Written by Maren Schmidt

As I was getting ready to go on a picnic with some friends, the phone rang. "What can I bring?" my friend asked.

Earlier I had suggested that I bring the food and that my friend take care of the drinks. After going through the menu, she suggested bringing another dish. In that moment, I saw that it was important to her to feel that she was contributing her share, and a little more. It's simplistic to cut the world into dichotomies, but perhaps we can. Our planet spins, and we are either in daylight or night, but those conditions are constantly changing, going from darkness to dawn, to noon, to dusk, and night again. The world is full of givers and takers. We should be both. When we can give, we should. In order, for others to contribute, we should also learn how to receive.

With our adult hustle and bustle, we can become so caught up in giving to our children that we become blind and insensitive to their willingness to contribute to the well-being of the group.

*Our children are standing there, wanting to bring something to the picnic of life, wanting to share with those people who care about them.*

We hurry on past our children in our pursuit to "get things done." It's easier to do it all ourselves than to show, guide, correct, and be friendly with error if a task is forgotten or not done to our standards.

Doing tasks that contribute to the well-being of their family makes children shine. Children with guidance become givers, and thus like day changing into night and back again, learn how to also graciously receive their gifts as they learn to give.

We all have something to bring to the table. The three-year-old can set the table with placemats, napkins, silverware and plates, and create a centerpiece of fruit or flowers. Young children are capable of doing cooking and cleaning tasks when shown how to do so and given child-sized tools. Older children can help plan and cook the meal, clean up after, create grocery lists.

One reason I love to cook with children is the joy they express when the bread they've made, the butter they've shaken in a jar, and the vegetables they've cut are served and eaten at the table with the people they love. The deep satisfaction of contribution makes us appreciative of all that we've been given.

**The world is full of givers and takers. We should be both.**

It is more blessed to give than to receive. We should teach our children to give, and ourselves to generously receive those gifts.

### WISH LIST

Silverware/utensils for daily use

All sizes of rain boots for work in the chicken coop

Donations for Free Little Pantry – can food, snacks, drinks, socks, hygiene products

Scraps for Chickens – fruit, veggies, pasta, rice, etc.

## Meet Our Staff

### Coach Jacob

What is your favorite thing about CCMS?

*Working with great kids and great staff.*

Tell us about your family

*I am married and have 3 daughters ages 10, 6 and 6 months*

What is your favorite sport?

*Basketball*

Favorite Hobbies

*Fishing and hanging out with my kids.*

Favorite Quote

*"The Road to success is always under construction."*

### Coach Ronnie

What is your favorite thing about CCMS?

*Working with my co-teacher and the kids.*

Tell us about your family.

*I love taking care of my niece.*

What is your favorite sport?

*Football and softball*

Favorite Hobbies

*Hanging out with my family and friends.*

Favorite Quote

*"Everything happens for a reason."*