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## Columbus Montessori Education Center Friday Notes August 12, 2011

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### Our Mission



Columbus Montessori Education Center's mission is to nurture and develop the whole child through magnified learning and quality care in a diverse community.

### UPCOMING DATES

**August 15-August 22**  
Center Closed

**August 22:** Parents and Teachers "Meet & Greet",  
4pm - 6pm

**August 23:** First Day of School for most children??

**August 24:** First Day of School for 5 day Toddler Preschool/Wed-Fri Toddler Preschool

**August 29:** First Day of School for Mon-Tues Toddler Preschool??/Children's House

### 2011-2012 Academic Calendar for Parents



Elementary students participate in May talent show

In your packets, the 2011-2012 Parent Calendar was provided as a hard copy for the school year. The calendar is also available electronically and we have enclosed a link below for your convenience! This will keep you informed on the events and activities we currently have scheduled.

[2011-2012 Parent Calendar](#)

### \*\*School Closed August 15 - 22\*\*

Columbus Montessori Education Center will be closed the week of August 15 - 22 for our Teacher Work Week. We will be spending our time preparing the school and classrooms for the first day of school and engaging in several professional development activities! We are looking forward to welcoming everyone at the upcoming Meet and Greet nights!



### Important Reminder to Parents



Parents can make your child's first day back to school as smooth as possible by filling out the required paperwork ahead of time. You can either mail it or drop it off during the "Meet and Greet" on August 22. Please contact Rekha Kohli with any questions about your packet

([rkohli@columbusmontessori.org](mailto:rkohli@columbusmontessori.org))

\*\*Remember that your child cannot enter the classroom

**PreK AM & PreK Academic Day**

**September 1: New Parent Orientation**

**September 5: Labor Day, Center Closed**

Advertise your business to the Columbus Montessori community!

There is still time to advertise in our Parent Directory! The [2011 Parent Directory and 2012 Spring Gala Program](#) are great ways to promote your business to the Columbus Montessori community and you will receive BOTH for one low cost.

[Click here](#) for more information on sizing and pricing. For questions, please contact Lauren Wood at [lwood@columbusmontessori.org](mailto:lwood@columbusmontessori.org).

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unless their paperwork is up to date.

## Compassionate Communications Offering Series of Events for Parents!

"Parenting from your Heart: Teaching and Raising Children with Compassionate Communication."

Columbus Montessori Education Center is pleased to announce a series of events for parents that will help them to create more meaningful connection with their children, and also to complement what children are learning at school. These events will also be promoted once school has begun.

The CMEC faculty has been in training with Compassionate Communication facilitators since March of 2011. We are hoping to involve as many parents as we develop a common language around Compassionate Communications.

We are offering twice-monthly [free events](#) in Compassionate Communication: The Language of the Heart, presented by a local nonprofit organization, Compassionate Communication of Central Ohio ([www.nvcoho.org](http://www.nvcoho.org)).

The events will help parents to learn the art and science of how to create family communication that incorporates everyone's needs, speak with honesty and empathy, and teach children how to express their needs and wants in a constructive way.

LOCATION: Columbus Montessori Education Center

DATES and TIMES:

Thursday, Sept. 8: 9 am - 11 am

Tuesday, Sept. 13: 6:30 pm - 8 pm

Monday, Oct. 10: 9 am - 11 am

Wednesday, Oct. 12: 6:30 pm - 8 pm

Thursday, Nov. 3: 9 am - 11 am

Tuesday, November 8: 6:30 pm - 8 pm

Monday, Dec. 5: 9 am - 11 am

Wednesday, Dec. 7: 6:30 pm - 8 pm

BENEFITS: Compassionate Communication training will help parents to:

1. Prevent, reduce and resolve conflicts with children peacefully.
2. Use respectful parenting skills that are neither punitive nor permissive.
3. Speak authentically in a way that inspires understanding and compassion in others.
4. Engage children in an exchange of mutual respect and consideration.
5. Form a heart-centered connection with children.
6. Inspire children to support other family members willingly and joyfully.
7. Support the development of children's self-esteem.

8. Remain centered when hearing hard-to-hear messages from others.
9. Reinforce the Montessori principles children area learning at school.
10. Practice self-care and create a balanced life amidst the challenges of parenting.

## Sign up to be a "Host Family" to new parents!



The Parent Association is launching a new program this Fall welcoming and supporting new families at Columbus Montessori Education Center.

The goal of the Host Family Program is to match incoming families with current families to make the transition to Columbus Montessori a comfortable and easy process. We hope you will join us in this important and fun

initiative!

Interested in being a host family? It's easy! Here's How:

- 1) Make contact with the new family and introduce yourself before school starts on August 23.
- 2) Invite your new family to Columbus Montessori events
- 3) Share special new family tips provided by Columbus Montessori and the Parent Association
- 4) Listen and answer questions as the new family joins our community

If you would like to be a host family, please click the button below and fill out the online form. You will then receive your new family match in early August. The Parent Association is co-chaired by Joanna Helon and Linsey Moffett.

[Click Here to Sign Up](#) 

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