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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.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

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### UPCOMING DATES

**August 27: Infant Toddler Program Family Picnic: 11am-1pm**

### WELCOME NEW FAMILIES! New Parent Orientation Next Thursday

We are so excited that you have joined our community as a new family at Columbus Montessori Education Center. We would like to invite you to attend our New Parent Orientation meeting which will be held on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:15pm - 7:15pm. This meeting will be held in Room 10 in our Elementary Hallway.

Thank you for choosing Columbus Montessori as a place where your child can reach his or her fullest potential. Once again we WELCOME you to Columbus Montessori and we look forward to visiting with you on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Infant Toddler Program Picnic!

Please Join Us...Rain or Shine!!



What: Infant Toddler Program Family Picnic

When: THIS Saturday, August 27, 2011

Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm

Where: Jeffrey Mansion and Park Memorial Shelter (located behind the mansion near the playground)

165 North Parkview Avenue  
Bexley, Ohio 43209

This will be a potluck picnic so please bring your favorite dish, dessert or side dish to share!

- \* Remember to label the food you bring to assist those with food allergies.
- \* Please also bring your own beverages/place setting and silverware for your family.

### Columbus Montessori Launching New Website

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

**September 1: New Parent Orientation  
6:15pm - 7:15pm - all new families welcome!**

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

### Background Checks Now Required for All Parent Volunteers

To make our community as safe as possible and to comply with our day care licensing rules, a new policy is being implemented this year.

All parents who want to volunteer in classrooms, drive and or accompany students on fieldtrips are now required to submit to a background check. If someone has lived in Ohio more than seven years, they only need the BCI, if not, then both BCI & FBI are required.

Thank you for helping keep our school environment as safe as possible! Questions? Please contact Lori at [lsachs@columbusmontessori.org](mailto:lsachs@columbusmontessori.org)

Join Our List

Join Our Mailing List!

Columbus Montessori Education Center is excited to announce that we will be launching a new website in the coming weeks! We are looking forward to providing our current and prospective families and our alumni community with a resourceful and user friendly site so that they can be armed with valuable information when it comes to our school. A website is an extremely valuable tool - especially in today's day when families spend substantial amounts of time researching the best school for their child.

Columbus Montessori would like to thank the Marketing Committee for all of their support and specifically, Bill Litfin and the team at Shift Global for their expertise, guidance and creative implementation in designing our new site. More excitement to come!

### Compassionate Communications Offering FREE Series of Events for Parents!

Look for a detailed letter in your child's cubby this week!

Columbus Montessori Education Center is pleased to announce a series of events for parents that will help you to create a more meaningful connection with your children, and also to complement what children are learning at school. This wonderful opportunity has been provided to us by an in-kind sponsor who supports the mission of our school and who also believes in the benefits of Compassionate Communication.

The Columbus Montessori 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. Compassionate Communication is a local non-profit organization whose mission is to promote peace, eliminate violence and work through conflict systematically using Nonviolent Communication (NVC).

We are offering twice-monthly free events in Compassionate Communication!

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.

#### DATES and TIMES (Location: Columbus Montessori Education Center)

Thursday, Sept. 9: 9am-11am - **NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS**

Tuesday, Sept. 13: 6:30pm - 8 pm\* (pizza will be provided for \$5.00 p/family) - **NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS**

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\*

\*Childcare will be provided during evening sessions. Reservations are required for childcare.

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 are learning at school.
10. Practice self-care and create a balanced life amidst the challenges of parenting.

To register, please see Rekha Kohli at the front office or e-mail [rkohli@columbusmontessori.org](mailto:rkohli@columbusmontessori.org) and we will reserve your spot.

Please plan on attending one of these sessions. If you have any questions about Compassionate Communication, please don't hesitate to contact me. We look forward to seeing you!

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Welcome Back New and Current Families to Columbus Montessori Education Center!