

# Montessori School of Encinitas

## NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 2017

### *From the Office of the Director:*

Spring is almost here but the weather has kept us in for most times. I would like to remind parents to have your child wear appropriate clothing for this cold weather.

I would like to remind everyone that tuition fee is due every Monday of that week. A full legal signature is required on your child's attendance sheet.

### **What's happening:**

March 12—Daylight Saving Time

March 17—St. Patrick's Day Parade (10am)

March 23—Art Exhibit (3pm-5:30pm)



On March 17, we will have our annual St. Patrick's Day Parade around the shopping complex at 10AM. Everyone is invited to join and don't forget to wear something green.

Your child and their teachers have been very busy preparing for the art exhibit so don't forget to come on March 23. See you all!

I would like to welcome Ms. Breann Raum to our school. She will be joining us in our infant and toddler classes. We are very sorry that Ms. Susy had to leave for Mexico to assist her ailing mother. The babies and we will miss her very much, and we wish her all the best.

View what your child has been doing at school by visiting our school's face book page. Don't forget to hit : **LIKE**

<http://www.facebook.com/the.mse.school>

*Ms. Saro Mahesan*



### *Infant Class:*

A warm welcome to our new babies in class Zoey Miller and Graham Minicilli. On March 17, we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day and we will have our annual parade around the shopping complex at 10am. We are inviting our parents to join us and bring strollers for your babies. Be reminded to wear something green. We will also need parent volunteers to push our baby strollers.

This month we are introducing our babies to the color green, through painting Shamrocks, rainbows and leprechauns. A reminder to all parents—on March 23 we have our annual exhibition from 3:00pm to 5:30pm and the theme is Art with nature. We would really appreciate it if you make something simple along with your little ones for our exhibit. You can use materials from the nature like stone, shell, leaves, sands, seeds, pine cones, etc. You can bring the project to school starting from March 13 to March 17 for us to display. Our babies have been busy with their own projects at school.

Teachers: *Ms. Usha, Ms. Jenny,*

*Ms. Marcella and Ms. Breann*

### *Preschool Class:*

We had a wonderful Valentine's day celebration and party. Children also enjoyed making cards, cookies and chocolate covered strawberries. During the month of March we will talk and learn about the story of St. Patrick and why the shamrock symbolizes faith, hope and clarity. On March 17, the children will have the annual St. Patrick's Day parade around the shopping complex. The children will be singing songs in the parade. Let your children wear something green. The children continue to practice writing their letters and numbers; counting quantity and identifying simple phonetic sounds. In cultural studies, they are learning vertebrates and invertebrates and land and water formations. Kindly check your child's cubby for extra clothing and always leave a jacket/sweater because some days are chilly.

Teacher: *Ms. Jyoti*



### *Toddler Class:*

Welcome to the month of March. The toddlers have been working so hard on the projects for the art exhibit. They are so excited to show what they have done. They have also been busy getting ready for our St. Patrick's Day parade. Please dress your child in green. Parent volunteers are much needed to push our baby strollers. We are continuing to work on our numbers, counting shapes, color and using our manners at meal times. Please check the snack schedule outside our room for your designated snack day. The children look forward to your healthy and delicious snacks. Thank you for your support.

Teachers: *Ms. Mandy and Ms. Liz*

### *Preschool Prep Class:*

With the days getting longer and springtime just around the corner we leap into March with a sense of excitement! We had such a terrific month of February as we celebrated Valentine's Day, learned about our U.S. presidents and our community helpers. Let's welcome Finola Buckley and Rosemary Messey to our class. Looking further out into the month of March, it surely goes without saying that on Friday March 17<sup>th</sup> is St. Patrick's Day! We will talk about Irish people, customs and food. St. Patrick's Day has come to be associated with everything Irish: anything green and gold, shamrocks and luck. We will have a parade around the shopping complex. Please send your child to school in a green outfit on that day and do not forget to join with your child for parade. The children are busy preparing projects for our Art Show to take place in March 23<sup>th</sup>. The theme for all of our art projects is "Recycled Art". All of the materials used in the projects are recycled and brought by parents to school. You will have the chance to donate money for your child's beautiful hard work but all of the work will go home after the show. The children will be working on individual projects as well as collaborative pieces which will be displayed with documentation and photos of the children. It is a really exciting way of showing parents and the community what can be done with material that otherwise is thrown away. We are so excited and can't wait for the show. Please check your child's cubby on a weekly basis and bring extra clean clothes which are appropriate for the season.

Teachers: *Ms. Naing and Ms. Vanessa*

### *Preschool and Kindergarten Class:*

This month of March, we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day. We will talk and learn about the story of St. Patrick, and why the shamrock symbolizes faith, hope and charity. On March 17, we will have the annual St. Patrick's Day parade around the shopping complex. The children will sing songs in the parade everyone is welcomed to join us. Parade will start 10am. Don't forget to wear something green otherwise you will be pinched.

For our art exhibit, the joint project of children and parents from home will be presented on week March 20-22. Sign up list for presentation will be posted next week.

Most children are busy preparing themselves for the next grade level which is Kindergarten. So if you have any other concern regarding "areas that need improvement" please feel free to discuss it with us. In language, most of the children are into reading while others are using the movable alphabet to make words. In mathematics, some are working on mastering the numbers 1-10, some are studying teens (12, 13, 14...), tens, hundreds, thousands, and addition. In cultural Studies they will be studying groups of animals and land/water formations. They are naming and recognizing the locations of states of America. Practice at home is strongly encouraged and feel free to ask us if you would like work sheets.

A snack calendar is posted outside the classroom and don't forget to check on your child's folder. It has been very cold outside so please keep a sweater/jacket inside your child's cubby. Be reminded that your child's water bottle should be taken home on a daily basis to be cleaned.

Teachers: *Ms. Jonah & Ms. Silvia*

