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Welcome to all the new and returning students

of Meher Montessori School.

This is our 35th year of service to the children of the Los Angeles Area.

We are happy you joined us.

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**F**rom our School's founding in 1972 our mission has been simple and clear: Provide a Montessori School true to Dr. Maria Montessori's principles. Everything else flows from there: AMI Montessori teachers, AMI approved materials and methods...and a commitment to put the children first.

None of our Montessori teachers teaches as a hobby, pastime or merely as a job. Each one takes his or her work as a calling – a mission – of service to the children. Their commitment to the children comes from deep within – most would say as a service to God.

We have been busy this past summer sprucing up the school. Professional cleaners were here for days cleaning the carpets and windows. The windows were also tinted to keep our school cooler. New materials were ordered. Old materials were repainted. New shelves were put in. It was quite a busy summer but we are excited and pleased at how beautiful our school looks. We hope you will agree.

Our classes have been buzzing with energy and excitement from day one. The children truly are happy to be back at school and our new students have quickly adjusted and are coming in with big happy smiles.



## OUR STAFF

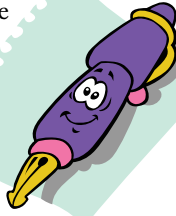
We are very proud of our staff. We have the most experienced and dedicated AMI Montessori teaching staff in the Los Angeles area. Our teaching assistants, day care staff and other support personnel are excellent as well and many have been with our school for more than a decade.

In our first primary classroom is **Philomena Thomas**, a 1963 graduate of the Good Shepherd Maria Montessori AMI Training Centre in Sri Lanka. In 1968 she founded the Montessori program at De Sales Heights Academy in Parkersburg, West Virginia where she taught for 11

years. Philomena later went to South Africa and established a Montessori school in Johannesburg. She then taught for 3 years in Hawaii before joining our staff in September 1986.

Philomena's full-time teaching assistant is **Ji Young Suh**, she is starting her fourth year as an assistant in Mrs. Thomas' class. Ji was with our school for many years as a parent. Her two children, Joon-Woo and Erica are former students. She is a graduate of Ewha Woman's University in Seoul, Korea and received her Child Development Certificate from Patten University.

**Nichole Muñoz** is with us for her seventh year. In the mornings she is also assisting in Mrs. Thomas' class. She completed her required Child Development course work at East Los Angeles College. She works with the primary children in the extended day care program. In addition, Nichole works with the elementary children in our computer lab, maintains the computers in the lab and throughout the school, and regularly updates the schools website. She is also currently attending The Montessori Institute of San Diego where, in the summer of 2009, she will earn her AMI Primary Teacher's Diploma.



In our second primary classroom is **Effie Weerakkody**, she has been a Montessori teacher for more than 40 years. She originally trained in her native country, Sri Lanka. In fact, she trained at the same Montessori Training Institute as Mrs. Thomas. After she trained for a few years in Colombo, Sri Lanka, she worked at the La Via Montessori until 1970 then joined the Ventura Montessori School. In 1974, she had her own school in Camarillo for 25 years and was recently teaching at a school in Brea. She has started a classroom for us downstairs next to Mrs. Thomas'. The class is adjacent to the stage. She has expanded onto the stage area.

**Cynthia Martinez** is an assistant

in Mrs. Weerakkody's class in the mornings and is in charge of our after school primary day care. Cynthia is a very special staff member because this is her twenty-fourth year of service with our school. She started with us in September 1984 when our Monterey Park facility opened. Besides having completed course work for her Child Development I certificate, she has completed a special two-week course on the Montessori Method for the paraprofessional.

**John Page**  
is the  
**Founder**  
and  
**Executive**  
**Director**  
of our School.

**Anette Mills** (nicknamed "Coach") started working at the Meher Montessori School in Monterey Park in 1992 as a part-time P.E. teacher. She has completed child development courses at East Los Angeles College. In 2001 she transferred to the Altadena Meher Montessori School to assist in the classroom and afternoon daycare and now she's back at our Monterey Park facility. She is assisting in Mrs. Weerakkody's class.

Our third primary classroom is headed by **John Page**. He is the Founder and Executive Director of our School. He founded the Meher Montessori School in Altadena in 1972. He taught there, as well as administrated, until 1982 when he started an affiliated school in Alhambra. Then for the next 2 years he taught in Alhambra, as well as doing

its administrative work, until starting our Monterey Park School. He is returning for his 4th year teaching a primary class. He is a graduate of UCLA and the AMI Montessori Institute of Los Angeles.

**Verónica Peña** is our new primary teacher who is co-teaching with Mr. Page. She graduated from the University of Normal Fronteriza in 2000 as an Elementary teacher. She followed up her education obtaining a Masters Degree in General Education. After teaching Elementary school for several years in Tijuana, Mexico, she decided to incorporate AMI Montessori Education as part of her professional career. She got married this summer and moved to the LA area from San Diego. We are very pleased to have such a wonderful new addition to our staff.

**Maria Rivera** assists in Mr. Page's class. This is Maria's seventh year with us and has been a wonderful addition to our School. She is a graduate of Western Mindanao State University in the Philippines where she achieved two B.S degrees. One is in chemistry and the other in elementary education. In addition she has a Certificate of Specialization in Pre-School Education. She is currently attending The Montessori Institute of San Diego where, in the summer of 2009, she will earn her AMI Primary Teacher's Diploma.

**Eugene George** is our AMI Montessori elementary teacher for the 6-9 classroom. Mr. George graduated

from the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor of Arts degree and later traveled to Bergamo, Italy and spent a year taking his Montessori Elementary Teacher Training. Mr. George and Mr. Harrod, our 9-12 classroom teacher, took the training in Italy together!

Mr. George has more than twenty years experience teaching Montessori elementary children. He taught for us for three years from 2000 to 2002 and returned to us in 2006 after a three year hiatus.

**Virgina Thames** is the full-time teaching assistant for our 6-9 elementary room. Virgina received her B.A. from California State University, Los Angeles. Virgina joined our school as an aide when the 6-9 elementary classroom first started in September 1985. Virgina is also in charge of our morning elementary day care program. We are happy Virgina is returning for her 22nd year of service with the elementary children.

**Dave Harrod** is our 9-12 elementary class teacher. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology in 1970 from the University of Arizona. Shortly thereafter he took his AMI Montessori Teacher Training in Los Angeles in 1971 (with Mr. Page!). He immediately traveled to Bergamo, Italy and took the AMI Montessori Elementary Teacher Training. After teaching for a number of years he went back to school and received a Master's Degree in Library Science from USC. Dave Harrod has been teaching at MMS since September 1986.

**Gail Shaeffer**, is our former school director and has been with Meher Montessori School since 1984. Gail has many years of teaching experience, as well as 9 years experience administrating at MMS. Gail has a B.S. in elementary education from Boston University, a California Elementary Teaching Credential, and is a graduate of the AMI Montessori Institute of Los Angeles. This year will be Gail's tenth year as our art director. She works with staff members as well as children to bring more art into the school. Mrs. Shaeffer also gives special art lessons in the afternoon after school to children who sign up.

**Marta Ruvalcaba** works with the primary children in the extended day care in the afternoon. She began working at Meher Montessori School as a substitute in 1992. Marta has many years of experience teaching at state preschool and childcare center in El Rancho Unified School District and L.A. Unified School District. She holds a Children Center Teachers Permit from the State of California and an A.A. degree.

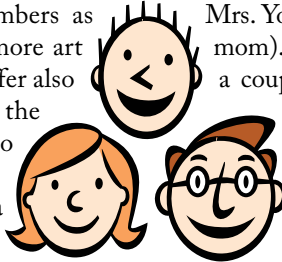
**Tatian Avila** joined us this past summer. She worked as Mr. George's summer school assistant and was in charge of the elementary summer camp. Tatian is a former Montessori student. She is currently attending Pasadena City College and is working on her Degree in Sociology. She completed her required Child Development courses at PCC.

Tatian works in both the primary and elementary classes. Her interests include photography and coaching cheerleading.

Back again this year to help with the office work is the one and only **Kookie Chavez** (Evita & Eli's mom). She is in charge of all student records, county required student reports and payroll.

Also back again is **Linda Joe** (aka Mrs. Yoshida – Taylor & Timmy's mom). She will be in the office a couple of days a week. She is in charge of the school newsletter and website and with her graphic arts background also makes materials for the school. She also assists Mrs. Shaeffer with the after school art program.

**Adela Muñoz** is our School Director. She started with the school as a part time substitute teacher in September 1992 and became our assistant director in July of 1993. Adela worked for Montebello Unified School District as a reading lab specialist at one of their elementary schools while attending East Los Angeles College. Adela also worked for many years for the Federal Court as a civil clerk and a juror selection coordinator. After her third daughter was born, Adela returned to school and in 1995 completed the AMI Teacher Training at the AMI Montessori Institute of Los Angeles and holds an AMI Primary Teacher's Diploma.



## Mrs. Thomas' Class

We would like to welcome all our new children, the continuing children and also all our parents and wish them all the best in the coming school year.

This year we have an enrollment of 28 children, 7 new and 21 returning children. Our new children are Abhi Morumpalle, Sofia Gonzalez, Maalik Moussaoui, Ricardo Centeno, David Ramirez, Sonny Sluiter and Miranda Rojas. The first day of school went off smoothly. Every returning child

looked so happy to be back at school, mingled around with their friends and was right back

at work. We had orientation for our new children on Friday the 7th and they started school on the 10th. We welcomed them on their first day of school. A couple of the new ones had their first day of school fear, anxiety and also some tears. They are quite settled down now.

This year Mrs. Suh and I have three more additional helpers in our classroom at different times. They are Ms. Muñoz a student trainee, she is taking her training course at the Montessori Training Center in San Diego, and Ms. Avila who was helping with the elementary children last year, and Mrs. Ruvalcaba who is in

charge of the primary day care in room 1. The children in our classroom are quite familiar with these lovely ladies and they fit in right away in our classroom and the children are happy to be around them. So, we have a full house and are on our way to another fruitful year with all these wonderful helpers.

This is my 21st year in the classroom downstairs. I've been so fortunate to have parents who are

very supportive. I'm looking forward to another great year with your help and fervent trust.

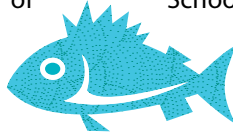
Some of our children had very interesting vacations this summer. Ryan Lee-Nguyen went on a trip to Vancouver, Canada with his family. Jessica Basallo flew to Hawaii on a family vacation. Tiffany Louie also went to Hawaii with her family. Bryanna Lopez went to Guatemala with her family and Shane Ampaanpenrot said that he went to Cosco California. I had a wonderful trip also. My daughter, her husband and I flew to Chicago and from there took a train ride to Michigan. My first train trip in the Midwest and I enjoyed it very much. After a few days in Michigan we crossed The Blue Water Bridge at Port Huron



into Canada. I had a wonderful and restful vacation. All in all it was a very pleasant experience. Here, I'm ready for another exciting school year.

Birthday celebrants of this month are Shane Ampaanpenrot who turned 5 on September 9th. Bryanna Lopez turned 5 on September 13th and Victor Puento will turn 5 on the 25th of September.

"Back to School Night" was on Thursday the 20th from 7:00 - 8:30



p.m. I hope you all had a chance to attend this very first meeting of the year. I was really excited and anxious to meet every one of you. Our first

School Shirt Day of the year is on Friday the 28th. Please show your school spirit by helping your child wear his or her school shirt on that day.

Love to all of you,

From all of us in Mrs. Thomas' class

Once the first gate is closed  
**PLEASE DO NOT ENTER** from the  
Exit gate! It is very dangerous  
for the out going cars and  
people inside the gate.  
Thank you.

NOTICE  
TO  
PARENTS



## Innisbrook Fundraiser Begins

Thursday, September 20 —  
Thursday, October 4

## Mrs. Weerakkody's Class

I welcome the past students and families, and also my new students and their families. Hope you had a very rested summer. We have 16 returning students, 7 summer school students and 4 new students. We have 13 boys and 14 girls total in the class.

Our new school year started on the 4th of September. My students were so glad to come back to an extended classroom. We have opened the stage area as an extended classroom.

All returning students are enjoying the space. They can explore the different areas on the stage.

In the stage area we have Math, Reading, Botany and Geography. The lower classroom area has the sensorial and practical life activities. As the days go by we are making the activities more and more accessible to the students.

We have introduced many new activities. The returning students have started off very well on math, language and their writing work. They are doing a great on the reading.

The new students are making a great adjustment into a new classroom. We have a few still in tears but is getting better each day.

We have a new aquarium that we set up on the upper level. This was donated by the family of Erica Ordaz. Thank you to the Ordaz family. The students will have many hours of enjoyment.

This year I plan to continue our cooking projects on Thursdays evening or Friday morning depending on the project. I thank all my parents for the contributions in the past. I will have a list for you shortly for the year.

I want to remind you about the School Shirt Day which will be every last Friday of the month. Please remember to have your child wear the school shirt so that we will make 100% and the children can enjoy a pizza or an ice cream party.

I have Ms. Martinez joining my classroom once again. We have worked together since I started in April of 2006. This year I have the pleasure of having a teacher that has been on the Meher staff for many years, Ms. Anette Mills. I really enjoy working with them. I can see a very good school year ahead of us. My two assistants help me give presentations and operate the class.

The Back to School Night is on the evening of Thursday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m. Please come and enjoy the evening. This is a time to see all the materials and hear how the children are progressing. You can ask all your questions and see what I have to share with you about your child's learning. I am looking forward to working with your children and having a great year. Hoping to see all of you at Back to School Night.

Our love to all of you,  
Mrs. Weerakkody, Ms. Martinez and  
Ms. Mills

School Shirt Day • Friday, September 28



## Mr. Page's Class

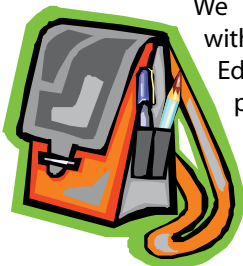
Dear Parents,

Welcome back!!! We are sure all of you enjoyed the long summer vacation and the hot weather. We have a wonderful group of children this fall – a rich mixture of new and old. The old-timers have grown into the roles of big brothers and sisters – and carry on the tradition of helping those who are younger and know less. We are off to a nice smooth start with our “crier choir” slowly disappearing. We have 7 new children; Isaac, Ethan, Brandon, Jacob, Charles, Pranathi and Luz-Elena, who is our youngest at 2 ½ years of age.

This year we are pleased to welcome a new teacher to our classroom – Ms. Verónica Peña. She is co-teaching with Mr. Page with Mrs. Rivera assisting. Ms. Peña is an experienced elementary teacher from Mexico who recently completed AMI Montessori Teacher Training. She is an intelligent and energetic addition to the classroom – and the children love her!

The big news for Mrs. Rivera is that she began her AMI Teacher Training this past summer (along with Ms. Muñoz) and will finish in the summer of 2009.

We love working with your children. Educating them is our passion and seeing their eyes light up as they learn new things is our reward.



With Love and Respect,  
Mr. Page, Ms. Peña and Mrs. Rivera

A song for you and your children to sing:

### **There Was An Old Woman**

*There was an old woman  
swallowed a fly,  
I don't know why she swallowed a fly,  
Perhaps she'll die.*

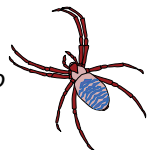


*There was an old woman who  
swallowed a spider,  
That wriggled and jiggle and tickled  
inside her,  
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly,  
I don't know why she swallowed the fly,  
Perhaps she'll die.*

*There was an old woman who  
swallowed a bird,  
How absurd! to swallow a bird,  
She swallowed the bird to catch the  
spider,  
That wriggled and jiggled and tickled  
inside her,  
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly,  
I don't know why she swallowed the fly,  
Perhaps she'll die.*

*There was an old woman who  
swallowed a cat,  
Imagine that! to swallow a cat,  
She swallowed the cat to catch the bird,  
She swallowed the bird to catch the  
spider,  
That wriggled and jiggled and tickled  
inside her,  
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly,  
I don't know why she swallowed the fly,  
Perhaps she'll die.*

*There was an old woman who  
swallowed a dog,*



## Mr. George's Class

Dear Parents,

We are happy to return for another year at Meher. We are excited with the big influx of primary graduates to the elementary program. My past two weeks with them has been one of evaluation of their reading, writing and arithmetic. Half of these students were with me during the summer program. Most have mastered the addition table and are working on subtraction. We have started up with the static and dynamic addition as well.

Not only do we have the Montessori subjects but we also offer Economics, Art and Science. Some of my 3rd graders are working on the 2nd series of the Economic program which you see on the walls leading up to the upstairs office. In Art, we are working on a house built with popsicle sticks. In Science, we are studying Air. Some have been making their own parachutes. We are learning that as a parachute falls, air is trapped inside the "umbrella" part. This compressed air has greater pushing power than the air around. The pushing power is not strong enough to stop the parachute falling but it does slow it down. We also experimented on air and burning.

We made a fire extinguisher and did a three candle race. A candle will not burn without air. More air experiments will occur next week.

Back to School

*What a hog! to swallow a dog,  
She swallowed the dog to catch the cat,  
She swallowed the cat to catch the bird,  
She swallowed the bird to catch the spider,  
That wriggled and jiggled and tickled inside her,  
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly,  
I don't know why she swallowed the fly,  
Perhaps she'll die.*

*There was an old woman who swallowed a goat,  
Just opened her throat! to swallow a goat,  
She swallowed the goat to catch the dog,  
She swallowed the dog to catch the cat,  
She swallowed the cat to catch the bird,  
She swallowed the bird to catch the spider,  
That wriggled and jiggled and tickled inside her,  
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly,  
I don't know why she swallowed the fly,  
Perhaps she'll die.*

*There was an old woman who swallowed a cow,  
I don't know how she swallowed a cow!  
She swallowed the cow to catch the goat,  
She swallowed the goat to catch the dog,  
She swallowed the dog to catch the cat,  
She swallowed the cat to catch the bird,  
She swallowed the bird to catch the spider,  
That wriggled and jiggled and tickled inside her,  
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly,  
I don't know why she swallowed the fly,  
Perhaps she'll die.*

*There was an old woman who swallowed a horse,  
She's dead—of course!*



Night is this Thursday on the 20th. I hope to see you all there.

Mr. Harrod will come down to talk to the parents of my graduating students. He will be discussing his exciting field trips. So we expect a large turnout.

Thanks,  
Mr. George  
Ms. Thames

### Mr. Harrod's Class

The children were excited to come back to school. The first week of summer vacation the kids were saying, "Yea! No school!" The second week they were saying, "This is boring." Therefore, coming back to school was better than summer vacation, and the 1st day of school was exciting.

This is being written, Wednesday, September 19th. We are looking forward to our field trip to the Tree People. We almost didn't go because not enough people signed up to drive. We will learn how to live in Los Angeles without harming the earth.

For recess the school got on loan from Ms. Avila a ping pong table and a foosball table. The children are having fun with both.

In class the children work on weights and measures, word problems, negative numbers, spelling, reading, times tables, math, geometry, maps, biology

and geography.

Do you know how many miles are in a light-year? Answer at the end of article.

During summer, Michael went to Hawaii. Eli rode a jet ski at Laughlin. Jessica stayed home but leaves for Hawaii tomorrow, instead of going on our important field trip. Desiree went to Mexico. Vicente went to the hospital. Adan went to a concert in El Sereno. Samuel visited his grandpa's house. Soul went to Oregon. Jordan went to Cancun. Dana went to Summer Day Camp. Daniel went to Hawaii. Miles went to New York and Lego land. Adriel went to the Philippines. Xavier went to Las Vegas. Sophie went to water polo camp. Annais went to Arizona and Mexico. Antonio went to Mexico and Yosemite. Mr. Harrod went to Mexico.

Desiree, Jessica, Eli, Michael and Mr. Harrod

### TREE PEOPLE FIELD TRIP



The answer is 5,865,696,000,000 miles/1 light year

## After School Art Class

The first six week session for these after school art classes began on Tuesday, September 18. We have two classes one class is for older primary children who are five and six years old and the second class is for elementary age children between the ages of six and twelve years old. This year we are planning to do more skill building activities that are designed for older children in both art classes. These activities will be fun while helping children to enhance their drawing skills and other artistic skills.

We started our six week session with a multimedia collage project which includes some drawing, cutting and glueing. Each child will be creating a collage that is all about themselves. We look forward to seeing the contributions that the art class students bring from home of personal photos, mementos and other items of special interest to each child to be included on their individual collage.

If you would like your child to join this six week session of art classes, please let Mrs. Muñoz know as soon as possible.

Gail Shaeffer and Linda Yoshida



## Ms. Muñoz's Computer Class

Hello everyone! Welcome to the 2007-2008 school year. Computer classes for the elementary children have begun. We will begin with the children who have not yet had a chance to create a web page.

I hope you all had a great summer. At this time I'd like to share my summer with you. I had the wonderful opportunity to begin classes at MISD, The Montessori Institute of San Diego, along with Mrs. Rivera and Ms. Wildhaber (who currently works at our Altadena school). The three of us spent our first of three summers in beautiful San Diego where we began our training to become AMI primary teachers. Classes were held on the campus of The University of San Diego. Our course will be completed in the summer of 2009. The group that we are training with includes men and women from all over the world. Our group includes people from Mexico, Argentina, Canada, all over the United States, and even 15 students from Taiwan. During the six weeks we spent there we got to make wonderful friends who we will be taking this journey with. Our instructors and fellow students were all a pleasure to work with and I feel I've learned so much in just one summer. I am truly excited to be on this wonderful path to becoming a Montessori teacher.

Ms. Muñoz



## Primary Daycare

Welcome back everybody! We see old and new faces in our daycare. We bet that everyone had a wonderful vacation spent with their families. We are looking forward to spending time with your child in our daycare program.

We are planning fun educational activities and tasty snacks! We will have the chance to make new friends and play with our new toys that will make their minds think intellectually while playing.

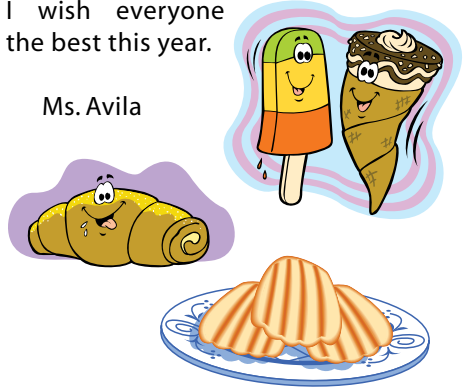
Once again we are looking for a peaceful and happy school year ahead of us.

Ms. Rivera, Ms. Ruvalcaba, Mrs. Suh and Ms. Matinez

## Elementary Daycare

Welcome new and returning students. This year I hope to continue what the other Ms. Avila started by having special treats on Thursdays and other special activities near the holidays. I wish everyone the best this year.

Ms. Avila



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## ALTADENA NEWS

**Welcome to our Montessori School!**  
**I hope you all had a restful summer full of fun and adventure!**

The staff had some down time to gear up for the 2007–2008 school year –

**Miss Wildhaber** – “This summer I started my A.M.I. teacher training which I will complete in the summer of 2009. It was a lot of work, but I already feel like I’ve learned so much – and six weeks in San Diego was not a bad way to spend the summer.”

**Miss McCray** – “My summer vacation – My family and I went to our home town, Ocean City Maryland. We visited our relatives and had a big family reunion. We had a lot of fun.”

**Mrs. Hyde** – “I spent the month of July teaching summer school. The children learned a lot and they loved the special activities on Fridays. I did spend some time on the island of Maui soaking up the sun and just relaxing. The rest of the summer was devoted to our little school – organizing the office, meeting with new parents, new children, and helping them become comfortable with their child’s new environment.”

### AUGUST DAYCARE PHOTOS!



**FUNDRAISER** – We have started a fundraiser and I hope you will all support our school. The money will be used for new materials for the classrooms. Every little bit counts!!

### SUMMERSCHOOLANDAUGUST

**DAYCARE** – went by smoothly with a great group of children for summer. We had the “blue submarine”, a Dora jumper, Fourth of July parade and picnic, Tim Mannix the magician, and lots of water play and art projects.

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August daycare was a smaller group and the children had fun playing with toys and doing some great art projects thanks to Miss Mills, Miss McCray, Miss Wildhaber and Miss Avila.

**WELCOME MISS AVILA!** We are so lucky to have such a wonderful addition to our little Montessori school. Miss Avila comes to our school with a great understanding and love for the Montessori method. We are happy to see her smiling face and great sense of humor.

**ORIENTATON** – We will have an orientation Friday September 7th at 2:00 for the new Montessori Children. They will come and play on the playground to meet their teachers and make new friends.

**GYMNASTICS DEMO** – We will have a gymnastic demo on Monday September 10th at 12:00. All children can participate and I know they will have a wonderful time.

**DANCE DEMO** – Miss Maria will have a dance demo on Tuesday September 11th. All children can participate!!!!

**MOVEMENT DEMO** – We will have a movement demo on Wed. September 19th at 12:00 and again all children can participate.

**TIM MANNIX** will have return performance at our school Friday September 28th at 9:30A.M. The

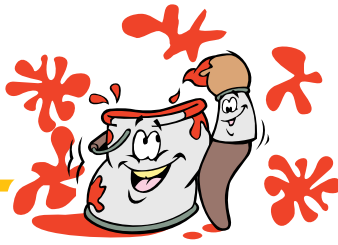
children enjoyed him during our summer school program and we are looking forward to seeing him once again. Tim Mannix is a magician and he holds the children's attention with his famous magic and the children will also learn something about animals in return! Parents are invited too!

**T-SHIRT DAY**  
– We will celebrate our school on Friday September 28th by wearing our school t-shirts.

If we have full participation we will have a treat. Be proud of one of the only accredited A.M.I. School in L.A. County.

Mrs. Hyde will be teaching in the large classroom assisted by Miss McCray. Miss Wildhaber will have a mini class in the small classroom. Miss Avila will assist in both classrooms and she will conduct the daycare with Miss Wildhaber in the afternoons. I know this year will be full of the love of learning and the love of being together as a close knit Montessori family. Mrs. Hyde will be available 7:30a.m. – 8:15a.m. In the mornings and 2:30 – 4:00 in the afternoons. The time in the classroom is very important for the child and it is a time to learn and explore without a lot of interruptions. Thank you in advanced for your consideration.





*We would like to give thanks to Erika Manzanares (mother of Isaac in Mr. Page's class) for the wonderful donation of arts and crafts supplies and great books for our library.*

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**HELP OUR SCHOOL  
WIN \$250 TO \$2500!**

To help, bring your original Montebello Town Center receipts dated since September 15, 2007 to the Guest Services Center located in Center Court near Macy's Home.

Schools receive ten (10) points for every dollar spent at any store, restaurant, eatery or vendor cart at Montebello Town Center (purchases made at JCPenny, both Macy's stores and Mervyn's receive five (5) points). All receipts are returned immediately.

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