



From the Head of School

August/September 2010

Another exciting school year has begun! It is my pleasure to welcome back our returning students and to extend a special welcome to the families new to Country Day Montessori. Our teachers and staff look forward to helping all students and their families to enjoy our warm community where wonderful friendships are made.

The enthusiasm of the students at Opening Day Rehearsals was an excellent overture to what we've experienced during the first week of school. In order to continue with this success, the teachers would like to meet with you to touch base after the start of the year and provide you with additional information. Please plan to attend the following Orientations applicable to your child:

Kindergarten:	1:30 p.m.	Wednesday, September 8
Lower Elementary:	8:15 a.m.	Wednesday, September 8
Upper Elementary:	8:15 a.m.	Wednesday, September 8

The “[Green Feet Bus](#)” will be available to take students home after the school day ends at 2:30 beginning Monday, August 30, and every day thereafter. The bus is equipped with seat belts; you also are welcome to provide your child's car seat. Commercially Licensed Driver, Ms. Mary, will be behind the wheel. The cost is \$7.00 per day and you may call Natalie to ascertain drop-off location availability

Mr. Jesse Trinidad will be teaching “[Flag Football](#)” on ***Mondays*** for students 4 – 7 years and ***Tuesdays*** for students 8 – 12 years, from 2:45 – 3:45. (This class isn't just for boys anymore!) Coordination, team building, sportsmanship, and skill development will round out Mr. Jesse's clinic. Call Carol Ann if you are interested in your student participating. Clinics begin August 30 and 31; students should bring water or Gatorade, a nourishing snack, and running shoes.

[Independence](#) is one of the most important skills we help your child to develop at school. The first opportunity students have to practice and begin to exhibit new-found independence occurs each day as parents pull up to the front door. A few items to note:

- *All returning students should use our valet drop-off service* under the covered entrance to the front door when coming to school.
- If your child is [new to school](#), please use the drop-off method as soon as possible.
- Some [pre-primary students](#) may take as long as two to three months to develop the comfort level and independence needed to leave the parent at the door. Thank you for helping your child grow in this important way.

- Please provide the office with a [copy of your driver's license](#) as well as a copy of the driver's license of anyone you have designated to pick up your child. This is for the protection of your child; it helps us when we are not familiar with a person authorized to pick up your child, or on the occasion there is a substitute in the classroom.
- If you need to bring a lunch or any other item to your child after school has begun, or if you need to pick up your child early, *[please stop at the office first to inform Carol Ann or Natalie.](#)*

Always remember: [Parenting is the hardest job in the world!!](#) Join us for the first Parent Meeting, Friday, September 24, when Montessori techniques you can implement in your own home will be discussed. In addition, we will preview the October Parent Meeting when "Games Kids Play" will be the topic. Once you have information about the techniques children use to get parents to do what they want, you will be able instantly to recognize this behavior and jump into action instead of "playing along." You won't want to miss these meetings, which will be lighthearted, informational, and fun.

Thank you for the confidence you have placed in us to help you with your child's education. We look forward to a great year together.

Sincerely,
Betty Williams