



The Cookie Press

News, Nibbles & Notes from MCP

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Director's Corner

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the 2004-05 school year! We are really looking forward to another great year at MCP. Although many of you attended Orientation, there are some details that need to be clarified and other information that needs to be mentioned:

- When dropping off or picking up children, it is *extremely important* that the parent or caregiver enter and exit the *western entrance* of the Ivanhoe Congregational Church. Due to safety concerns, please *do not use the entrance closest to the preschool*. We appreciate your cooperation on this matter.
- You will be receiving a letter regarding your committee assignment soon. Please make sure that you completely understand your committee responsibilities. This can be accomplished by contacting your committee chairperson regarding expectations and duties.
- Our first field trip will be to Quig's Apple Orchard. Due to Quig's strict

policy regarding class sizes both TR classes (a.m. and p.m.) will have their field trip on Thursday, September 30 at 9:30 a.m. Both MWF classes (a.m. and p.m.) will have their field trip on Friday, October 1 at 9:30 a.m.

- Brennan Photography has once again been hired to take pictures of the children on Thursday, October 21 for the TR classes and Friday, October 22 for the MWF classes.
- And finally, if any family member has an area of expertise, skill or service (such as landscaping, carpentry, garbage removal, etc.) that they would be willing to donate to the school, we would be so appreciative.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Katrina Hampton
Director

Welcome to The Cookie Press!

Welcome to the first issue of The Cookie Press, MCP's monthly newsletter. Each issue of The Cookie Press will be filled with information and features to help you get the most out of your child's education at

MCP. Please take a few minutes each month to read this newsletter and note its contents. If you have anything you'd like to include in an upcoming issue - such as book or video recommendations, recipes, crafts, fun

activities with children, etc., please contact Janet McMahan by phone at 847-837-8228 or e-mail at janet@wentupthehill.com. The deadline for October newsletter submissions is Friday, September 24.



Upcoming Events:

- Thursday, Sept. 30
Quig's Apple Orchard
Field Trip TR Classes
- Friday, Oct. 1
Quig's Apple Orchard
Field Trip MWF Classes
- Tuesday, Oct. 5
Tuition Due!
- Wednesday, Oct. 6
Board of Directors
Meeting
- Monday, Oct. 11
No School
- Thursday, Oct. 21
School Pictures TR
Classes
- Friday, Oct. 22
School Pictures MWF
Classes
- Monday, Oct. 25
Parent Night MWF AM
- Tuesday, Oct. 26
Parent Night TR AM
- Wednesday, Oct. 27
Parent Night MWF PM
- Thursday, Oct. 28
Parent Night TR PM

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3-column	Year (8 issues)	\$40

Please contact Janet McMahan at (847) 837-8228 to purchase ad space and receive complete specifications. Deadline for ads for the October issue is Friday, September 24.



Important Reminders

Tuition

Tuition is due by the fifth of each month. If you are late with your tuition payment, you will be invoiced for a late charge of \$20.00. TR AM class tuition is \$110/month, TR PM is \$115/month, MWF AM is \$145/month and MWF PM is \$150/month. Be sure to mark your child's name and class on your check. Please deposit tuition payments in the mailbox outside the director's office. Do not leave them on the director's desk or give them to any staff member.

Parent Aides

Please remember *it is your responsibility* to find a replacement if you are unable to parent aide on a date you are scheduled. You were given a class list during Orientation to help with this task. If you know of any dates you can't parent aide, please give this information to the secretary as soon as possible so we can avoid any unnecessary last-minute changes.

Snack Policy

MCP is a *peanut free* school. Please be sure to review the Parent Aide section of your Parent Handbook regarding acceptable snacks. As the handbook states, you should always double check the ingredient list on any product you purchase to ensure it is peanut-free. Approved snacks are also listed on the monthly parent aide schedule. Snacks that are not on the approved list will not be served.

In addition, water is the only drink that should be served at snack time. The water should be plain, not flavored, and can be brought in individual bottles or in a large jug and served in cups.

Recipe of the Month

Here are some delicious dips for those apples you'll get at Quig's Orchard!

Caramel Apple Fondue

The coffee in this recipe doesn't make it taste like coffee; it simply enriches the caramel flavor.

2 lbs. caramels, unwrapped

1 cup heavy cream

1/4-1/2 tsp. instant coffee crystals

A pinch of salt

1 tsp. vanilla

Put caramels into a double boiler over boiling water. In a separate pot, bring



the cream to a boil with the coffee and salt; as soon as it reaches a boil, pour it over the caramels. Stirring frequently, melt the caramels and blend them thoroughly with the cream. Add the vanilla. Pour into a

fondue pot or just leave it in the double boiler and serve with apple wedges or chunks. Leftovers may be refrigerated and reheated.

Taffy Apple Dip

8 oz. cream cheese

1/2 cup brown sugar

1 T. vanilla

Mix all ingredients well. Serve with apple wedges.

