

Napa Valley Montessori Learning Center

Lower Elementary Newsletter

July 2014

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please join us for our Open House scheduled from 10 am to 12:30 on Saturday August 9th.

Dr. Arlene Taylor will be giving a talk and useful tips on brain function from 11 am – 12 pm.

There will also be an **open forum** where both **Ms. Esther and Miss Hallie will provide key points on the principles of the Montessori theory for the Preschool and Lower Elementary from 10 am – 10:45 am.**

Happy Birthday to Joeff who turned 5 on July 30th!

We would like to welcome Ms Adriana to our team as our new Admissions and Curriculum/Program Coordinator. Ms Adriana holds a B.A. in Psychology and obtained her Montessori Teacher Education Program at Contra Costa College. She is an active member of the American Montessori Society. Ms Adriana is a passionate and seasoned educator who enjoys collaboration and teamwork. Welcome Ms Adriana!!

Ms Alecia will continue to support NVMLC with her new role as our Innovations Coordinator as she relocates to pursue her additional training at another school.

Happy Summer to all of our Montessori students, families and faculty. We have had a fun-filled time this summer so far. In addition to a lighter curriculum load, we traveled through the ocean and space.

Our budding Culinary Chefs harvested fresh veggies from our organic garden and cooked delicious food, studied spices and herbs, crafted their special spice sachets and enjoyed making their herb-infused olive oil concoctions with Miss Alecia. Yummy!!!

We acted through miming. We learned about big, little and strange animals using our exotic living museum. We even learned about ourselves and our body systems. Our young scientists enjoyed creating their slides and studied their own cheek cells through the microscope. Amazing!!!

We've been making art, playing new games that nurture creative thinking and problem-solving skills and with new friends and having a blast!

Our garden continues to produce beautiful treats during this hot season. We have been watering every other day and the tomato plants seem to like the water and attention. They have taken up residence, covering large parts of the garden plot. They are very happy plants. We've been enjoying eating these yummy fruits and veggies during snack time and lunch time 😊

We have expanded our playground for our students to be able to enjoy the outdoors with fun-filled activities and exploration.

Happy Summer ☺ Ms Hallie, Ms Alecia, Ms Adriana, Mr Derrek and Ms Dianne