
Philomath Montessori School

June 2007



For the Families and Friends of the Philomath Montessori School

The classroom's abuzz with the usual end-of-the-year excitement and anticipation- the graduates trying to get those last longed-for lessons in before they leave, some trying to wrap up their unfinished work, and everyone talking about their summer plans and vacations! The days are ticking away. And while we don't like to go there, it also means some goodbyes, too. After 3 ½ years with us, gentle, sweet **Harrison** will be entering second grade. Oh, how we'll miss him and Melissa and Barry, too. **Melissa** has been involved in almost every kind of project we have around here from gardening (and overseeing the garden maintenance!) to taking minutes to creating those handsome journals everyone wants. It's hard to think of any volunteer work she hasn't had a part in. And **Leo**, with his enthusiastic and encyclopedic knowledge of animals is actually moving away! He, Jin, and Hun are off to Nebraska with a brief stop in Korea. **Jin**, with her artistic flair, has helped us provide many beautiful art activities for the classroom and the food she made and brought in for our Korean celebration was the highlight of the year. **Hun** came to almost every College of Philomath work party - stripping off siding, hauling away debris, and painting boards. He was always there for cleanup until the very end at our auctions. Thankfully, they have promised to stay in touch! Smiling **Jason** will be leaving us, too. Many thanks to **Julia and Savannah** for all their help with our

child care needs this year for meetings and the auction fundraiser. **Jordan and Dahlia** are also moving on, but luckily they have siblings that will keep them connected to our school for awhile longer. Thank you all for entrusting us with your children during these special years.



**Our 2006-2007 graduates:
Dahlia, Leo, Harrison and Jordan.**

To **all of our families**, thank you for another wonderful, enriching year. We are very grateful for our amazing group of families. Your support and energy keep us going!

To our fabulous staff: **Doni**, so efficient, so reliable, and so talented, and **Leslie**, also so reliable and the sweetest, gentlest soul around, and **Phyllis**, who patiently keeps track of everything for me, and **Maria**, who still hasn't missed a day of thorough cleaning and is always

willing to do extra jobs for us – my very deep appreciation.

To **Carol VanHouten**, our accountant who makes crunching numbers so much fun, my countless thanks. To **Pastor Bill**, his wife, **Jenny**, Trustee **Bill Meyer**, and all the members of the **College United Methodist**, thank you for all your patience, generosity, and help throughout the year.

We wish all of you a lazy, blissful summer.



Making a thank you banner – all together!

Super Volunteers THANK YOU!!

We want to do something that we haven't done before, but wish we had – thank our super volunteers. These are the folks who have gone way beyond the required volunteer hours – in the 50-100 hour bracket! We are very humbled by their energy and commitment to our school. Please join us in thanking these very deserving parents: **Carol and Matt Hulstrunk, Christie McLaren and Kuriakose Panose, Jessica Neebe and Jonathan Jensen, Kathy and Jeremy Donaldson, Beth and Rob Jordan, and Dodie and John Wilson.**

Dodie Wilson is again going to bat for us. She has agreed to serve on our CPCS board!! Thank you so much, **Dodie!**

Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge two very generous gifts totally \$700 that we recently received from two families – one alumni family – The **Bialeks (Shannan and Hayden's family)** and another family who will be leaving us this year – the **Kim-Lees (Leo's family)**. Thank you so much!!



Doin' their own thing.

Help!

Coming up on Saturday, July 21 will be our summer fundraiser – the Calzone Booth at DaVinci Days! There is a prep evening on Thursday, July 19 from 6:00 to 9:00 at the Coop Community Kitchen located in the Coop meeting room at the South Store and then three shifts at the booth on Saturday, one from 9:15 – 1:30, 1:15 – 5:30, and 5:15 – 9:30. The first shift is filled, but the 2 later shifts and the prep evening need a couple more volunteers. If you are able, please consider signing up to fill in those empty slots. I'm looking forward to learning how to make a calzone – I've never made one before. Should be fun!

We also have a couple of slots open for watering and weeding the garden. It's a great place to bring the children for a short romp around the yard and there's a free u-pick for any ripe fruits or veggies!

Thank you for all your support!!