

PHILOMATH MONTESSORI

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The end of this school year marks a special time for me as a Montessorian. This graduating class is my first cycle of graduates that I have had the privilege to guide through the 3 year Montessori cycle. The journey has been transformative and I have such an amazing community to thank for it. The children in our class teach me something new every day. This is a gift and I am eternally grateful for the opportunity. But alas, the school year is coming to an end. Though I am excited to spend long days in the garden and do some camping around Oregon, I am also sad to say goodbye to some of our dear students and their families.

The first family we say goodbye to is the **Marvin** family. **Cedar**, will be heading to first grade at Jefferson Elementary School after spending two and a half years in our classroom. We will miss his smiling face and contagious enthusiasm. **Tara Starr Marvin** has made an everlasting impact on our classroom by creating numerous cloth packets for our vocabulary enrichment cards as well as always being available for odd jobs around the school. You can always count on **Tara & Scot** to be present for the important events in Cedar's life. We wish you the best of luck and hope you won't be strangers!

Year-Round Volunteers

A big thank you to our year-round volunteers: Karen R., our library parent; Karen P., our marketing/social media parent and Newsletter Designer; Kai Foster our Volunteer Coordinator and tasting bottle preparer; Alicia Jones and Jocelyn Eisenlohr our Outdoor Maintenance parents; Anthony Veltri, our school Chronicler; Alalia Berry, our meeting Secretary; the Veltri family and Walker family split the job of laundry parent; and the Houtman family, our Dine out coordinator.

Thank you Board of Directors!

Three cheers for our board for their ever-wise guidance and work! Ed Durrenberger, our president, followed by Paul Hochfled, our treasurer, Joan Extrom, our secretary, Karin Bolender Hart, Janel Lawrence, Ruby Moon, Sha Sifford, Dodie Wilson, Debbie Alba and Kathleen Lloyd. We are very thankful to all of you!

Roen will be moving on to new endeavors at Muddy Creek School next year. Full of fun facts, and always ready to greet you, this guy can really keep the conversation going. Looking for a rhyming word or a unique artifact? Roen's your guy! We are very grateful to **Rachael** and **Les Oehler** for the many things they have done for our school. Rachael has dazzled us with her artistic talent as seen in numerous advertising designs she's created for us over the years and Les is always willing to help with his local connections and international knowledge.

Yes, **Nora** is leaving too and is also heading to Muddy Creek School. This style maven is fun to be around and will not soon be forgotten. If we ever forget the words or tune of a song, Nora can lead the group with her cherubic voice! We are sad to say goodbye to **Karen and Chris Petersen**. Karen has filled so many roles – our social media/PR person, newsletter designer, event co-chair, and volunteer coordinator to name a few! Chris has made it a point to regularly attend parent meetings and offer insightful feedback at just the right time – a much appreciated contribution.

Roo will be moving on and joining his older brother at Hoover Elementary. We will miss his patient nature and toothless smile. Roo is an avid gardener and plant lover – my soul mate! Do you need to know where Azerbaijan is? What about the capital of the Dominican Republic? Just ask Roo! With Roo go his lovely parents, **Karen Remedios** and **Arun Natarajan**, who have supported us throughout the years with their much-needed skills. Stepping up at fundraisers (on site and in the background managing our sponsors), supplying us with a flush of library books, fixing our small bead frame, classroom cleaning and always stepping forward to help with any task, big or small – they've tried their hand at such a variety of helpful and needed tasks!

Tyler is also graduating this year. We wish you luck at Lincoln School next year - buena suerte!

Fortunately, we have his sibling, Kaia, to keep us together for a few more years. Tyler is always asking the bigger questions of life – how insightful! We look forward to **Kimberly Purdy and Steve Schultz** sticking around for a few more years. Kimberly has coordinated our raffle with such enthusiasm and success and is always thinking outside the box to help us see new fundraising opportunities. Steve has been our right-hand man for getting jobs done at the beginning of the year work party – your hard work has not gone unnoticed!

Generous **Mackay** with his open heart, is in the same boat – off to Lincoln as well. We are excitedly awaiting Mackay's little brother, Leo's, coming of age, in anticipation of the **Foster's** return to PhMS. **Kai** is not scared to get her hands dirty – her help was invaluable in getting the classroom painted as well as her many other contributions such as an art prep parent, maintaining the tasting bottles and volunteer coordinator. **Andy** is right there supporting the effort and even showed up with balloons for our event last year. Looking forward to your return!

We say goodbye to **Cassidy** as well, but with Willa joining our class in the fall, we know she won't be far away. Cassidy's journey takes her to Adams School and I'm sure her grace and love of reading will be well received. We feel so grateful for **Kristen and Nick Arzner's** generosity in organizing and donating food and beverages for our annual events. Their humble nature and generous spirits are truly a gift we have been so thankful to receive.

We also bid farewell to **TJ and Astrid**. As circumstance has it, they are moving to the McMinnville area to pursue the opportunity to continue with Montessori education through the elementary years. We wish them well through their move and on their journey. **Sirje Tamm** and **Matt Nowlis** have been generous donors over the last two years for that we are eternally grateful. We will miss you!

As requested, here is the Oatmeal Bread recipe that we introduced into the classroom this year!

- 1) Pour oats in a small bowl.
- 2) Pour water on oats.
- 3) Cook in microwave for 2 minutes.
- 4) Add ½ teaspoons salt, 2 tablespoons oil and 1 tablespoon honey to the oatmeal.
- 5) Stir well.
- 6) Sprinkle 1 teaspoon yeast on oat mixture.
- 7) In medium bowl, gently stir white flour and whole wheat flour together.
- 8) Stir oat mixture.
- 9) Pour the oat mixture into the flour mixture.
- 10) Stir until all of the flour can mostly be made into a ball.
- 11) Sprinkle a little flour on the board.
- 12) Put the dough on the board and knead until it is smooth and springy.
- 13) Put the dough in a large bowl and cover it with a towel.
- 14) Put it in a warm place to rise.
- 15) Set the timer for 60 minutes
- 16) Clean up your work.
- 17) When the timer rings, press the dough flat and cut into 4 equal pieces.
- 18) Shape into loaves and put in the pans.
- 19) Cover the pans with a towel and let rise.
- 20) Set the timer for 20 minutes.
- 21) Ask an adult to turn on the oven to 350 degrees.
- 22) When the oven is hot, bake for 25 minutes. Be sure to set the timer for 25 minutes.
- 23) When the timer rings, ask an adult to help check the bread.
- 24) When the bread is done, set the pans on the cooling rack.

Ingredients

1 cup white flour
1 ½ cups whole wheat flour
2/3 cups oats
1 ¼ cups water
1 ½ teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon yeast
2 tablespoons oil (vegetable is fine)
1 tablespoon honey
A little extra flour for sprinkling on the board

Additional Thank Yous

Classroom Cleaning

April – **Alalia Berry, Tim Warren and Posy Busby**

May – **Rachel Splan and Mia Walker**

Repairs and Maintenance

Trimmed broken tree branch – **Karen Petersen, Rebecca Veltri and Tara Marvin**
Fixed yard gate and installed changing table – **Tyler Jones**

Garden weeding – **Amy Phelps, Skye Nielson, Alicia Jones, and Brittni McGann**

Donations

Water filter – **Rachael Oehler**
Strawberries! – **Karen Remedios**

Sharing

Japanese artifacts – **Oehler family**

Classroom Help

Sanitized bathrooms – **Alicia Jones**
Changed Geograply Folder pictures – **Shannon Zuschlag**