

February Newsletter



Special points of interest:

- **Thursday, Feb. 11th:**
On Site Field Trip
Dr. Rothman, D.D.S.
9:30 AM
- **Friday, Feb. 12th:**
St. Valentine's Day
Card Exchange
9:30-9:45-10:00 AM
- **Monday, Feb. 15th:**
BCMS CLOSED
for President's Day
- **Friday, Feb. 19th:**
BCMS closes early
at 3:00 PM
- **Saturday, Feb. 27:**
Parent Seminar
The Montessori Journey
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM



Geography at BCMS

Geography is perhaps one of the most fascinating subjects for our teachers and students at BCMS. The children's inherent curiosity about the world makes it fascinating for them to learn and enjoyable for our teachers to present lessons. The materials provided by the Montessori Method are so attractive and intriguing to the children that they can't wait to explore them.

At circle time the teacher will first introduce the children to land, water, and air. Then they will present the earth, which is represented by a model called a globe.

Next, photographs and artifacts are available to assist the children in visualizing other cultures. Now the children are ready for the flat map. With this material the children will learn the names and locations of the seven continents. After the children have a grasp on the continents the teacher is now ready to introduce land forms and national flags. All of these lessons become the building blocks of interest, knowledge and awareness to understand other cultures and the world we live in. When a child's curiosity about the world is

sparked, that interest will become permanently fixed in their mind.

Many families in our school are now traveling to foreign countries for both work and for pleasure. We welcome our families to share their experiences and souvenirs from their cultures and distant places they may visit.

We are very fortunate that BCMS is enriched with so many families from all around the U.S. as well as all around the world.



February Healthy Lunch Menu:

Monday: Mini Cheese Pizza served w/ham and pineapple on the side

Tuesday: Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla served w/ refried beans and guacamole

Wednesday: Chicken and Vegetable Chow Mein served w/fruit

Thursday: Beef and Broccoli served over rice

Friday: Mac 'n Cheese served w/carrots and apple sauce

St. Valentine's Day Card Exchange

On Friday, February 12th we will celebrate St. Valentine's Day. If you wish, your child may bring Valentine cards. The children will be passing out their cards to their classmates at circle time. To make this go as smoothly as possible, we ask you to do the following:

- Please bring in about 36 cards. Have your child sign their name only in the "FROM:" section on the card. **PLEASE LEAVE ENVELOPES or "TO:" SECTION BLANK.**
- Put all the cards in a small bag and write your child's name on it in big letters.
- **Give the bag to your child's teacher by Monday, February 8th** (so they are not forgotten!)



Just for fun, we invite the children to come to school that day dressed in Valentine colors, such as red, pink, white or purple.