



# The Lake Fern Montessorian

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## Roxanne's Reflections

### [2009-2010 School Orientation August 9<sup>th</sup>!](#)

◆ As always, the summer is speeding by. There is never enough time to do everything I would like to during these few short months. This newsletter is an abbreviated one, intended to get everyone informed and ready for our upcoming open house and the beginning of the 09-10 school year.

On Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our annual orientation meeting. VPK parents will be meeting at 1 PM and all other classes including pre-primary at 2PM.

All Parents please bring updated health records. Many students have had physicals and required shots recently. Please make sure that your records reflect these updates before you submit them. Please make sure the forms have the correct personal information on them and are signed by the doctor. We will also have emergency forms available to update, please do so before you leave the meeting.

Also in this newsletter you will see an update to our school dress code. We have found a local shirt shop that has reasonable prices on school shirts. To hold down the cost, we have had the logo screen printed rather than embroidered. We have polo shirts in stock in the three school colors and all sizes. They will be available for purchase during the orientation meeting for \$12.50 each. We also have a few of the older embroidered polo's available for \$13.50 each (these are a slightly better quality shirt).

This orientation meeting is just for parents. Please have your child stay at home so we can all concentrate on getting the required paperwork completed and getting acquainted with the teaching staff, curriculum and daily routines.

We look forward to seeing all of you on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM for VPK students and 2 PM for all other classes!

## Information and contacts:

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## LFMA Dress Code

Some time ago we decided to implement a dress code. Most parents loved the idea because there was not an argument in the morning about what the child was going to wear. We had 3 colors to choose from for shirts and 4 to choose from for pants, shorts or skirts. Then we had some parents ask about adding other colors and patterns or plaids. This was the beginning of a more lax dress code and we have since lost much control. We will be pulling the reigns back in again and enforcing the original dress code. A child wearing an improper shirt will have to turn it inside out or wear a school provided shirt for the day. If the problem persists, we will call parents to bring the proper dress. A copy of the dress code from the Parent Handbook is included below. We understand that students will want to wear some of their favorite clothes (so do the teachers!), so on Friday we will have Dress Down Day. The same rules apply as far as styles. Backs, shoulders and stomachs must be covered. No offensive wording or pictures can be worn. Stripes, flowers or other prints will be acceptable. If you have questions or comments, stop and ask, call or email. We are always available.

- Plain or school logo shirts, shorts or long pants (for winter when needed). Girls may wear dresses or skirts (shorts or bloomers must be worn underneath). Shorts must be at least fingertip length.
- Back, shoulders, and stomachs must be covered.
- Shirt colors are Forest Green, Navy Blue, or White. Shorts, pants, dresses and skirt colors are Black, Denim, Khaki, or Navy.
- On all clothing, patterns, wording or characters (i.e. Pokemon, ScoobyDoo, etc. ) are not allowed. School logo shirts are available for purchase, but are not mandatory.
- No flip-flop style shoes may be worn. Sandals with ankle straps only. Socks and tennis shoes are always best. Jellies, flip flops, or shoes with no protection are prohibited. It is very difficult to run or climb on the playground with these types of shoes.
- When the weather gets cooler, we will still go outside for fresh air and exercise. During the winter, please dress your child appropriately with mittens, hats, and coats.
- At no time will a child be allowed to stay inside the classroom while others are on the playground. If your child is too ill to be outside, he should not be in school that day.

## 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Announcement

Last year, we tried something new in the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Mr. Price and Mrs. Manley team taught, meaning we shared the responsibility of the school subjects and students. The school year was a true success but we found through trial and error that our preference for ourselves and our students was to remain a self-contained class. Many reasons led us in this direction but probably one of the biggest reasons was that we lost a lot of teaching time by switching for different subjects, bottom line, there were not enough hours in the day to accomplish what each teacher wanted to. So for the 09-10 school year Mrs. Manley and Mr. Price will be teaching all the subjects within their own classrooms. Again, any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us at any time.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to another fantastic school year!

LFMA Faculty and Staff