



Celebrating 30 years!

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Roxanne's Reflections

News for all LFMA families!

◆ This month marks the end of another great school year. It has been so exciting for me and all of our staff members to watch the student progress. From the youngest to the oldest they all have been successful.

Just because it is the month of May and the end of school do not think we can just slide through. Oh no! We have lots of things going on from testing to conferences to field trips to our annual end of the year feast! Grab your calendar and a pen and start marking it so you do not miss any events!

The week of May 2-6 Miss Jessica will be conducting VPK conferences. These meetings are important. Jessica will talk to you about your child's progress and which skills need to be worked on throughout the summer in preparation for Kindergarten.

Our Mothers Day luncheon will be on Friday, May 6th beginning at 11:30. Bring a bag lunch, lawn chair or blanket and join us outside in the playground for a fun time with your child and all of our friends. LFMA will provide ice cream and cookies for dessert. The children love when their moms come to eat with them. Make plans now to join us on Friday, May 6th at 11:30.

The week of May 9-13 we will Mr. Price's 6-8 grade class and Mrs. Manley's 3-5 grade class will be taking the Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills. Please make sure your child

Mrs. Price's Class News

◆ The countdown has begun until the end of this school year. We are definitely on the home stretch. I hope everyone had a relaxing spring break and that the students are ready to keep the momentum up for the remainder of the school year. Over the break the teachers were doing some spring cleaning and setting out new work, so the students will have more exciting things to do when they get back.

For the remainder of the school year, we will be studying Australia, rainforests, plants, and the human body. Share items related to these things may be brought on Fridays.

The students have worked hard this year and have learned a great deal. I am proud of them all for the accomplishments they have made so far this year and I am thankful to all of my parents who have so diligently worked with their children this year. You can really see the growth in each and every one of the students, and I appreciate the help from home.

Hopefully, most of you have gotten your "Flat people" back from the various places they have been sent and are beginning to put an album or folder together. We are all very excited to see how many different states, countries, and continents our Flat people have visited. Please remember that projects are due by May 2nd.

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Roxanne's Reflections (cont.)

has a good breakfast including protein and carbohydrates. This helps them focus on their work. Also make sure you have the child to school on time. If your child is late, he or she will miss a portion of the test. The teachers cannot wait for tardy students.

Mrs. Price will administer the CTBS tests to the K-2 class the week of May 16-20.

Friday, May 13th is our annual End of the School Year Picnic. It will begin at 5 PM. School officially closes right before that and private citizens Jeff and Roxanne invite you to join us on our property for this gathering (many of you know what that means, if you are new, ask a teacher!). There will be Mr. Jeff's delicious deep fried turkey, drinks and paper products. A sign up sheet will be available for those of you who would like to share your most special side dish with us. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs or blankets to sit on – picnic style! As always, extended family members are always welcomed to join in the fun!

On Friday, May 27th at 8:45 AM we will hold our awards ceremony. All students will be recognized for the many achievements they have made this year. Parents and extended family members are invited to attend as well!

May 30th is Memorial Day, a holiday for all to reflect on the sacrifices our service members have made for the opportunity for so many to live in freedom. School will be closed. Find a service member and thank him or her.

May 31st summer school will begin. If you have not signed up for the summer session, please make sure to do so. We need an accurate count so we can be sure to have adequate staff available for all levels.

Also, if you have not registered for the 2011-2012 school year, please do so before the summer session. As in years past, there are now few slots available in the upper level classes.

Pre-Primary Class News

◆ It has been a very rewarding school year for us. We have watched our students blossom in all areas. Last month we had the opportunity to meet with some of our parents to discuss the progress of our children. Thank you for sharing your children with us this year. It has been a delight to work with them as they progressed. We look forward to next year when many of them will be preparing for Kindergarten. This month we have some important activities, so please mark your calendars so you don't miss any of them.

May 2-6, VPK Conferences

May 6, Mothers Day Celebration

May 13, End of year picnic beginning at 5 PM. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets to sit on and a side dish to share. A sign up sheet will be available soon.

May 27, 8:45 AM, Awards ceremony. All levels will be recognized for their hard work this school year.

If you are leaving for the summer, enjoy your time off and we will see you in August.



Everyone had a good time at the Spring Fling!

Mrs. Manley's Class News

◆ I cannot believe it is the end of the year. This year has flown by and it has been a very productive year. These next few weeks will be very busy. This coming week my class will be focused on reviewing. The week after which is May the 9th -13th my class will be taking their end of the year CTBS test. Please be sure your child gets to school on time and has a good breakfast. We will be testing Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of that week and starting promptly at 8:30am.

May 23rd-27th I will be having my parent teacher conferences for the end of the year. Please be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet to get a conference time that works best for you.

On Friday, May 6th is our Mother's Day luncheon. Please bring a lunch and enjoy some time with your kiddo. Lake Fern Montessori will be supplying the desserts.

Friday, May 20th is our field trip to Animal Kingdom. Tickets will be available for pickup starting Monday, May 2nd. I have a couple of extra tickets for sale. They are \$40.00 per ticket. If you are interested, they are first come/first serve, so do so quickly.

Lastly, remember that pizza days have changed to Thursday, May 5th and Thursday, May 19th instead of the Friday's of those weeks.

Again, thank you to all of my parents and students for such a great year. You and your children have been such a blessing in my life and I look forward to many more years at Lake Fern Montessori Academy.

Learning is the best of all wealth. It is easy to carry. Thieves cannot steal it. Neither fire nor water can destroy it, and far from decreasing, it increases with giving.

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Mr. Price's Class News

◆ The end is nigh! I can't believe we are nearing the end of the year! I'm so proud to have been privileged to watch the growth of the students throughout the year. I look forward to teaching them for years to come!

With the end of the year, come the changes in scheduling. Standard academics are concluded and supplanted by our standardized testing schedule. We will be doing standardized test prep for the first week in May. Testing will be the following week. The schedule for testing will be Monday through Thursday (9TH through 13TH) during the morning hours. Please make sure students are well rested and eat a balanced breakfast.

Remember on May 20TH we will be attending our final field trip of the year to Animal Kingdom.

Finally, conferences for the final grading period will be held during the week of May 23RD through May 27TH. Look for sign-up sheets in the foyer.

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Thank You!

We would like to thank all our families that participated in our Spring Fling for their time and sharing goodies. The children had a wonderful day and it was great fun hanging out with our parents. You are the best!

For those of you who will be leaving for the summer or transferring to another school – Thank You for all you have done for our school community! Please stay in contact. Once you are a member of our family, you are always a member!



The Ladybird Manor Montessori school in Adelaide, South Australia



A termite mound in Exmouth, Western Australia, it is about 10 feet high! (These two pictures are from Mr. Jeff's recent business trip to Australia)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- VPK CONFERENCES

- MAY 2-6

- MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

- MAY 6 AT 11:30

- GRADE 3-5 AND 6-8 CTBS TESTING

- MAY 9-13

- GRADE K-2 CTBS TESTING

- MAY 16-20

- UPPER LEVEL FIELD TRIP TO ANIMAL KINGDOM

- MAY 20

- GRADES K-8 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

- MAY 23-27

- AWARDS CEREMONY

- MAY 27TH, 8:45 AM

- MEMORIAL DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

- MAY 30

- SUMMER SESSION BEGINS

- MAY 31

- PIZZA DAY CHANGES

- THURSDAY MAY 6 AND THURSDAY MAY 19