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MAPLETON MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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SHORT & SWEET! May 19 Kindergarten/3rd year students' party. May 26 Graduation and Family Pot Luck.
May 26 Updated Health form due, if needed. May 30-June 2 Teacher Work Week - no children. June 5 Camps start!

MMS GRADUATION and FAMILY POTLUCK!

Friday, May 26 from 9-11 we'll have our 44th Family PotLuck and Graduation. We're so excited to be back to our traditional family potluck breakfast with all of you being able to join us on the playground for this event! Children must be accompanied by an adult and there is no other school that day. Potluck ideas: muffins, quiche, fruit salad, breakfast burritos, etc. (go easy on the bagels). Unless it's obvious, please label ingredients for people who might be avoiding dairy, meat, eggs, etc.. From 9-10 we'll snack and yak; from 10-11 the children will perform. Alums, warm up your vocal cords so you can join in on Brothers & Sisters! This event is for everyone - sibs, grandparents, the works! We'll be outside so bring a blanket or chair and hope for good weather!

KINDERGARTEN/3rd-YR PARTY & FIELD TRIP

Our kindergarten/3rd-year students will celebrate the end of their Montessori primary careers with a field trip and party. The party is May 19 during aftercare. The K-kids will make their cherished tie-dyed tees while enjoying pizza and organic ice cream sundaes together; pick-up is 5:15-5:30. The field trip to Walden Ponds, weather permitting, is May 16 in the afternoon.

SUSAN HESSELINK

Susan Hesselink, a dedicated Montessori guide and dear friend to all of us, has been a valuable member of our teaching staff for almost seven years. I am sad to let you know that Susan will be taking a break from teaching and we will miss her terribly. Susan will step down at the end of May but you'll still see her here and there this summer as she, in her generous way, has agreed to help where she can, with our summer camps. We all wish Susan tons of love, relaxation, time with family, health, happiness, and the very best the future has to offer! Your beautiful soul has touched us and we are forever changed because of it.

SUMMER SWIM UPDATE & REMINDERS

Summer forms due by May 26. Health forms are the only forms current students might need. I'll send an email if your child's health form is out-of-date. Also, sad news from the YMCA: they are not able to have us for swim lessons this summer; they cannot find lifeguards. The Lafayette Y is full, Spruce pool is closed and the other public swim venues are either full or lack staff. The Elks and several other private pools are maxed. It's a very disturbing trend we're seeing - the difficulty finding staff is pervasive in many, many sectors. If you have any ideas, let me know. And, if anything changes I'll let you know but as of now, we have no swim lessons. (I see sprinklers in our future!)

THANK YOU!

What a wonderful birthday party we had! Almost all of our families were able to be there and even the weather held until the last minute. A huge thank you to Francie's mom Nicki who made the two scrumptious cakes for our celebration. They were so good! And another huge thank you to Panni, Beatrix's daughter, who helped with spin-art and clean-up, and I mean she really HELPED! We were thrilled to have her! Several families made above-and-beyond donations to the party fundraiser. Thank you so much for your support!



Left-over party veggies did not go to waste. We juiced everything (carrots, celery, snap peas, tomatoes, peppers) and they loved it!