

PRIMANTI NEWS



February Events

- Jan. 31- Book Fair
- Feb. 4
- 3 Kinder, 3rd, 6th Grade
Tea
- 14 Lincoln's Birthday
(No School)
- 11 Valentine Exchange
- 21 Presidents' Day
(No School)

Primanti Montessorri School

TODDLER PROGRAM TO OPEN SOON

With the beginning of the New Year Primanti Montessorri will be adding a new program to our school site. Beginning Tuesday, February 15, 2011, our Toddler Care Center will open its doors to children ages 18-30 months. We have a beautiful facility prepared and a wonderful staff ready to give your child the best care possible. For more information visit the office or call 562 9430246.



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BOOK FAIR



Our annual **Book Fair** is being held from January 31-February 4, 2011. Come and browse the wonderful books available through Scholastic Books. What a great event! It is especially delightful to see our children and their parents browsing the display of books together. Remember that you have one more day to take advantage of the great selection of books we have to offer. Reading helps our children increase their vocabulary and writing skills. We want to thank our parents for being so supportive of this event.

STUDENT VISITORS

Twelve students from China, Taiwan and South Korea have been attending Primanti since January 24, 2011. Their last day will be Friday, February 4, 2011. The student visitors are taking part in a cultural study-tour and have been residing with families of students currently enrolled in our school. This has been an exciting learning experience for both our students and their families.



THE LILLIE PAD

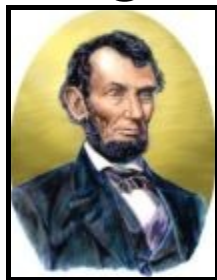
THE INESTIMABLE VALUE OF A STRONG VOCABULARY



The old adage which states that first impressions are hard to dispel is true in many cases. When we first meet a person, our initial evaluation of her/him tends to stubbornly persist, often even in the face of evidence to the contrary. Accepting this concept as a truth, one must strive to put forth the best first impression possible. One of the major ways in which others evaluate a person is through his/her vocabulary. If a person displays a strong, versatile vocabulary, others will regard that person with respect and consider him/her an educated and competent person. In addition, those who are well educated and competent will prefer to speak with others whom, they believe, will understand what they have to say and could perhaps serve as a barometer for their ideas. How does one go about acquiring a strong vocabulary? Perhaps the best method is to read voluminously. If one were to read all of the Shakespearean plays, he/she would be exposed to almost all of the “best” words in the English language. Alas, most of us do not the time for excessive reading and must turn to other means to enhance our vocabularies. The study of vocabulary words and roots (Latin, Greek) are tried and true methods, if done correctly. If words are learned for the sole purpose of passing a vocabulary test and then are not assimilated into one’s vocabulary, nothing much will have been achieved. One must study new words, learn their multiple meanings and, most importantly, put these words into use on an everyday basis. This is the program that we ascribe to here at Primanti Montessori School. We employ the SAT Vocabulary Builder series, which provides a comprehensive study of each vocabulary word. This program includes: denotations, connotations, antonyms, synonyms, words in context, words in reading comprehension, and use of the words in daily classroom conversation. In addition, of course, there are weekly vocabulary tests that emphasize definitions, antonyms, synonyms, and contextual meaning of words. I taught at a high school in Whittier, prior to coming to Primanti Montessori School and I can state unequivocally that the students at Primanti Montessori know their words and have better vocabularies than a preponderance of high school students in the area. I know. I have taught in both environments.

Mr. Richard Lillie

Honoring our US Presidents



On Monday, February 14, 2011, we will be celebrating Abraham Lincoln’s birthday. Our 16th President was a great man who truly believed that everyone was created equal.

The following week on Monday, February 21, 2011, we will be honoring all US presidents on Presidents’ Day. **Primanti Montessori will be closed on both days.**

Tea Party Time

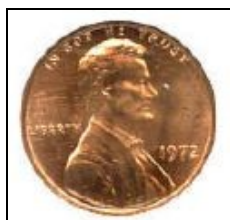
On Thursday, February 3, 2011, our Middle School will be hosting our annual Tea Party. This formal Tea Party honors Kindergarten, 3rd, and 6th grade students who are moving up to the next grade level. These students and their parents are encouraged to attend this very special event. The Tea Party is from 4:00p.m.-5:00p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.



BITS AND PIECES

- Our Primary and Elementary students are starting to prepare for our annual Spring Festival event. Their performances will take place in May.
- Our Science Fair will be in March. We look forward to all the wonderful projects that our students present!
- **Please make sure that it is safe for your children to exit your vehicle during your arrival and departure times. Also, make sure that your child is in the proper restraint seat and “buckled up” before you leave our parking lot!**

Our Annual Penny Count



Students at Primanti will get an opportunity to put to use their mathematical abilities where it counts. A plastic container will be filled with Lincoln Head pennies. Children will get an opportunity to make a guess about the total number of pennies they feel are in the container. Prizes will be given to the winners. The Lincoln Penny was first minted 100 years ago to Commemorate our 16th President. Winners will be announced February 17th.



Coming in March

March 1-4
March 7-11
March 10
March 17
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March 21-25
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March 28– April 1
March 30

Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebration Week
Science Fair
Primary Children's Night
Elementary Children's Night
Art Exhibition
3rd Quarter Test
Primary Parent Conferences
Elementary Parent Conferences
Reenrollment Applications Due



BITS AND PIECES

SAFETY FIRST: Please make sure that it is safe to let your children to get out of your vehicle. We do not want any of our children injured by another vehicle as they leave yours. Also, make sure that your children are “buckled up” before you leave our drive way!

BOOK FAIR: The Book Fair will be open from February 2nd-6th. The Book Fair is being held in the Long Room. Fair hours are: 8:00AM-8:30AM and 2:30PM-4:00PM. Family Night is Wednesday, February 4th, 2:30PM– 6:00PM.

After School



Monday

- 2:30-3:00PM Mobile Gym Stars (Primary) Long Room
- 3:00-3:45PM Mobile Gym Stars (Elementary) Long Room
- 3:15-4:15PM Art - Room 5

Tuesday

- 2:40-3:25PM Spanish (Primary) Resource Room
- 3:30-4:15PM Spanish (Elementary) Resource Room
- 3:15-4:00PM Martial Arts (Primary) Long Room
- 4:15-5:00PM Martial Arts (Elementary) Long Room

Wednesday

- 3:15-4:15PM Art - Room 5

Thursday

- 2:40-3:25PM Spanish (Primary) Resource Room
- 3:30-4:15PM Spanish (Elementary) Resource Room
- 3:15-4:00PM Martial Arts (Primary) Long Room
- 4:15-5:00PM Martial Arts (Elementary) Long Room

Friday

- 3:15-4:00PM Dance Class - Long Room
- 2:30-3:15PM Music (Group 1) Resource Room
- 3:15-4:00PM Music (Group 2) Resource Room
- 4:00-4:45PM Music (Group 3) Resource Room
- 3:15-4:15PM Mad Science - Room 5

