

Bobcat Blast for Friday, September 18, 2020

Dear Charles Ellis Montessori Academy Family,

There are several pertinent sections in our Weekly Wonders Newsletter.

<https://www.smores.com/c05y7>

District Return to Learn Plan

Per the SCCPSS Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 16th, please see the final approved plan for the Phased Return to Learn. For all information, please see the district website

www.sccpss.com.

School Council Elections September 16th - 30th:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZi6YgauOXzfAXj1RLiSUB-d0ulppYaPlvlvqC1x0wPlrTxw/viewform>

PTA Reflections

It's time to "fall for the arts" with our annual participation in PTA Reflections. This year's theme is "I Matter Because..." and submissions are accepted from every student (PreK-8th Grade).

Submission and entry forms are due to Amanda Fanelli at ellisreflections@gmail.com by Wednesday, October 14, 2020.

"Then, by determining the correlation between things with the child, and thereby obeying an essential impulse of the human mind, we create a philosophy for him. And why may not the child philosophize?" - Dr. Maria Montessori

In school, I was required to memorize and recite poems and one of my favorites was To Autumn by John Keats. The Autumnal Equinox is now upon us and the world once again turns towards another change. In the Celtic tradition, Autumn, (Mabon), is a time to celebrate the harvest and the abundance of the earth. As a little girl, I followed the tradition of bringing gifts from the land and sea to church. The deep window sills of the church would be filled with ripe apples and pears, fishing nets would be slung from the high rafters, their green glass buoys capturing what little sunshine could be gleaned, and crab baskets would be filled with flowers, minus the rotting fish flesh. Huge harvest loaves would be cast around the pulpit and sheaves of corn and barley would herald the entrance to each pew. Despite the troubles that pervaded my Northern Irish childhood, it was a world of abundance. It was a time of thanksgiving, a time to be grateful and an opportunity to share these gifts with those who were marginalized both physically and emotionally. It was also a time to reflect on the personal seeds we had sown and what had been reaped; "the good, the bad and the ugly."

I invite you this week to take a quiet moment to reflect on this turning of the seasons.

May your inner and outer harvest be bountiful!

Peace,

Ms. Tanya

SCCPSS Notification for Friday, September 11, 2020

To our families:

The School District is working on a plan to phase in students to an in-person learning model and would like to hear from our families regarding your choice for in-person or virtual learning. The District continues to review all aspects for safety, social distancing, face coverings, and capacity options that will guide the return to in-person instruction.

We look forward to receiving your input and feedback.

We would like to hear from ALL parents of children in the Savannah Chatham County Public School System. Please take this short survey – just about 5 minutes – to tell us your thoughts. The link to the survey can be found on our website, sccpss.com.

Here is another link to the survey:

https://savannahchatham.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5jW8h1FUVSWjFfD

THE SURVEY WILL CLOSE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, AT 12:00 P.M.

Bobcat Blast for Friday, September 11, 2020

Dear Charles Ellis Montessori Academy Family,

Please note the following highlights from the Weekly Wonders Newsletter:

Over the weekend SCCPSS will be sending out a survey to families regarding the Phased Return to Learn Plan. The plan can be accessed in the link below:

[https://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/files/BT5N3T5DB274/\\$file/09092020.WORKSHOP.Phase%20In%20Return%20to%20Learn.final.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/files/BT5N3T5DB274/$file/09092020.WORKSHOP.Phase%20In%20Return%20to%20Learn.final.pdf)

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS * DEADLINE EXTENDED*

Charles Ellis Montessori Academy parents! You are needed...this is your opportunity to be a voice for the Ellis community. Consider nominating yourself or someone else to serve on school council. Interested nominees should complete this very brief questionnaire by Monday, September 14, 2020.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1sF3tjFzc_WYeIQotGkpN1smFWJ8ZFmX5OHgrF9-JVEg/prefill

For more information and all other school items please see the link to the Weekly Wonders Newsletter: <https://www.smores.com/mtyh>

The WEB of Life:

We all have had the classic science lesson where, using a ball of yarn thrown between one student and the next, serves to demonstrate the interconnectedness of living things within an ecosystem. How poignant today that, when we feel disconnected, the very thing that keeps us in touch, can also be the root of many of our frustrations, i.e. technology. I know that each day can present different challenges, as we attend to break downs and glitches in the systems, the platforms and the tenuous connectivity to Wi-Fi. But like any living ecosystem we must ultimately rely on the breath and the oxygen that feeds each cell. So, when the strings of the web are tight, knotted or lying limp and tangled on the ether floor, try to remember to breathe. It's perfectly ok to "shut it down" and find a good book to read, run outside and climb a tree, create a piece of art a lego sculpture or try an old fashioned way of connecting - write a letter. We can always try again later and like a spiders web pearled with dew in the rays of the rising sun, we will once again know the fragile beauty of our human race.

Peace,
Ms. Tanya

[SCCPSS Notification for Friday, September 4, 2020](#)

Good evening Parents,

The SCCPSS Meal Delivery Plan continues while schools are closed. While deliveries are normally made on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, due to the holiday on Monday, the schedule will shift to Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday next week.

For the week of September 7th, one day's meals will be distributed on Tuesday, September 8th, two days meals on Wednesday, September 9th and one day's meals on Friday, September 11th. The following week will return to our regular Monday, Wednesday, Friday delivery plan.

Visit [SCCPSS.com](https://www.sccpss.com) and click on the Learn More button at the bottom of the Meal Delivery box to find a complete list of meal delivery locations and times.

Simply look for the route departing from the school closest to you to find your nearest stop and time. For any questions or concerns about Meal Stops, families should call the District's Transportation Line at 912-395-5591.

[Bobcat Blast for Friday, September 4, 2020](#)

Happy Friday.

There are many items contained in the newsletter this week. Here are the highlights & for the details, please read in full. Here is the link: <https://www.smores.com/d43p1>

 <p>WEEKLY WONDERS Charles Ellis Montessori Academy, September 7, 2020</p> <p>“...to bring the whole by means of the presentation of detail. ... Would that the teacher allowed herself to be imbued by the grandeur of this whole to be able to transmit it to the child” Maria Montessori</p>	<p>WEEKLY WONDERS</p> <p>“...to bring the whole by means of the presentation of detail. ... Would that the teacher allowed herself to be imbued by the grandeur of...</p> <p>www.smore.com</p>
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- Labor Day Holiday Monday September 7th
- MAP ASSESSMENT WINDOW OPENS
- ASYNCHRONOUS WEDNESDAYS
- CARING FOR YOUR CHROMEBOOK
- SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR VIRTUAL MEETINGS
- GRACE & COURTESY- KINDNESS

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Physician Heal Thyself!

I cannot help but notice that I and the world are in need of healing. A healing of body, mind and soul. As educators, which we all are in this Montessori community, we strive to present a holistic and wonder-filled view of our universe.

Sometimes, however, given the events of the day or the ongoing dilemmas of our situation, we get lost in a cloud of “what is happening to us; the world is falling apart” and we lose focus of the details of what we can “make happen”.

If we are to “follow the child” then we must attend to the minute details of their world. We must listen to the messages contained in their conversations, their joys and their sorrows. We must see through their eyes the magnificence of the velvet ant, cloaked in its regal attire and, defying potential scrapes and tumbles, we must reach and grasp that high branch that pulls us up into the arms of the live oak. We must look to the maneuvers of our teenagers as they form strong social bonds or negotiate the tribulations of friendships. Can we taste with the child the sweetness of a ripe pineapple or add pepper to a watermelon and feel the flavor burst forth.

Perhaps, in taking time to explore with our senses the details of the child’s world our healing will come from within.

Be Well, Be Whole!

Ms. Tanya

[Bobcat Blast for Wednesday, September 2, 2020](#)

Good Morning Charles Ellis Montessori Academy Family,

This is a reminder that the School District has decided that we will remain in virtual learning mode. We will not return to the school building on Tuesday, September 8th. This is for the safety of all. Dr. Levett, Superintendent, has indicated that health data will determine the return to the school buildings. Please see the link: <https://spwww.sccpss.com/Pages/Data-Determine-the-Date.aspx>

The district has also launched the K-5 Twilight Program. This is an initiative to assist and support families who may be experiencing challenges per the remote learning schedules. I encourage all to read the information in full to determine if this is something your family wishes to participate in. Please see the link:

<https://spwww.sccpss.com/Pages/SCCPSS-Introduces-Virtual-Learning-K-5-Twilight-Program-to-Assist-Families-with-Scheduling-Difficulties.aspx>

All pertinent information about the K-5 Twilight Program is in the link above & posted on the district website. Please also note that there is a quick turn-around on submitting an application to this program. All applications must be submitted by Midnight September 8th. A QR code is available on the district website & at the above link.

Please continue to connect to the SCCPSS website www.sccpss.com for all updates on School District information.

I wish you all a restful and healthy Labor Day Holiday.

Peace,
Ms. Tanya