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**Message from the Academic Director**

Welcome to the beginning of a new school year I hope that you have all had a restful and restorative summer vacation and are anticipating the return to school with enthusiasm! Historically, each summer our school undergoes some kind of transformation from simple ones such as painting to more major ones such as relocating or renovating. This summer is no different. Barbara Hofmann, the Board of Montessori in Delta and Allen Kanerva, our construction coordinator and many volunteers have been working non-stop in preparing our new addition to accommodate the Preschool Kindergarten EDK program. At this point we hope to be using our new facility by the end of September. However, we do have plans for welcoming your children into the school regardless of the building completion so do not be concerned. As always, the academic teaching team places the security and educational experience of your children as our top priority.

It is a very apt expression that Montessori education is an 'education for life'. Most of the teaching team has been in various training sessions this summer. Catherine von Ende, Barbara Hofmann, Elicia Hack and Christina Davey have been working toward their Vancouver Technical Institute/SFU Training which is under the umbrella of the American Montessori Society (AMS). Eileen and I have been continuing our training with the AMMTC which falls under the International Association of Progressive Montessorians (IAPMC). Fortunately the trainer for both sessions was the same person, Irma Rodriguez, a woman who trained in Bergamo with the Montessori's themselves. The training this summer proved to be invigorating and inspired us with a renewed sense of optimism about the efficacy of Montessori education and methodology.

Planning for the teaching profile occurs during the months after the registration process is complete. The mandated ratios for the Preschool Kindergarten EDK is 9:1 and Primary and Intermediate classroom is 18:1. In the Preschool Kindergarten EDK the morning class will be led by Jana with Christina as her teaching partner. In the afternoon Jana will be joined by Elicia who will mentor with Jana regarding Montessori methodology and provide us with her expertise as a B. C. Certified teacher.

In the Primary class Elicia will be joining me and Cathy Goss every morning. She will mentor with me on Mondays and Fridays and mentor with Cathy Goss from Tuesday to Thursday. The students who are part of the EDK program will join the Primary class to partake in extracurricular activities. These dates will be published in later newsletters.

In the Intermediate class, Eileen will work with Barbara Hofmann and Catherine von Ende. Barbara and Eileen will work four days a week as per usual and Catherine two days to maintain the ratios and continuum of the classroom schedules. In addition Alii will teach Art, Annie will teach Primary French and assist Barbara with Intermediate French and Pam will teach Music from Preschool to Grade Seven.

Our Lunch Hour supervisor and Out of School supervisor, Kathy Inglis, has also been in training this summer. She has embarked on her Choice Theory training which will be highly beneficial to our students as they are very familiar with adults who respond to them using the language of choice theory. Once again, any of our community who are interested in learning about this method please contact me and I will be happy to give you information.

My role this year will be divided more evenly between Administration and teaching. Barbara will continue to work one day a week on projects related to the building, advertising and marketing. It is our sincere intention to provide the community of BBMH, students and parents with a quality educational program while continuing to inform and extend invitation to new parents as they begin to seek Montessori education for their children. The following is the first revision of the schedules for the coming year. ....Continued on Page 2

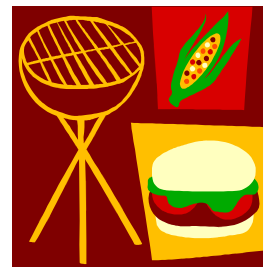
**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST**

**Family Barbeque**

**Friday,  
September 8,  
2006 Start at  
5:30 pm  
at the school**

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**Speak to Diana  
Nesbitt if you  
can help with set  
up.**



*"Intelligence,  
a balanced  
personality, and  
the unity of all  
mankind as a  
single organism  
are man's wealth.  
What is therefore  
needed today is an  
education that will  
lead the human  
personality to  
recognize man's  
grandeur."  
(Maria Montessori)*



**TABLE 1 - 2006/2007 Teaching Profile**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Administration</b>	Kathy 1:00 - 3:00 pm Lize After school	Lize Morning Kathy 1:00 - 3:00 pm	Barbara All day Lize Morning Kathy 1:00 - 3:00 pm	Lize Morning Kathy 1:00 - 3:00 pm	Lize After school Kathy 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Intermediate AM</b>	Eileen/Barb/Pam	Eileen/Barbara	Eileen/CvE	Barbara/CVE/Alii	Barbara/Eileen
<b>Intermediate PM</b>	Eileen/Barb/Pam	Eileen/Barbara	Eileen/CvE	Barbara/Alii/CVE	Eileen/Barb/ Annie
<b>Primary AM</b>	Elicia/Lize	Elicia/Cathy/Pam	Elicia/Cathy/Alii	Elicia/Cathy	Elicia/Lize
<b>Primary PM</b>	Lize	Lize/Cathy	Lize/Cathy	Lize/Cathy	Lize/Annie
<b>Preschool/K AM</b>	Jana/Christina	Jana/Christina//Pam	Jana/Christina	Jana/Christina	Jana/Christina
<b>Preschool/EDK PM</b>	Jana/Elicia	Jana/Elicia/Pam	Jana/Elicia/Alii	Jana/Elicia	Jana/Elicia/Annie

**TABLE 2—2006/2007 School Schedule**

	Mon-day	Monday	Tues-day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Thursday	Friday	Friday
<b>9:00</b>		Music Intermediate	Music AM Pre						
<b>9:30</b>		Music Intermediate	Music AM Pre		Art Primary 23	Art Intermediate 4			French Intermediate 4
<b>10:00</b>		Music Intermediate		Music Primary	Art Primary 23	Art Intermediate 4			French Intermediate 5
<b>10:30</b>		Music Intermediate		Music Primary	Art Primary 1	Art Intermediate 5			French Intermediate 6
<b>11:00</b>		Music Intermediate		Music Primary	Art Primary 1	Art Intermediate 5			French Intermediate 7
<b>11:30</b>	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	<b>Lunch</b>	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch
<b>12:00</b>	Play Primary EDK	SSR	Play Primary EDK	SSR	<b>Play</b>	Play Primary EDK	SSR	Play Primary EDK	SSR
<b>12:30</b>	SSR	Play Intermediate	SSR	Play Intermediate	<b>SSR</b>	SSR	Play Intermediate	SSR	Play Intermediate
<b>1:00</b>			Music PM Pre		Art EDK (4)	Art Int 6	French Intermediate	French EDK	PE In-termediate
<b>1:30</b>	PE Primary EDK	PE Intermediate	Music Pm Pre		Art EDK (4)	Art Int 6	French Intermediate	French Primary EDK	PE In-termediate
<b>2:00</b>	PE Primary EDK	PE Intermediate	Music EDK			Art Intermediate 7	French Intermediate	French Primary	
<b>2:30</b>	PE Primary EDK	PE Intermediate	Music EDK			Art Intermediate 7	French Intermediate	French Primary	



Primary(EDK Included)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00					
9:30			Art-Pri 23		
10:00		Music Pri	Art-Pri 23		
10:30		Music Pri	Art-Pri 1		
11:00		Music Pri	Art-Pri 1		
11:30	Lunch	Lunch	<b>Lunch</b>		Lunch
12:00	Play	Play	<b>Play</b>		Play
12:30	SSR	SSR	<b>SSR</b>		SSR
1:00					French EDK
1:30	PE Pri/EDK				French Pri/EDK
2:00	PE Pri/EDK	Music EDK			French Pri
2:30	PE Pri/EDK	Music EDK			French Pri

Intermediate	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Thursday	Friday
9:00	Music Int					
9:30	Music Int			Art-Int 4		French Int 4
10:00	Music Int	Music Pri		Art-Int 4		French Int 5
10:30	Music Int	Music Pri		Art-Int 5		French Int 6
11:00	Music Int	Music Pri		Art-Int 5		French Int 7
11:30			<b>Lunch</b>			
12:00	SSR	SSR	<b>Play</b>		SSR	SSR
12:30	Play-Int	Play-Int	<b>SSR</b>		Play-Int	Play-Int
1:00				Art Int 6	French - Int	PE-Int
1:30	PE Int			Art Int 6	French - Int	PE-Int
2:00	PE Int			Art Int 7	French - Int	
2:30	PE Int			Art Int 7	French - Int	

Preschool/Kindergarten	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00		Music Am Pre			
9:30		Music Am Pre			
10:00					
10:30					
11:00					
11:30	Lunch	Lunch	<b>Lunch</b>		Lunch
12:00	Play	Play	<b>Play</b>		Play
12:30	SSR	SSR	<b>SSR</b>		SSR
1:00		Music Pm Pre	Art-EDK (4)		French EDK
1:30	PE Pri/EDK	Music Pm Pre	Art-EDK (4)		French Pri/EDK
2:00	PE Pri/EDK	Music EDK	Art-EDK (4)		
2:30	PE Pri/EDK	Music EDK			



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### **Characteristics of Montessori Education at BBMH**

- ♥ The child's inherent desire to learn and perfect his/her skills is nurtured by the stimulating and dynamic Montessori environment.
- ♥ The child develops a lifetime love of learning
- ♥ Each child works at his or her own pace and receives a high degree of individual attention.
- ♥ Student teacher ratios at BBMH are 9:1 in Pre-school/Kindergarten and 18:1 in Elementary.
- ♥ A well structured, prepared environment, with learning materials that are self-correcting.
- ♥ Respect for each other, the self and the environment are taught within a peace
- ♥ curriculum that is multi-cultural and non-denominational.
- ♥ With these opportunities, the child is empowered to fulfill his/her own potential thereby fostering:
  - Independence
  - Self-discipline
  - Self-esteem
  - Self-motivation
- ♥ The child is honoured in this caring, community-minded educational environment where parents are invited to participate.

**“The only reason for time is so that everything doesn't happen at once.”**

**Albert Einstein**

### **CALENDAR 2006 2007 \* FALL TERM 1**

SEPTEMBER	6	SCHOOL BEGINS TERM I
	8	FAMILY BARBEQUE—ALL WELCOME
	11	NEW PARENT ORIENTATION
	12	PEACE DAY
	25	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
	29	TERRY FOX RUN/Potluck Dinner AGM
OCTOBER	5	GANDHI BIRTHDAY
	9	THANKSGIVING DAY
	12	PARENT EDUCATION SERIES I
	20	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 2
	24	UNITED NATIONS DAY
	NOVEMBER	1
13		REMEMBRANCE DAY
14		OBSERVATION WEEK
TBD		3 WAY CONFERENCES EDK/ELEMENTARY
		PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE PRESCHOOL
24		PROFESSIONAL DAY 3
DECEMBER	18	CONCERT REHEARSAL
	19	CONCERT REHEARSAL
	20	CONCERT REHEARSAL—SCHOOL CLOSED PM
	20	CONCERT
	21	SKATING PARTY
	22	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK
JANUARY	9	SCHOOL BEGINS TERM 2

### **SCHOOL CLOSURES TERM I**

September 25  
 October 9  
 October 20  
 November 13  
 November tbd  
 November 24  
 December 20 PM  
 December 22-January 8

**NOTE: TERM TWO BEGINS  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2007**