

## Arbor Montessori School~Founded 1970

Great News! Fundraising Exceeded \$1300 at Arbor Rocks Spirit Night Jan. 14! Thanks to all who participated! Go Arbor!

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

# The Arbor Update



*Scenes from our recent "weather event!"*

## Happenings

[CLICK HERE](#) for the **Basketball Schedule**

Pizza Day  
**Thursday, January 21**

Upper Elementary  
Parent Coffee  
**Friday, January 22**  
9-10:30am

Music Soiree  
**Wednesday, January 27, 7pm**

Rising Lower  
Elementary Coffee  
**Friday, January 29**  
9-10:30am

### Enrollment Packets

An enrollment packet was sent out last week in your child's courier pack. It included:

- Letter from Bruce Taylor, Board Treasurer
- 2010-11 Tuition
- Reservation Form
- Enrollment Contract
- Steven Hughes Article

Please complete and sign the Enrollment Contract and the Reservation Form and return them with your first tuition payment by **Monday, February 1**.

### Agenda

Arbor Board of Trustees  
January 19, 2010, 6:30pm

Discussion and Votes on the following Strategic Plan Issues:

1. Toddler Program
2. Emory Campus
3. Nominating Committee
4. Marketing
5. Recruitment

**ACC Meeting  
7pm Wednesday,  
February 3**

The ACC's special speaker for the February 3rd meeting is Julie Carnes who will speak on the topic of "Playground Politics" - your child's social experience at school. Julie holds a BA in Psychology, a MA in Psychology and Counseling, and an AMI diploma at the primary level. In addition to her teaching experience, Julie served for 10 years as Arbor's Educational Administrator. Currently she is in private practice with Floortime Atlanta and is Co-Founder and Clinical Coordinator for the Hirsch Academy.

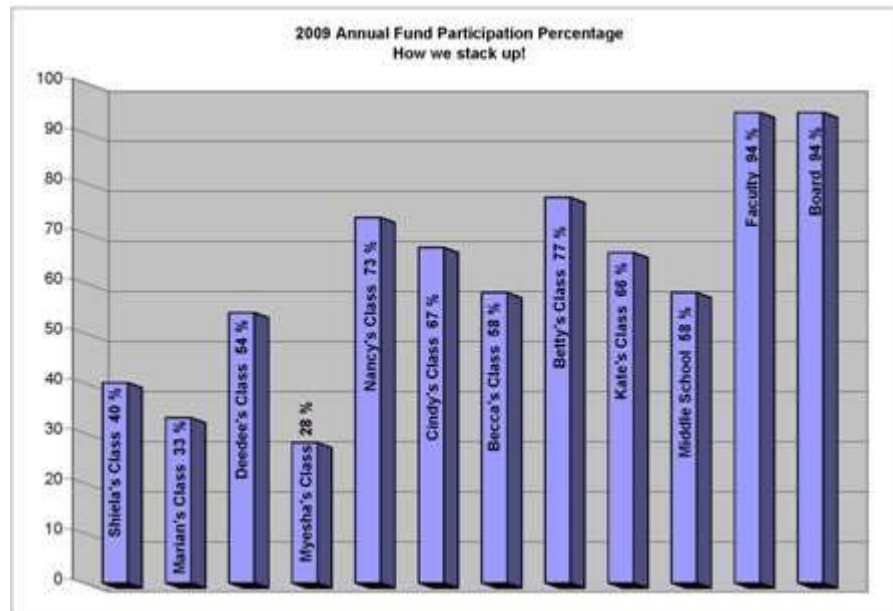
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All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend!

- 6. Technology
- 7. Alumni Database
- Executive Session (if needed)

**Fundraising Matters at Arbor from Martha's Desk**

**Annual Fund 2009** ~ To those who have declared their support to Arbor's 2009 Annual Fund, you. If you have not yet made a commitment please remember that everyone's support is needed. The deadline for making your pledge is February 1, but you have until May 1, 2010 to fulfill your commitment. Remember April and May are "no tuition" months which will help you with financing your pledge.



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*Annual Fund 2009*

<i>Gift Range</i>	<i># of Gifts Received To Date</i>
\$10,000	
\$ 5,000 - \$9,999	1
\$ 2,500 - \$4,999	1
\$ 2,000 - \$2,499	4
\$ 1,000 - \$1,999	33
\$ 750 - \$ 999	1
\$ 500 - \$ 749	25
\$ 100 - \$ 499	51
\$ 1 - \$ 99	25

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Your gift to the Annual Fund supports: Faculty Education funding, tuition assistance, the Booste Club and unexpected expense increases or revenue shortfalls.

**How Your Dollars are Put to Work** by Marian Cooper (Emory 2)

*I would like to convey my appreciation to Arbor and its generous community of givers who have encouraged me with time and funds to attend some very special conferences and meetings. With children over the last ten years I have experienced students with many types of learning st and in some cases, learning challenges. NAMTA now offers meetings that address learning differences and how the Montessori classroom can support some of these children. I have been two of these conferences and subsequently have taken many ideas to the classroom. It has all success for some and provided ideas for outside support to help these special children. I look forward to continuing to learn how to better serve all children.*

*With deepest gratitude,  
Marian Cooper*

**Arbor Auction 2010**

Did you save the Date?

Do you have a Sitter? Have you thought about how much fun you're going to have? **Join us, Saturday March 20, 2010 at the Carter Center from 6 - 11 PM** for food, fun and a fabulous ni out with other Arbor Parents. We'll have an exciting foods catered by Proof of the Pudding, am art projects from each class, and of course...you! While we appreciate your donations, your participation in the auction itself is your best contribution as an Arbor parent. All donations are part of the online auction experience. **SEE YOU THERE!** Arbor depends on your support for its continued growth and development, diversity, and teacher education. Thank you for your finan support and for all that you do for Arbor. If you have any questions about our fundraising progr or Parent Involvement, please contact [Martha Addison](#) in the Development Office.

**Music Soirée Wed., Jan. 27, 7 pm, Music Room** The Arbor Music Soirée is a casual evening musical sharing where children (and parents!) who sing or play a musical instrument may perfo favorite selection or two for an appreciative and supportive audience. Please visit the [Art and M page](#) on our website to download the signup forms and view the soirée schedule. See you there

**Love Montessori So Much that you want to Teach?** You are not alone--many parents of Montessori kids decide to devote their lives to the enriching career of Montessori guide. If this describes you, please consider attending a free Information Session at Atlanta's Montessori Tr center:

**Primary Level**

Sunday, January 17, 1:30-3:30

Wednesday, February 3, 6:30-8:30pm

**Elementary Level**

Saturday, January 30, 10am-12pm

Sunday, Janaury 31, 1:00-3:00pm

For more information, please call **404-325-7260**, or visit hall our bulletin board to see the tear-o flyer.

**Upper Elementary Changes**

Due to the high retention rate of students in our upper elementary program and of students mov to that program from our lower elementary classes, Arbor will be experiencing a larger than usu number of students in upper elementary next year. As already communicated to parents at the elementary level, we will address this temporary growth by having a larger team taught class ar regular sized class with one teacher. Betty and Kate will teach the larger class and Arbor is in t process of hiring an experienced teacher for the other class. Betty and Kate have worked toget previously to teach a class of almost 50 students and feel confident and comfortable doing it ag When this "bubble" of students moves on, and the class once again resumes normal numbers, plans to retire from teaching. Alison and Jan (Betty and Kate will be attending a Montessori conference) will meet with any interested parents to discuss the process of this decision, the

procedure for hiring a new teacher and how the classes will be arranged at a morning coffee. B and Kate will meet with parents later in the year to discuss details of teaching a larger class. Pl join Jan and Alison for the coffee **Friday, January 22nd at 9 AM in the Music Room.**

### **Book Club Thursday, February 25, 9-11am Music Room**

Come join Alison Sherrill for a book club discussion on *How to Hug a Porcupine: Negotiating th Prickly Points of the Tween Years*, by Julie Ross. Start turning those pages and come to Book Club!

### **Great Opportunity for Parents**

A workshop and lecture with renowned author and keynote speaker **Dr. Jane Nels** author of *Positive Discipline*, is happening at the Epstein School:

Evening Lecture: **Wednesday, January 20, 2010**  
**from 7:00-9:00 pm - \$15 per person; \$20 per couple**  
**Location: The Epstein School**

**All-day Workshop: Thursday, January 21, 2010**  
**from 9:00am - 4:00 pm - \$95 per person; \$150 per couple**

\*Please Note Location For Workshop Only: Bnai Torah  
**To register or to get a refund email [jane@positivediscipline.com](mailto:jane@positivediscipline.com).**

### **About Dr. Jane Nelsen:**

Dr. Jane Nelsen is a licensed Marriage, Family and Child Therapist in San Diego, CA South Jordan, UT. She is also the author of the popular [Positive Discipline Series](#) an many other outstanding books. Dr. Nelsen's doctorate degree in Educational Psychc from the University of San Francisco in 1979 is secondary to the education she achi from her successes and failures as a mother of seven children and twenty grandchil She now shares this wealth of knowledge and experience as a workshop leader throughout the country. **To learn more about *Positive Discipline* books, Cd's a DVD's [click here](#).**

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