



**Academic Excellence
Natural Gifts**

**Modified Montessori
Individual Needs**

Inside Caedmon
for the week of
November 30 - December 4, 2009



**Diversity
Empathy**

**Community
Community Service**

The Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving

(Edgar Albert Guest, 1881-1959)

It may be I am getting old and like too much to dwell
Upon the days of bygone years, the days I loved so well;
But thinking of them now I wish somehow that I could know
A simple old Thanksgiving Day, like those of long ago,
When all the family gathered round a table richly spread,
With little Jamie at the foot and grandpa at the head,
The youngest of us all to greet the oldest with a smile,
With mother running in and out and laughing all the while.
It may be I'm old-fashioned, but it seems to me to-day
We're too much bent on having fun to take the time to pray;
Each little family grows up with fashions of its own;
It lives within a world itself and wants to be alone.
It has its special pleasures, its circle, too, of friends;
There are no get-together days; each one his journey wends,
Pursuing what he likes the best in his particular way,
Letting the others do the same upon Thanksgiving Day.
I like the olden way the best, when relatives were glad
To meet the way they used to do when I was but a lad;
The old home was a rendezvous for all our kith and kin,
And whether living far or near they all came trooping in
With shouts of "Hello, daddy!" as they fairly stormed the place
And made a rush for mother, who would stop to wipe her face
Upon her gingham apron before she kissed them all,
Hugging them proudly to her breast, the grownups and the small.
Then laughter rang throughout the home, and, Oh, the jokes they told;
From Boston, Frank brought new ones, but father sprang the old;
All afternoon we chatted, telling what we hoped to do,
The struggles we were making and the hardships we'd gone through;
We gathered round the fireside. How fast the hours would fly--
It seemed before we'd settled down 'twas time to say good-bye.
Those were the glad Thanksgivings, the old-time families knew
When relatives could still be friends and every heart was true.

**Affordable Rental Space
on the Upper East Side!**
*Looking for a beautiful place to
host your next special event?*

The Caedmon School has a
variety of spaces available:

- The Caedmon Hall (first floor space)
- The Caedmon Dining Hall
- The Caedmon Gymnasium
- The Caedmon Courtyard (outdoor space)

Call (212) 879-2296 for more info
events@caedmonschool.org

Full-Service Children's Birthday Parties Now Available

Curriculum – Mark Your Calendars...

**ISEE Testing
for Upper Level Students**

**Saturday, December 5th
8:30 am - 12:00 pm**

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ISEE Testing
Afterschool Trimester
Discovery Camp Special
Montessori Quote
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Calendar for the Week

Monday, November 30

No School Event

Tuesday, December 1

No School Event

Wednesday, December 2

No School Event

Thursday, December 3

Adult Yoga

- 8:30a
- Gym

Friday, December 4

Child Chat

- 8:30-10a
- Library

Afterschool Fall Trimester Ends

(New schedule starts
Monday)

A Turkey Speaks

I have never understood
why anyone would
roast the turkey
and shuck the clams
and crisp the croutons
and shell the peas
and candy the sweets
and compote the
cranberries
and bake the pies
and clear the table
and wash the dishes
and fall into bed
when they could sit back
and enjoy a hamburger.

Curriculum/Schedule...

Winter Afterschool Trimester Begins

**This Friday, December 4th, is the final day of the
Afterschool Program Fall Trimester.**

**The Winter Trimester schedule begins on
Monday, December 7th.**

Community/Curriculum...

THE CAEDMON SCHOOL DISCOVERY CAMP

Last Chance to get the Earlybird Special!



Register by December 1, 2009 and get last summer's prices!

**Download the attached registration forms
and sign up soon!**

Director: Sarah Franklin

Assistant Director: Melissa Watter

Phone: (212) 879-2296 x305

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Email: Discoverycamp@CaedmonSchool.org

Website: www.caedmonschool.org/discoverycamp.htm

SUPPORT THE CAEDMON SCHOOL DISCOVERY CAMP BY GOING TO THE MOVIES!

THE CAMP WILL BE RUNNING AN ADVERTISEMENT
FOR THE NEXT 16 WEEKS

**AT THE MOVIES
ON THE UPPER EAST SIDE
AND LOWES 68TH STREET.**

MONTESSORI QUOTE OF THE WEEK...

***"The unknown energy that can help humanity
is that which lies hidden in the child."***

Diversity...

FACES

Save the Date

December 8th at 6:30pm

"Modern Day Dads"

a panel discussion

Watch Inside Caedmon for details.

Coming Events

Afterschool Fall Trimester Ends

Friday, December 4

ISEE Testing

Saturday, December 5

Afterschool Winter Trimester Begins

Monday, December 7

FACES Panel Discussion

Tuesday, December 8

CFA Bake Sale

Thursday, December 11

Friday, December 12

CFA General Meeting (evening)

Thursday, December 10

Potlatch for Children

Tuesday, December 15

Last Day of School Term & Holiday Show

Friday, December 18

School Closed / Winter Break

Monday, December 21 –
Monday, January 4

No-Frills Vacation Camp

December 21 – 23 and
December 28 – January 1

School Re-Opens

Tuesday, January 5

Nothing Gold Can Stay
Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold,
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.

~Robert Frost



Community...

No Frills Vacation Camp During Holiday Break

**Now is the time to make your plans and enroll in
Vacation Camp during the holiday break.**

December 21 – 23

and

December 28 - 31

8:00am – 6:00pm at the School

\$50 per Half-Day / \$100 per Full Day

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH!

Morning and Afternoon Snack will be Provided

Contact **Andrew Kagan** at: kagan@caedmonschool.org,
212-879-2296 ext. 316, or by leaving a note with Mrs. Virella.

Community Sharing...

Only two weeks and two days until

The Caedmon School's Annual Holiday Potlatch

(Elementary Levels)

**Have your children learned anything about
their Potlatch Persons yet?**

**Are they thinking about what to
make, bake, build, write, draw,
or pass on to them?**

**Parents and caregivers: Join the fun and
help them brainstorm!**



Giving Thanks

For the hay and the corn and the wheat that is reaped,
For the labor well done, and the barns that are heaped,
For the sun and the dew and the sweet honeycomb,
For the rose and the song and the harvest brought home --
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the trade and the skill and the wealth in our land,
For the cunning and strength of the workingman's hand,
For the good that our artists and poets have taught,
For the friendship that hope and affection have brought --
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the homes that with purest affection are blest,
For the season of plenty and well-deserved rest,
For our country extending from sea unto sea;
The land that is known as the "Land of the Free" --
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday

Farfalle Pasta
served with Grilled Chicken
Asparagus

Tuesday

Pork Chops in Gravy
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Green Beans
Apple Sauce

Wednesday

Elbow Macaroni
Meat Sauce on the Side
Yellow Squash

Thursday

Chicken Francaise
Brown Rice
Broccoli

Friday

Philly Cheese Steak Heros
Potato Chips
Sweet Peas & Corn

CFA News...



Don't Miss Out:
Thursday, December 10th
6:30-8:30PM

**Caedmon Family Association
Evening Meeting**



Plan to join us for PIZZA, BEER & WINE as we briefly discuss upcoming CFA events. We will also learn more about **Classroom Observations** at Caedmon. If you've always wondered "*What's the big deal about Observations?*" or "*What do they do in those classrooms all day?*" and "*How do I maximize my experience?*" - this is your chance to learn!

ALL FAMILIES ARE WELCOMED & ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!
(Childminding will be available)

We need your help-

The Spring Fundraiser Committee is looking to connect with a Lighting Designer/Specialist to help us with our Spring Fundraiser!

If you work with lighting, are an Event Planner, or might know someone who is (who would be willing to give us some advice) - please contact Amy Chatterjee or Joanne Gambone at cfa@caedmonschool.org

Community...

Weekly Thank You Notes

FACES would like to thank all those who attended the screening of "**Tyson**" last week. The film and discussion afterward made for an entertaining and interesting evening, to be sure. Special thanks go to Ms. Power, Mr. Gomez, Mr. Prosser, Elena Kellar, Devjani Dev, and Dr. Blackburn. In return, we are grateful to **FACES** for making it happen.

Of course, the entire evening was made possible by **Jim Toback**, who gave us all a powerful insider's look into the film he created. Thank you, Mr. Toback, for sharing your experience with us. What a rare treat for Caedmon.



A huge thank you to Ivette Montes de Oca for her hard work on behalf of the Summer Discovery Camp ...the movie advertisement, the camp brochures, the retractable banner, and so much more. We are very thankful to have Ivette working with us on visually updating our look.

Sarah and Melissa, Directors of the camp

Thanksgiving Time (Author Unknown)

**When all the leaves are off the boughs,
And nuts and apples gathered in,
And cornstalks waiting for the crows,
And pumpkins safe in barn and bin,
Then Mother says, "My children dear,
The fields are brown, and autumn flies;
Thanksgiving Day is very near,
And we must make thanksgiving pies!"**

Ready....Set....Bake!

Caedmon Holiday Bake Sale



Thursday, December 10th &
Friday, December 11th



Bring in your favorite home-baked sweets or a fresh-baked purchase from your favorite bakery on WEDNESDAY MORNING December 9th.

Delicate or perishable items can be brought in Thursday morning December 10th.
No refrigeration is available.

Suggested Donations Include: cupcakes, brownies, home-baked breads, chocolate covered pretzels, or anything else you can think of that is yummy to eat! **ALL ITEMS MUST BE NUT FREE!**



Allergy free zone!

We would also like to offer dairy free, egg free, wheat and gluten free items so that our children with food allergies are not left out.

Please feel free to bake or purchase these items as well.

Make sure to label your offering (if it is not obvious what it is!). If you need your plate/tray returned, put your name on the bottom and be sure to pick it up from the CFA office on Friday afternoon during pick-up.

If you have any questions, or would like to sign-up to bake or help wrap, please contact Gerilyn Smith gerilynsmith@gmail.com or Lynne Burke burkemf@earthlink.net

HAPPY BAKING!
