



**Academic Excellence  
Natural Gifts**

**Modified Montessori  
Individual Needs**

**Inside Caedmon**  
for the week of  
**March 1 – 5, 2010**  
**- Spring Fundraiser Edition -**

**Diversity  
Empathy**

**Community  
Community Service**

**Introduction to a Poem**

by Billy Collins  
*(Compliments of Dr. Blackburn)*

**I ask them to take a poem  
and hold it up to the light  
like a color slide**

**or press an ear against its hive.**

**I say drop a mouse into a poem  
and watch him probe his way out,**

**or walk inside the poem's room  
and feel the walls for a light switch.**

**I want them to waterski  
across the surface of a poem  
waving at the author's name on the shore.**

**But all they want to do  
is tie the poem to a chair with rope  
and torture a confession out of it.**

**They begin beating it with a hose  
to find out what it really means.**

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**SCHEDULE REMINDERS...**

**Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**There WILL be**  
**Music Lessons and Afterschool Classes.**

**Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**There will be NO Music Lessons,**  
**but there WILL be Afterschool Classes.**

**Friday, March 5**  
**SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED**  
(...the day after the Spring Fundraiser)



## Calendar for the Week

### Saturday, February 27

#### **Spring Fundraiser Prep**

- 10:00 – 5:00
- Church Hall

### Monday, March 1

#### **Camp Registration DEADLINE**

### Tuesday, March 2

No School Event

### Wednesday, March 3

No School Event

### Thursday, March 4

#### **Adult Yoga**

- 8:30a
- Gym

#### **Spring Fundraiser**

- 6:30p
- St. Monica's Hall

### Friday, March 5

**SCHOOL CLOSED**  
Teacher Professional Day

### Saturday, March 6

#### **John Johns Concert**

- 7:30p
- Caedmon Hall

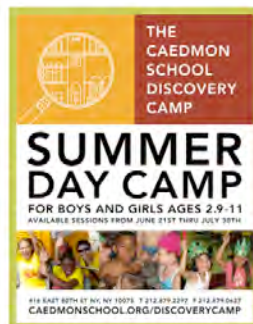


## REGISTRATION DEADLINE...

### The Caedmon School Discovery Camp Registration Deadline is THIS MONDAY, March 1<sup>st</sup>

**CONTACT: SARAH FRANKLIN  
by March 1<sup>st</sup> 2010!**

[Franklin@caedmonschool.org](mailto:Franklin@caedmonschool.org)  
212-879-2297



**Copy and paste this link to download  
forms from the Caedmon website.**

<http://www.caedmonschool.org/discoverycamp.htm>

## Curriculum Reminder...



### **Afterschool Field Trip Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The afterschool class "Broadway Workshop" will see **Mary Poppins** this week! Please note that they will leave school early to attend the 2:00pm matinee.

## Community Event...

### **The Caedmon Music School Invites You To a Wonderful Guitar Concert**

## **John Johns**

Classical Guitarist, in recital

**Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 pm**

**At Caedmon Hall**  
416 E. 80th Street  
(between 1st & York)

Admission is \$15 for adults  
Children less than 15 years free, with an adult.



## Community...

### **Register now for the No Frills Vacation Camp**

**March 22 – 26 and March 29 - April 2**

**\$50 per Half-Day (8:30-12:00)**  
**\$100 per Full Day (8:30 - 3:30)**

**Morning and Afternoon Snack will be Provided**  
**Full-Day Campers must BRING THEIR OWN LUNCH!**

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



### Field Trips in Store

**All Middle Level  
Stamford Nature Center**  
- Wed, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Afterschool Broadway  
Workshop to Mary  
Poppins**  
- Wed, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Lo/Rama and  
Mastrangelo/Jorgensen  
Circle in the Square**  
- Fri, March 12  
- Afternoon

**Kindergarten  
Bronx Zoo**  
- Fri, March 19  
- Morning

### Weekly Lunch Menu

#### Monday

Cheese Pizza  
Broccoli & Cauliflower

#### Tuesday

Beef Burritos  
Brown Rice  
Lima Beans & Corn

#### Wednesday

Roast Turkey Breast  
Roasted Butternut Squash  
Steamed Yellow Beans

#### Thursday

Salisbury Steak  
Roasted Red Potatoes  
Asparagus

#### Friday

**SCHOOL CLOSED**

## SPRING FUNDRAISER

# INSIDE CAEDMON \*SPECIAL EDITION\* \*SPRING FUNDRAISER\*

**THURSDAY, MARCH 4TH**

(THAT'S THIS THURSDAY!!!)

**\*6:30PM - 9:30PM\***

PLEASE ENTER THROUGH SAINT MONICA'S CHURCH  
(79TH BETWEEN 1ST AVE. AND YORK AVE)

**\*RAFFLE BOX AUCTION\***

**\*6:30 - 8:00PM\***

**\*THE LIVE AUCTION -  
TRADITIONAL BIDDING\***

**\*8:15 - 9:30PM\***

### "EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW"

- Spring Fundraiser Preview Catalogue
- What if I didn't **RSVP** yet?
- What To Wear
- Eat, Drink & Be Merry
- What To Bring With You
- Arrival, Check-In & Play Money
- **TIP:** Bring Return Address Labels
- Reverse Auction
- At the End of the Night
- It's almost here...Do You Still Want to **HELP???**
- Volunteers needed for **THIS SATURDAY** - Childminding & Lunch Provided
- What if I can't attend?
- How Do I Submit a Proxy Bid?
- **DON'T FORGET HAITI!!!**

All the details on the FOLLOWING PAGE of this newsletter

If you have **ANY QUESTIONS** about the Spring Fundraiser, please call the **CFA** office or contact Amy Chatterjee at [achatterjee@gmail.com](mailto:achatterjee@gmail.com) or Joanne Gambone at [jmasso@rcn.com](mailto:jmasso@rcn.com)



## Coming Events

### Middle & Upper Level Sports Night

Tuesday, March 9

### Afterschool Open House

Wednesday, March 10

### Middle Level Breakfast

Friday, March 12

### First Reconciliation for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Religion Students

Tuesday, March 16

### Montessori Wednesday for EP and Beg Families

Wednesday, March 17

8:45 am

**(CHANGE)**

### FACES Workshop "Digital Immigrants"

Thursday, March 18

### Afterschool Winter Trimester Ends

Friday, March 19

### School Closed / Spring Break

Monday, March 22 –

Monday, April 5

### No-Frills Vacation Camp

March 22 – 26 and

March 29 – April 2

### CFA Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Monday, April 5

### School Re-Opens

Tuesday, April 6

### Afterschool Spring Trimester Begins

Tuesday, April 6

### Upper Level Bake Sale

Thursday, April 15 &

Friday, April 16

### Open Classes for EP and Beg Music

April 19-23

### Panel Discussion for Grade 3-4 Families

Wednesday, April 21

## Spring Fundraiser Preview Catalogue

Your child will be given a **PREVIEW PACKET** to bring home on Monday. Check it out to see a complete list of all items to be raffled and auctioned off. We hope you will peruse it in advance of the BIG NIGHT to help you strategize your fun, and optimize your winnings! There is also a complete list of the Live Auction lots attached with this newsletter.

Remember, many of the Live Auction Items are suitable for combined bidding among multiple families. Strategize with your friends to combine your resources and increase your chances of winning!

## What if I haven't RSVP-ed yet?

The good news is that you can still come! However, we are not accepting any more RSVP cards at this point. You will have to come on Thursday evening as a "walk-in" and register on the spot. If you know you are coming but did not turn in your RSVP card, as a courtesy, please email: [cfa@caedmonschool.org](mailto:cfa@caedmonschool.org) and let us know you plan to attend. This will help us keep an accurate count for our caterers.

Please note: if you turn in your RSVP card next week, it will be returned to you unprocessed.

## What To Wear

**"Festive Attire"**. Some people like to dress up a bit, but if you are coming straight from work, that is fine too. Look nice, but be comfortable. You'll be spending a fair amount of time on your feet.

## Eat, Drink, and Be Merry

There is no need to make dinner plans in addition to the Spring Fundraiser. **Key Winstead and Co. Catering** will be passing a steady variety of heavy hors d'oeuvres throughout the Raffle Box portion of the evening. In addition, there will be food and carving stations with a variety of options. Beverages of all sorts will be available at multiple bar stations all night.

## What To Bring With You

Your Checkbook! ...to purchase Caedmon Money, pay for Live Auction Winnings, and give to the Reverse Auction. **Credit Cards NOT accepted.**

Make out a check or two in advance to **"The Caedmon School"**. It will be helpful to write **"Spring Fundraiser"** in the memo.

## Arrival, Check-In, & Play Money

Upon arrival, check in at the **Registration Table** near the entrance. You will receive a packet that contains your paddle number, a Spring Fundraiser booklet, and any "Caedmon Money" that you pre-ordered. Additional "play money" can be purchased with cash or check at the "bank" set up right next to the registration/check-in table.

## Itinerary for the Evening

### **Raffle Box Auction**

6:30-8:00PM

Anyone can win a box for as little as \$5, \$10, or \$20!

### **Live Auction**

8:15-9:30PM

Traditional Bidding – Highest bid takes the prize!

### **Reverse Auction**

(during the Live Auction)

Pledge to make a tax-deductible donation to Caedmon.

## Bidding on Raffle Boxes

The first half of the evening is spent taking chances to win the Raffle boxes. **Write your name CLEARLY on the back of each play money bill.** To take a chance on a particular Raffle Box, you will stuff a bill into the appropriate silver box. **(\$5 BILLS ONLY FOR \$5 BOXES, \$10 BILLS ONLY FOR \$10 BOXES, AND SO ON)** You may stuff as many bills per box as you desire. The more you stuff the better your chances of winning that box.



**Elementary Classroom Observations End**  
Friday, April 23

**Testing for ML and UL**  
April 26-27

**FACES Workshop - TBA**  
Tuesday, April 27

**Caedmon Chorus Performs for Families**  
Thursday, April 29

**CFA Dad's Night Out**  
Thursday, April 29

**Early Program Grandparent & Special Friend Day**  
Friday, April 30

### **TIP: Bring Return Address Labels**

...to make it easier, we recommend that you bring along a good supply of those return address labels we all get from mail solicitations. It will save you lots of time, as you won't have to write your name on the back of all your "play money". Also, it will make it easier for our alum volunteers to pick the raffle winners, as they won't have to decipher handwriting.

### **Live Auction**

The second half of the evening is filled with a traditional Live Auction, led by a professional auctioneer. Study your **Preview Catalogue** to be ready to bid on your favorite lots. Even if you don't plan on bidding, it is great fun to watch, so stick around.

### **Reverse Auction**

Two thirds of the way through the Live Auction, the auctioneer will break from regular bidding to perform the Reverse Auction - an annual opportunity for bidders to make a tax-deductible contribution towards a special Caedmon need. This year, that need is:

#### **SECURITY!**

The auctioneer will begin asking for straightforward donations beginning as high as \$10,000. Paddles are raised and numbers recorded. **Please hold your paddle high until you are sure a volunteer has recorded your paddle number.** Donations are requested in "reverse", moving from \$7500, to \$5000, all the way to \$50. Pledges are payable at the PAYMENT TABLE on your way out.

### **At the End of the Night**

Once the Live Auction is complete, check the "WINNER LISTS" posted on the right side of the auditorium. Here you will find posted the winners of all the Raffle Boxes. Take a minute to see if you have won. If so, please collect your Raffle Box BEFORE you leave for the evening. All unclaimed Raffle Boxes will be stored behind the stage and will be available for pick up AFTER Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

If you have made a pledge to the Reverse Auction, or won a Live Auction item, please stop by the PAYMENT table in the back of the auditorium before you leave to give your check and/or pick up your Live Auction winnings.

### **Volunteers needed for THIS SATURDAY**

It's almost here...Do You Still Want to HELP??? The Auction Committee will busy working **TOMORROW, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27th from 10am-5pm!** They will need of a steady supply of volunteers to help set up the auditorium, organize, wrap Raffle Boxes, and generally make themselves helpful. Please come and share in the FUN, learn how it's done for future events, and make some new friends. Bring along a Caedmon friend!

Come for part of the day, or stay the whole day ...every little bit helps!

\*\*On Saturday, come to the school Lobby. You will be directed by our official "CFA Greeter", who will assign you to a specific task (and there are lots of them!). **SEE YOU SATURDAY!**

**Childminding & Lunch Provided on Saturday from 10AM-5PM for any Caedmon parent working at the auction.** These professionals are being paid for by the CFA, so please respect their intentions by NOT leaving your child and going off to run errands or have lunch.

### **What if I can't attend?**

There are several ways you can still be involved:

- Volunteer your time over the next several days!
- Donate \$\$\$ to the Haiti Raffle in the front Lobby
- Vote by Proxy for LIVE ITEMS ONLY

### **How Do I Submit a Proxy Bid?**

Please take a moment to read about the many exciting LIVE items being auctioned. Even if you are unable to come to the Spring Fundraiser, you might still be able to win something by making a proxy bid! Look for **Proxy Forms** and the **Proxy Deposit Box** in the school lobby.

If you attend the event, but cannot stay for the Live Auction, you may submit a proxy bid form at the Registration table. All Proxy bids are due by 7:30pm on the night of the Fundraiser.

## **DON'T FORGET HAITI!**

Look for the box in the lobby directly under the painting of "Derriere La Scene". You may take chances to win this ORIGINAL painting by placing one or more **donations of \$10.00** in the silver box. Place your cash or check donations in an envelope clearly marked with your name - **PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**. You may make as many donations as you wish, in any denomination of cash, or by check.



**For example, if you put a check for \$100.00 in the box, your name will be put in the drawing TEN times. If you use a \$50.00 bill, you will have FIVE chances to win.**

The more money you donate, the greater your chances will be to win this fabulous painting. The winner will be drawn during the Live Auction.

100% of the money collected will go to the rehabilitation efforts in Haiti.

Community...

## **Haiti Update**

Attached with this newsletter, please find the full **OCHA Situation Report No. 23** on the Haiti earthquake, dated 22 February 2010...  
...thank you, Rosa Malango.



### **HIGHLIGHTS/KEY PRIORITIES**

**The Direction for Civil Protection (DCP) estimates that 222,517 people died following the 12 January earthquake, an increase of 5,000 people since the last estimate given a week ago.**

**The most urgent priorities for assistance continue to be shelter and sanitation.**

**There is also a critical need for rubble removal, as well as for the identification of suitable land for the construction of transitional shelter. This is a major challenge for the decongestion of overcrowded sites.**

**The Ministry of Education has indicated that children in affected areas should resume school by early April.**

**The number of people who have left Port-au-Prince for outlying departments has increased to 597,801 people, from the previous figure of 511,405. An estimated 160,000 persons have come from Port-au-Prince to the border area with the Dominican Republic.**

### **MONTESSORI QUOTE OF THE WEEK...**



***"It is not in human nature for all men to tread the same path of development, as animals do of a single species."***

### **SCHEDULE CHANGE...**

#### **Montessori Wednesday**

for Early Program and Beginner Families

The next Montessori informational event, originally scheduled for the evening of **Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**, is rescheduled for the MORNING of:

**Wednesday, March 17 @ 8:45 in the morning**

Curriculum...

## UNDERSTANDING MONTESSORI

Copied at the bottom of this newsletter please find the latest edition of Understanding Montessori:

### Helping Your Child Learn to Listen



Diversity...

## FACES of Diversity Presents

**In the year 2010  
...in the month of March  
...on the 18<sup>th</sup> day!**

Are you **Digital Immigrants** in a land of **Digital Natives**?

Do you speak Cyber language?

## PDS!

H&K      BBL      TY  
GTSY      BBIAF  
K      IDC  
LHO      IMO  
JK      NE1

**RSVP** to:

Solange Louis: [Slouis002@nyc.rr.com](mailto:Slouis002@nyc.rr.com)

or Moon Kim: [mks30026@aol.com](mailto:mks30026@aol.com)

**CMI**

(Child Minding available)

## STD!

(SAVE THE DATE!)

Curriculum – SAVE THE DATE! ...

## Middle Level and Upper Level Sports Night!

**Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 - 7:30pm in the Gym**

**This year's theme is: "College Games"**

...contests related to basketball, track & field, football, golf, and more.

Private Events... NEW!

## Saturday Fencing Classes in The Caedmon Gym!

**All Necessary Equipment Available at No Charge!**

### **12 Sessions - March 27 - June 12**

9:30am to 11:00am - fencing for ages 7-10

11:00am to 12:30pm - fencing for ages 10-14



#### **Class Fees**

12 classes \$440

4 classes \$150

1 class \$40



#### **Enroll Today**

e-mail: [fencingprogram@gmail.com](mailto:fencingprogram@gmail.com),  
or call Reka @ 718.308.1453, or Nitai @ 917.582.9211

Community...

The Parents League  
OF NEW YORK



## Workshop Week

Look for the flyer below...

Curriculum...

### Photo Gallery

This past week, the children in Miss Mastrangelo and Mrs. Lo's classes made dumplings for Chinese New Year. Photos in left column...



Community...

### Weekly Thank You Notes

A very special "Thank You" to **Stephanie Lofgren** and **Gerilyn Smith** for the countless hours they have spent in the church basement preparing for the Spring Fundraiser.

Our thanks also go out to **Ivette Montes de Oca** for her fabulous design of our Spring Fundraiser Catalog.

And a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone on the **Auction Committee** and all their **volunteers**, for the months of preparation thus far, and for the mad-dash efforts they will make over the next few days. The best way to thank them is to come on Thursday night and have a fabulous time!

# The Parents League

OF NEW YORK

## March Workshop Week

Tuesday, March 2

Third Street Music Settlement

235 East 11th Street

9:30 am - 11:00 am

**HELP YOUR CHILD SLEEP THROUGH THE NIGHT**

Speaker: Kim West, *The Sleep Lady*



Wednesday, March 3

Philosophy Day School

12 East 79th Street

9:30 - 10:30 am

**LOVING WITHOUT SPOILING**

How to Set Limits and Raise Caring, Confident Children

Speaker: Nancy Samalin



11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**MODELING HEALTHY FRIENDSHIPS TO OUR CHILDREN**

Speaker: Susan Shapiro Barish

Thursday, March 4

York Preparatory School at the Christian Science Reading Room

10 West 68th Street

9:30 am - 11:00 am

**BULLIES ARE CREATED, NOT BORN**

How to Develop a Safe and Caring Community for All Children

Speaker: Jean Schreiber



11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**TOP QUESTIONS KIDS ASK**

Answer Those Tough, Strange and Awkward Questions Kids Always Ask

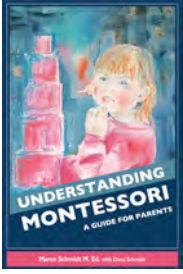
Speaker: Dr. Susan Bartell

Register at [ParentsLeague.org](http://ParentsLeague.org)

Members attend for free, non-members attend for \$10 at the door

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## Helping Your Child Learn to Listen February 21, 2010



"You can't help your child learn anything if you don't teach them to listen and pay attention. That's what you have to do first." I overheard Tricia, a mother of three as she visited with a father at a parent get-together.

Afraid of breaking a child's spirit, we are sometimes reluctant to "make" a child do something. With clear and consistent structure and expectations, we can help our children learn to listen and pay attention. Without these two skills, learning becomes difficult.

One of the wonderful things about working with three, four and five-year-olds, is we can sing and play to learn. If you are working with children who are having difficulty responding to their names and requests, sing songs using their names. A favorite is "Mary Wore Her Red Dress". Gather a group, being sure you have enough time to include every child in the song. Select a child's name and a piece of clothing and substitute this into the song. When the child's name is sung, he or she skips around the inside of the circle. For children who are having difficulty listening, call on them near the end. The words follow:

Mary wore her red dress, red dress, red dress.  
Mary wore her red dress all day long.

Johnny wore his white shirt, white shirt, white shirt.  
Johnny wore his white shirt all day long.

Another favorite song for transitioning to a new activity follows:

Wibbly wobbly wee, an elephant sat on me.  
Wibbly wobbly woo, an elephant sat on you.

Wibbly wobbly woosan, an elephant sat on Susan.  
Wibbly wobbly wicheal, an elephant sat on Micheal.

"What's That Sound?" is a fun game for one or more children. Ask the children to face away from you and cover their eyes. Make different sounds, for example, snap your fingers, clap hands, click your tongue, rub your hands together, jingle jewelry, tap a finger on a table, rustle clothing, tap a glass, pull a tissue out of a box. Use your imagination. After each action ask, "What's that sound?" If one child dominates the game, call on individual children.

Reading out loud everyday will help your child learn to listen. Even if you start out reading one minute a day, keep adding a minute a day until you get to thirty minutes. If your child walks around the room while you read, keep reading. Your child may have a learning style where movement is important. Many children (and adults) are able to move and listen at the same time. To "test" listening skills, change a few words to a familiar story.

Children need to learn to hear silence. Claude Debussy is quoted as saying, "Music is the silence between notes". Appreciation of silence allows us to hear what is important. The word obey has roots in the Old English word, obeyer, meaning "to listen". When our children know how to listen, to both sounds and silence, they can choose to respond with ability, or in other words, become responsible.

To help your children appreciate silence, play "The Silence Game". Darken a room and ask your children to listen and not talk. Count silently, using your fingers to help your children focus on staying silent. Sit quietly for sixty seconds and then ask what they heard. Lengthen the time by thirty seconds each time you play. This is a simple but powerful learning game.

Sing songs, read out loud, and play games to help your children learn how to listen and pay attention. Tricia's advice was right. It's what we have to do first.

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