



**Academic Excellence  
Natural Gifts**

**Modified Montessori  
Individual Needs**

**Inside Caedmon**  
for the week of  
**March 22 – 26, 2010**

**Diversity  
Empathy**

**Community  
Community Service**

**A Light Exists in Spring**

by Emily Dickinson  
*(Compliments of Dr. Blackburn)*

A Light Exists in Spring  
Not present on the Year  
At any other period --  
When March is scarcely here

A Color stands abroad  
On Solitary Fields  
That Science cannot overtake  
But Human Nature feels.

It waits upon the Lawn,  
It shows the furthest Tree  
Upon the furthest Slope you know  
It almost speaks to you.

Then as Horizons step  
Or Noons report away  
Without the Formula of sound  
It passes and we stay --

A quality of loss  
Affecting our Content  
As Trade had suddenly encroached  
Upon a Sacrament.



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**SCHEDULE REMINDER...**

**Spring Break**  
**Saturday, March 20**  
through  
**Monday, April 5**  
**School resumes on: Tuesday, April 6**

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



***"All our handling of the child  
will bear fruit, not only at the  
moment, but in the adult they  
are destined to become."***



## Calendar for the Week

March 22 thru March 26

## Spring Break

### Field Trips in Store

#### Kindergarten Bronx Zoo

- Fri, March 19
- Morning

#### Middle Level Overnight Trip to Nature's Classroom

- April 15-16

#### Lower Level Philipsburg Manor

- April 19
- All Day

#### Upper Level Overnight Trip to Greenkill

- April 21-23
- Morning

#### Lower Level Wyckoff Farmhouse

- May 11
- All Day

#### Early Program Day in the Park

- June 8

#### Elementary Beach Day

- June 8
- All Day



### SCHEDULE CHANGE...

## Spring Performances Rescheduled! - Fix Your Calendars -

### Elementary Spring Show

(K, LL, ML, UL)

Originally scheduled for Friday, June 4 at 9am

NOW scheduled for

**Friday, May 21st, at 9:00 am**

Location remains the Church Auditorium

### Early Program Movement Assembly

Originally Scheduled on May 21

NOW scheduled for

**\*\*\* Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am \*\*\***

### Caedmon Chorus Concert for Parents

Originally Scheduled on April 29

NOW scheduled for

**Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, at 9am**

Location is the Caedmon Lobby

### Curriculum...

## Caedmon Signs On With Smart Tuition

([www.smarttuition.com](http://www.smarttuition.com))

Caedmon has signed up with Smart Tuition to manage all the tuition collections for the next school year (2010-2011). Each Caedmon family will need to sign up, free of charge. Smart Tuition offers a wide range of payment options including most credit cards (at a fee). Further details will follow after Spring Break.

Smart Tuition also offers online payment services, and has customer service representatives available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We believe that this is more in keeping with our parents' busy schedules.

Simon Prosser, Director of Finance

### Curriculum...

## Admissions News

### For Middle Level Families:

The Cathedral School, located at 1047 Amsterdam Avenue, is delighted to offer **two Spring Admission Panels** for prospective families who are considering Cathedral for the 2011-2012 school year. There are on...

**Thursday, April 22 8:45 a.m.**

**Wednesday, May 5 6:30 p.m.**

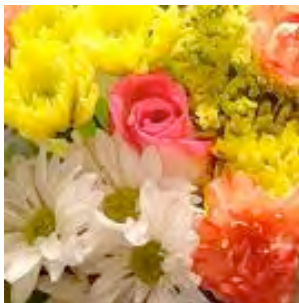
### Do you know families entering the admissions process this fall?

Caedmon's **Erica Papir** be part of a panel discussion sponsored by New York Family magazine on the topic of preschool admissions:

**Wednesday, April 7th from 6:00-8:00.**

**at L.A. Sports Club on 61<sup>st</sup> between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenues.**

It should be very helpful to families who are new to independent school admissions.



## Coming Events

**Upper Level Bake Sale**  
Thursday, February 4 and  
Friday, February 5

**Kindergarten & Lower  
Level Physical Education  
Demos**  
Monday, February 8 –  
Friday, February 12

**FACES Workshop – TBA**  
Tuesday, February 9

**School Closed /  
Presidents Days**  
Monday, February 15  
Tuesday, February 16

**CFA Spring Fundraiser**  
Thursday, March 4

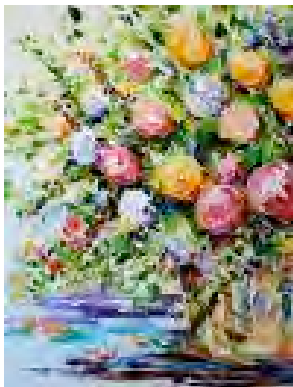
**SCHOOL CLOSED**  
**Teacher Professional  
Day**  
Friday, March 5

**Middle & Upper Level  
Sports Night**  
Tuesday, March 9

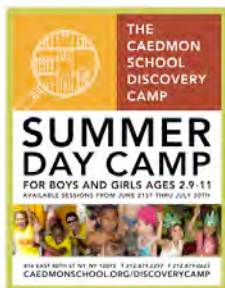
**Middle Level Breakfast**  
Friday, March 12

**Montessori Monday for  
EP and Beg Families**  
Monday, March 15

**Afterschool Winter  
Trimester Ends**  
Friday, March 19



## REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED AGAIN...



**The Discovery Camp  
Registration Deadline  
has once more been EXTENDED to**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>**

After April 16<sup>th</sup>, families will need to pay an  
extra \$150 per camper.

**CONTACT: SARAH FRANKLIN**

**[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>**

Introducing

## "Rookie Camp"

our Newest Program for the Queens Penguins (8-11 year-olds)

These oldest campers will experience a week at sleep-away camp at a premiere camp in Pennsylvania. The additional cost for the week is **\$650**. For more information please contact the Camp office at 212-879-2297 or at [Discovercamp@caedmonschool.org](mailto:Discovercamp@caedmonschool.org).

Upon request we can send you a DVD of the sleep-away camp facilities.  
A Q&A gathering will be held in mid-April at the school.

## Community...



## Caedmon Family Helps Haiti

We are delighted to share with you some inspiring information about the wonderful work being done by one of our Caedmon parents. **Carmen Partridge** (mother of Cora) spends half the school year in New York and half in St. Thomas. Within 48 hours of the disaster, she had helped to mobilize flights and medical teams who have so far saved 1000 lives.

Visit their website to learn more: <http://www.usvihaitianrelief.org>

## Private Events... NEW!

**There are still places available for  
Saturday Fencing Classes  
in The Caedmon Gym!**

**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

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



**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

**Elementary Classroom Observations End**

Friday, April 23

**Testing for ML and UL**

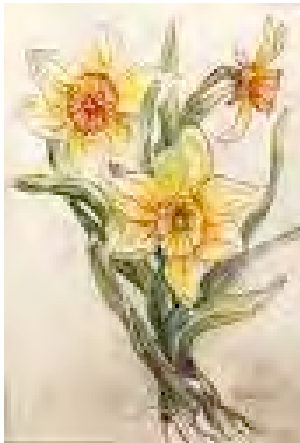
April 26-27

**FACES Workshop - TBA**

Tuesday, April 27

**CFA Dad's Night Out**

Thursday, April 29



Curriculum/Community...

**Plan Ahead!**

**Early Program Grandparents/Special Friends Day**

**Friday, April 30th at 2:15pm**  
(Full-Day only, not including Discovery)

R.S.V.P. To **Kristina Wels** or **Maria Howard** at (212) 879-2296 x313

Community/ CFA...

**CFA News**

**Teacher Appreciation Luncheon**

**Monday, April 5th**

**Show the teachers and staff how much we appreciate ALL they do for our children!**

Sign up to bring a dish of food on the day of the luncheon. You don't even have to stay! It doesn't get easier than that!

If you want to stick around and help, this is a fun event to work. The faculty & staff really enjoy it.

Please let Stephanie Messing know what you can bring ASAP! Email her directly at: [shullik@rcn.com](mailto:shullik@rcn.com)

**New & Improved Caedmon School Website**

Check it out to see all the amazing photos from the Spring Fundraiser!

A special THANK YOU to **Reem Shiber** for documenting the entire process from the planning to the BIG NIGHT!!!

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

**CFA Open Chair Positions**

*Are you interested in getting more involved in the Caedmon Family Association? We are looking for several people to...*

**Help organize the upcoming Mother's/Father's Day Raffle**

**Plan a Middle/Upper Level Family Ice Skating Evening for Fall 2010.**

*If you are interested, please contact Amy Chatterjee [ahchatterjee@gmail.com](mailto:ahchatterjee@gmail.com) or Joanne Gambone [jmasso@rcn.com](mailto:jmasso@rcn.com)*

**And The Winner Is...**

**CONGRATULATIONS to Patricia Ribeiro** (mother of Sam Gringauz - EP Simmons/Snyder's class) who today won the Haiti painting raffle!

Thanks to all the families who generously donated to this wonderful cause. If you still wish to donate, please contact Amy Chatterjee. [ahchatterjee@gmail.com](mailto:ahchatterjee@gmail.com)



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

**Caedmon Music School  
Recital**  
Sunday, May 2

**FACES Workshop - TBA**  
Tuesday, May 4

**CFA Mother/Father Day  
Raffle**  
Friday, May 7

**CFA Spring Pajama Day**  
Monday, May 10

**New Family Reception**  
Wednesday, May 12

**Kindergarten Breakfast**  
Thursday, May 13

**SCHOOL CLOSED  
Teacher Professional  
Day**  
Friday, May 14

**"Meet The Afterschool  
Faculty" Party**  
Monday, May 17

**Family Conferences**  
(Afternoon, School Open)  
Tuesday, May 18 / 12-5pm

**SCHOOL CLOSED  
Family Conferences and  
CFA Book Fair**  
Wednesday, May 19

**CFA Morning Meeting**  
Thursday, May 20

**EP and Beg Classroom  
Observations End**  
Thursday, May 20



Curriculum...

## The Spring PJ Drive Starts Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>



*Zzzzzzz...*

**Wake up, Sleepyheads! It's that time again!  
As you travel or shop for spring over break,  
start gathering new PJ's and books to donate!**

Community - COMING SOON!...

### **Coffee, Culture, and Scorpions: A Science Teacher's Guatemalan Experience**

Thanks to the MacTague Fund for Faculty Development, Mr. Crohn traveled to the Central America country of Guatemala this past summer to study Spanish, culture, and the environment. After six weeks of language and cultural immersion classes taught by former guerrillas, close calls with scorpions, fishing from wooden canoes, and climbing ancient Mayan pyramids, Mr. Crohn is excited to share his stories, pictures, and videos from this perspective changing experience.



**Please Join Us! All Are Welcome!**

**Tuesday, April 6th  
4:15 to 5:30**

**In the Caedmon Science Lab**



Organic Guatemalan Coffee and Refreshments Will Be Served

**Guests are welcome to come and go as their schedules permit.**

Childminding can be arranged by contacting Andrew Kagan,  
[kagan@caedmonschool.org](mailto:kagan@caedmonschool.org)



**Elementary Spring Show**  
Friday, May 21

**SAT Testing for Lower and Middle Levels**  
May 24-28

**SCHOOL CLOSED**  
**Memorial Day**  
Monday, May 24

**Early Program**  
**Movement Assembly**  
Friday, May 28

**Afterschool Spring**  
**Trimester Ends**  
Friday, June 4

**Caedmon Chorus**  
**Performs for Families**  
Monday, June 7

**Elementary Beach Day**  
**and EP Day in the Park**  
Tuesday, June 8

**Upper Level Closing**  
**Exercises**  
Wednesday, June 9

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**  
**(Half Day)**  
Wednesday, June 9

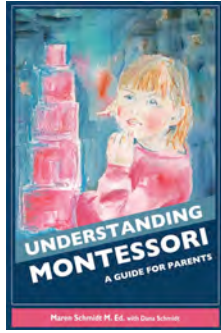
**No-Frills Vacation Camp**  
June 14-18

**Discover Camp Begins**  
Monday, June 21



**Weekly**  
**Lunch Menu**

**Spring Break**



## Engaging Cooperation

March 14, 2010

When we get into a hurry to have something done, we often offer a reward to the person who gets the job done first. Years ago, I read about a sales organization that restructured their reward system. In the past the company had given a trip to their top three sales people. Historically there was a large gap in sales between the third and fourth person. A new sales manager proposed a change in the

reward system. She doubled the sales goal for the year. The sales manager told the sales team that when they met this goal, everyone on the team would go to Hawaii.

After initial grumbling and disbelief, the sales team figured out that they needed to work together so that everyone could win. It was all or none. Much to their CEO's amazement, the sales organization met their objective by August. The least productive sales person performed at the level of the previous year's top sale associate. This sales manager knew how to engage cooperation. She knew everyone was in the same boat and she found a powerful way for the sales associates to understand it.

To engage cooperation with our children, we need to help our children understand that we are all in this together. In [How to Talk So Kids Will Listen, and Listen So Kids Will Talk](#), Faber and Mazlish tell us we need to come with an attitude of respect that communicates to our children that we think they are loveable, smart and capable people who are willing to do the responsible thing when they see a problem.

The authors suggest the following five ways to engage cooperation:

1. Describe what you see, or describe the problem.
2. Give information.
3. Say it with a word.
4. Describe what you feel.
5. Write a note.

Let's take an example. The den needs to be picked up for company. To engage cooperation we could do the following:

To describe: There are toys on the floor that need to be put away. There are crayons on the table. There are shoes under the table. Coats are on the couch.

Give information: The Brown's are coming in 15 minutes. I don't think they can walk in the den without tripping on toys.

Say it in a word: Pick up time! Or, the den!

Describe feelings: I'd love for the Browns' to see our home without a lot of clutter.

Write a note: Emergency! Company Coming! Apple Pie for Dessert!

When we can avoid making chores into a competition, that is, rewarding our children for doing something first, or the fastest, we avoid the power struggles that can emerge from a child's thinking this is a contest between me and you. When we help everyone in our family understand that working together benefits us all--when we can engage cooperation-- we'll create stronger individuals and a stronger family.

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# **“How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk”**

**A 7-week celebrated workshop series for parents  
by best-selling authors Faber & Mazlish**

Learn skills that make life with children easier and more satisfying

- Discipline without hurting or alienating
- Cope with your child's negative feelings
- Engage your child's willing cooperation
- Help your child develop a realistic and positive self-image
- Foster an atmosphere of love and respect
- Resolve conflicts peacefully



*"This workshop gave me tools and skills that I use everyday with my 3 kids -- acknowledging feelings, descriptive 'praise', alternatives to punishments, to name a few. My kids are more in touch with their feelings and happier, and so am I." – Jenifer, mother of 6, 4 and 3 yr olds*

*"Reading the text isn't enough to fully profit from these helpful books. Taking the class makes it all really sink in...and being in a group provides support. I highly recommend the class!" –Deb, mother of 6 & 9 yr olds*

*"Since Shelly's course, our routines such as going to school, homework and bedtime are much more harmonious. I thoroughly recommend this course to all parents!" –Elizabeth, mother of 7, 5 and 2 yr olds*

*"I've read a lot of parenting books and tried lots of new initiatives over the years, but nothing has really helped me make significant changes until this program." –Jen, Mother of 3 & 5 yr olds*

*"This course helped me regain a sense of control--of myself: instead of losing my temper and resorting to punishment, I now have a repertoire of techniques that minimize the battles and reduce the decibel level in our household. It's still hard to get 3 children to do what I ask when I ask, but our days are calmer, my children are happier--and so is their mother!" – Nan, mother of 3-yr-old twins & 8 yr old*

**Register now for the Spring Semester starting in April. Class size is limited and many fill up quickly!**

## **Upper West Side**

When: **Tuesdays, 9:30–11:30am, April 20–June 1**  
or

**Wednesdays, 7–9pm, April 21–June 2**

Where: **Riverside Church Weekday School**

Investment: **\$300/person (7 weeks)**

## **Upper East Side**

When: **Wednesdays, 9:30–11:30am**  
**April 21 - June 2**

Where: **The Met Club 122 E 83rd St btwn Park & Lex**

Investment: **\$300/person (7 weeks)**

**[www.apparentlove.com](http://www.apparentlove.com)**

All classes facilitated by Shelly Macdonald. You will receive a workbook at the first session. You will need to buy two books which will be read throughout the course, *Liberated Parents/Liberated Children* and *How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk*, both by Faber/Mazlish. These books can be found at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or local bookstores. Financial assistance is available upon request.

**Contact Shelly Macdonald at [apparentlove@me.com](mailto:apparentlove@me.com) or #917 716 8475.**

When you email/call, please include: your name, email, phone and child(ren)'s name(s) and DOB(s).

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# The Parents League

OF NEW YORK

## UPCOMING EVENTS ABOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL

### WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

#### A Panel Discussion

Wednesday, April 14

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Caedmon School

416 East 80th Street

Non-members attend for \$20 at the door



Middle school marks the start of a transition toward independence for children and their parents. Classwork and homework become more rigorous, afterschool activities increase and your

normally huggable child now wants nothing to do with you. Let this panel of experts help you navigate through this new territory.

Find out what to expect from your child - emotionally, psychologically and developmentally - during those transformative years between childhood and the teenage years.

### Applying to Middle or High Schools?

#### MIDDLE AND UPPER SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PANEL DISCUSSION

Tuesday, April 27

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

The Calhoun School

433 West End Avenue

Open to everyone, but please register.



Come hear Admissions Directors from our member schools discuss the admissions process for middle and upper grades.

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