



**Academic Excellence
Natural Gifts**

**Modified Montessori
Individual Needs**

Inside Caedmon
for the week of
March 29 – April 2, 2010

**Diversity
Empathy**

**Community
Community Service**



Spring

by Mary Oliver
(Compliments of Dr. Blackburn)

I lift my face to the pale flowers
of the rain. They're soft as linen,
clean as holy water. Meanwhile
my dog runs off, noses down packed leaves
into damp, mysterious tunnels.
He says the smells are rising now
stiff and lively; he says the beasts
are waking up now full of oil,
sleep sweat, tag-ends of dreams. The rain
rubs its shining hands all over me.
My dog returns and barks fiercely, he says
each secret body is the richest advisor,
deep in the black earth such fuming
nuggets of joy!

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SCHEDULE REMINDER...

Spring Break

School resumes on: Tuesday, April 6

Curriculum...

Afterschool Program Reminder!

The Spring Trimester of the Afterschool Program begins when the children return to school next week. Remember to adjust your pick-up arrangements to match the new class schedule.

MONTESSORI QUOTE OF THE WEEK...



"We must therefore turn to the child as to the key to the fate of our future life."



EP goes to the theater...

Calendar for the Week

March 22 thru March 26
Spring Break

**School resumes on:
Tuesday, April 6**



At Circle In The Square...

Field Trips in Store

**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



What? ...no popcorn?

Community/Curriculum...



The Caedmon School Discovery Camp NEWS AND UPDATES!

**The Registration Deadline
has once more been EXTENDED to
FRIDAY, APRIL 16TH**
After April 16th, families will need to pay an
extra \$150 per camper.

Introducing our Newest Program:

"Rookie Camp" at Camp Weequahic

a premier **SLEEP AWAY CAMP** in Lakewood, PA!

A TERRIFIC OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR CHILDREN TO...
Experience Sleep Away Camp
Participate in Outdoor Activities
Make New Friends
Have Tons of Fun

2010 Rookie Camp Dates

Departure from Caedmon at 2:00 pm on

Sunday, July 25

Return to Caedmon at noon on

Friday, July 30

Fee: \$650

Please register for Rookie Camp by April 30, 2010

***Families do not need to be enrolled in Discovery Camp
in order to participate in Rookie Camp!***

Rookie Camp Q&A Session

Tuesday, April 20

6:00 – 7:00 pm

at Caedmon

Find out what you need to know to send your child to our sleep away camp.
Watch a video and view maps of the amazing property.
We look forward to seeing you there,
Sarah Franklin & Melissa Watter

For further information and registration forms please contact
Sarah Franklin at:

discoverycamp@caedmonschool.org

or 212-879-2297.

Copy and paste this link to download forms from the Caedmon website.
<http://www.caedmonschool.org/discoverycamp.htm>

Coming Events

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

Rookie Camp Q&A
Tuesday, April 20

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

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

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

Policy...

Caedmon Signs On With Smart Tuition

(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/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. The faculty & staff really enjoy it.

Let **Stephanie Messing** know what you can bring ASAP!
Email her directly at: shullik@rcn.com

CFA Open Chair Positions

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

Help with 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
or **Joanne Gambone:** jmasso@rcn.com

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

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

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

Community...

Weekly Thank You Notes

Thanks to all the administrative staff, maintenance crew, and teachers who continued to work during the spring break in preparation for Spring term.

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