



**Academic Excellence  
Natural Gifts**

**Modified Montessori  
Individual Needs**

## **Inside Caedmon** for the week of **April 5 – 9, 2010**

**Diversity  
Empathy**

**Community  
Community Service**

### **Summer at Blue Creek, North Carolina**



*By Jack Gilbert  
(Compliments of Dr. Blackburn)*

There was no water at my grandfather's when I was a kid and would go for it with two zinc buckets. Down the path, past the cow by the foundation where the fine people's house was before they arranged to have it burned down. To the neighbor's cool well. Would come back with pails too heavy, so my mouth pulled out of shape. I see myself, but from the outside. I keep trying to feel who I was, and cannot. Hear clearly the sound the bucket made hitting the sides of the stone well going down, but never the sound of me.

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#### **Curriculum/Community...**



#### **April is National Poetry Month!**

Dear Caedmon Families,

Once again, I would like to invite you to go online with your children this month and explore some of the perspectives shared by many of our nation's greatest poets. Sit down to your computer together, and go to...

<http://www.poets.org/page.php/prmID/41> ...then just explore.

Might I suggest this link as well:  
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/poetry/>

...or simply google "National Poetry Month" and see what you find! Enjoy...  
Dr. B

## Calendar for the Week

Monday, April 5

### SCHOOL CLOSED

Teacher Workshop Day

Tuesday, April 6

### CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Afterschool Spring  
Trimester Begins

Wednesday, April 7

No Events

Thursday, April 8

### Adult Yoga

- 8:30a
- Gym

Friday, April 9

### Child Chat!

- 8:30-10:00
- Ask where

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## 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

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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.

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Community – THIS WEEK!...

## 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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)

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Curriculum/Community...

## Plan Ahead!

## Early Program Grandparents/Special Friends Day

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

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

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Curriculum...

**Early Program Families**  
**SAVE THE DATES!**  
**Mornings, April 19-23**  
(...no later than 10:15 am)

**Ms. Kilbane** would like to invite Early Program Families to visit the music room during this week to enjoy their children at work and play in music. A detailed schedule will be provided soon, telling which day to attend, in order to see your child's class in action.

**Look for it in Inside Caedmon!**

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## Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday

Easter Monday  
School Closed

Tuesday

Cheese Pizza

Wednesday

Chicken Tenders  
Tater Tots

Thursday

Spaghetti  
Marinara & Alfredo Sauce  
Garlic Toast

Friday

BBQ Chicken  
Brown Rice & Corn

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## Coming Events

### 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

### 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

### Music School Recital

Sunday, May 2

## Community/Curriculum...



## The Caedmon School Discovery Camp NEWS AND UPDATES!

**The 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.

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## 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!***

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## 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](mailto: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>

**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

**Elementary Spring Show**  
Friday, May 21

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

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

**SCHOOL CLOSED**  
**Memorial Day**  
Monday, May 31

**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

CALENDAR CORRECTION...

## Memorial Day Break is May 31<sup>st</sup>!

This date has been wrongly listed in Inside Caedmon recently, but is correct in your official school calendar.

Policy...

## 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

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."***

Curriculum...

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Families! Middle School Tours are Beginning!

Below are announcements for two **events of interest** to our 4<sup>th</sup> grade families as they begin the middle school placement process for next year. Inside Caedmon will pass these notices on to you as they come to us. Look for them in the left-hand column in the coming weeks.

### The Cathedral School of St. John the Divine

1047 Amsterdam Ave. @ 111<sup>th</sup> St.

#### Admissions Panel Discussion

Thursday, April 22 @ 8:45 am

Wednesday, May 5 @ 6:00 pm

RSVP to: [admission@cathedralnyc.org](mailto:admission@cathedralnyc.org) or 212-316-7510

Include your name, the number of people attending, your phone number, and your child's birth date.

Link to website:

<http://www.cathedralnyc.org/podium/default.aspx?t=16922>

### Little Red School House & Elisabeth Irwin High School

272 Sixth Ave. (at Bleeker St.)

#### Middle School Spring Tour

Thursday, April 29 @ 9:00 am

#### BY RESERVATION ONLY

Call: 212-477-5316 ext. 210

Link to website:

<http://lrei.org>

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**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
(Half Day)**

Wednesday, June 9

**No-Frills Vacation Camp**

June 14-18

**Discover Camp Begins**

Monday, June 21

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Community/ CFA...

**CFA News**  
**Open Chair Positions**

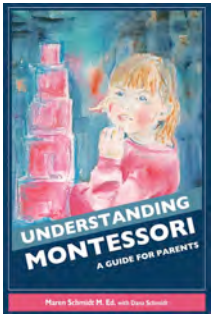
*Are you interested in getting more involved in the Caedmon Family Association? We are looking for several people to...*

**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](mailto:ahchatterjee@gmail.com)  
*or* **Joanne Gambone:** [jmasso@rcn.com](mailto:jmasso@rcn.com)

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**Remember Happy Times with Family Pictures**  
**March 28, 2010**

Max was hosting a Christmas party in his new home. Recently married, this was Max's his first gathering of friends since both his parents had died. Max's mother and father had always hosted an open house and Max wanted to continue the tradition. Upon our arrival, Max gave us a tour of his new home. Vivid is my memory of the hallway lined with family photographs. Brothers, sisters, cousins, aunts, uncles, parents, grandparents laughing and smiling from places all over the world for over seventy years.

Max told us story after story from the gallery of pictures. I knew then that Max had the strength to deal with the loss of his parents and that this wall of happy memories would help Max get through the rough stuff. Max's pictures inspired my husband and me to create a wall full of photos that we affectionately call our "Rogues' Gallery".

With digital cameras and computers, our pictures are at risk to not be incorporated into our everyday life. Photos are powerful images to remind us of the happy times in our families and inspire us to create those events. In the day-to-day stresses of our lives we can misplace our warm and endearing moments. After we've been up three nights in a row with a sick cranky child, a picture of him or her in a Halloween costume laughing can help put everything in perspective. When our surly teenager stomps through the house, the gallery can help us remember this age is also "temporary". A picture is truly worth a thousand words.

Our Rogues' Gallery started with a few pictures in our bedroom. When we moved to a two-story house, the gallery fit perfectly on the landing of the staircase. Snapshots, formal portraits, handmade cards and drawings make up our gallery. These pictures have served as a daily reminder of what is truly important in our lives--our family and the love that gets us through the good times as well as the difficult times.

With the divorce rate in America approaching the 60% mark, we need to do all we can to remember and celebrate the joyous moments in our family. There will always be trying times in our lives, times when we might want to give up in frustration. Displayed photos help us remember - This too shall pass.

Create a family photo gallery in your home. Don't hide family memories in your computer, in an album, or in boxes. Get those pictures out where everyone can enjoy them. Remembering the fun times will strengthen the bonds in your family, bonds that will be difficult to break.

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