



**Academic Excellence  
Natural Gifts**

**Modified Montessori  
Individual Needs**

**Inside Caedmon**  
for the week of  
**May 24 – 28, 2010**

**Diversity  
Empathy**

**Community  
Community Service**

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**Calendar for the Week**

Monday, May 24

**Lower and Middle Level Testing**

Tuesday, May 25

**Lower and Middle Level Testing**

**Early Program Tours for Current Beginners Families**  
(8:45a, Meet outside of Beginners Room)

**Violin Class Demonstrations – Kindergarten Children**  
(See flyer in your child's backpack for times.)

Wednesday, May 26

**Lower and Middle Level Testing**

**Violin Class Demonstrations – First Graders Classes**  
(See flyer in your child's backpack for times.)

Thursday, May 27

**Lower and Middle Level Testing**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tour of the Early Program for Beginners Families**  
(8:45a, meet outside of the Beginners Classroom)

Friday, May 28

**Lower and Middle Level Testing**

**Early Program & Beginners Movement Assembly**  
(9:00-10:00a, in the Lunchroom)

**Final Child Chat of the Year** (8:30-10:00a in the Church Hall)

**Photo Gallery**

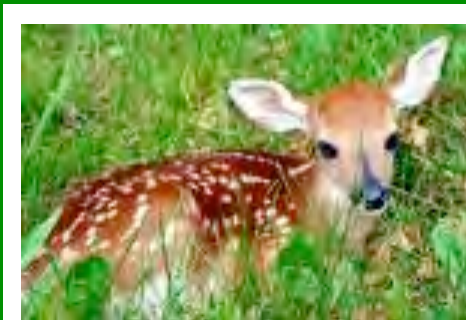
In the sidebar below, enjoy photos from: **The CFA Book Fair**, featuring elementary children filling out their wish-lists for summer reading; **The Discovery Program** at work and play; **Rehearsals for the Spring Music Show**, with Mr. Davidson putting his performers through their paces; An **Early Program Guest Storyteller**, introducing the children to jazz, and the **New Family Reception**, during which faculty, and community leaders welcomed our arriving families for next year.

## Green Shade

by Henri Cole

(Compliments of Dr. Blackburn)

With my head on his spotted back  
and his head on the grass—a little bored  
with the quiet motion of life  
and a cluster of mosquitoes making  
hot black dunes in the air—we slept  
with the smell of his fur engulfing us.  
It was as if my dominant functions were gazing  
and dreaming in a field of semiwild deer.  
It was as if I could dream what I wanted,  
and what I wanted was to long for nothing—  
no facts, no reasons—never to say again,  
"I want to be like him," and to lie instead  
in the hollow deep grass—without esteem or riches—  
gazing into the big, lacquer black eyes of a deer.



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Curriculum...

### IMPORTANT ADMISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce a change for the age requirement in our Beginners class. For the school year beginning September 2011, we will consider children with birthdays in the month of December. If your child was born in December 2008, you are able to apply to Beginners for September 2011. Please submit your Letter of Intent form by June 1 so we know your interest in applying. If you need another copy, contact the Admissions office.

Curriculum...

### ANNUAL GIVING

**Is still only at 70% Participation!**

***100% participating is our goal.  
We cannot do it without you!***

**\$1.00... \$2.00... \$5.00...**

That's all it takes to participate in Caedmon's Annual Giving Fund.  
Every gift, no matter the size, counts.  
Please consider your donation sooner, rather than later.



Curriculum...

### Lower Level Standard Achievement Testing (S.A.T.)

Lower Level will take practice tests on May 24<sup>th</sup> and May 28<sup>th</sup> and the S.A.T. tests on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Some of the goals include learning how to take tests, how to pace oneself, and increasing comfort with exposure to the various test formats. We hope to help the students decrease test anxiety and increase confidence by helping them to understand the test-taking experience.

On these days, students will not have homework, so they will have more time to play and relax. Below is a list of important reminders. Please ensure your child...

- gets rest.
- eats a good breakfast.
- is on time to school.

When the students arrive at school, they will have a chance to get water and use the restroom before the practice and testing begins.

Thank you, The Lower Level Teachers

## Field Trips in Store

### Middle Level Socrates Sculpture Park & the Noguchi Museum

- June 2
- 11:00-3:30

### Early Program Day in the Park

- June 7

### Elementary Field Day

- June 7
- All Day



## Coming Events

### 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 Field Day and EP Day in the Park

Monday, June 7

### 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



## Curriculum...

### Middle Level ERB Testing

Middle Level will be taking the ERB standardized tests Monday May 24<sup>th</sup> through Friday May 28<sup>th</sup>. In the weeks prior to testing, students will be preparing in class for testing. Some of the goals for students include learning test taking strategies and behaviors, how to pace oneself and manage anxiety. We hope to help the students to increase confidence by helping them to understand the test taking experience.

On testing days, students will not have homework so that they will have time to relax. Below is a list of important reminders. Please ensure your child:

1. Gets a good night's sleep.
2. Eats a nutritious breakfast.
3. Arrives to school on time.

Thank you, The Middle Level Teachers

## Health...

### Nurse Notes Strep Throat Alert!



Several cases of **strep throat** have been reported to the school. Your child may have been exposed.

Please watch for any of these **Common Signs and**

#### **Symptoms:**

- Throat pain
- Difficulty swallowing
- Red and swollen tonsils, sometimes with white patches or streaks of pus
- Tiny red spots on the soft or hard palate — the area at the back of the roof of the mouth
- Swollen, tender lymph glands (nodes) in your neck
- Fever
- Headache
- Rash
- Stomachache and sometimes vomiting, especially in younger children

For an accurate diagnosis, a throat culture needs to be taken. Symptoms generally occur 2-3 days before a culture will show positive results. Following a culture being taken, your child should remain at home until you know the results. If medication is prescribed for strep throat, your child needs to be on the medication for 24 hours before returning to school. If your child develops a fever, he or she must also be without a fever, and off of any fever medication for 24 hours before returning to school.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Regards...

Sonya Neis RN, Director of Health

## Curriculum...

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Tour of the Early Program for Beginners Families Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 (with Maria Howard)

Beginner families are invited to join us for a special tour of the Early Program environment, so that you can see what lies ahead for your child next year. We would like to show you our second floor community and answer any questions you may have.

### There is no need to R.S.V.P.

We will meet you just outside the Beginners room to begin the tour. We hope to see many of you there!



## MONTESSORI QUOTE OF THE WEEK...



**"We found individual activity is the one factor that stimulates and produces development."**

### Weekly Lunch Menu

#### Monday

Traditional Meatloaf with Gravy  
Creamy Mashed Potatoes  
Succotash

#### Tuesday

Grilled Chicken  
White Rice  
Mixed Asian Vegetables

#### Wednesday

Spaghetti  
Marinara & Alfredo Sauce  
Broccoli

#### Thursday

Pizza  
Yellow Squash

#### Friday

Chicken Tenders  
Tater Tots  
Carrots



### Curriculum...

#### Early Program Corner

**Reminder #1: Classroom Observations** have come to an end for the year. Families will be invited to observe in the classrooms again next Fall.

**Reminder #2:** The **Movement Assembly for all Early Program and Beginner children** is next **Friday, May 28th at 9:00 in the lunchroom.** Each class will be showing off some of the moves they have learned in Ms. Kindred's Movement class. Don't forget your cameras!

**Jazz** seems to have infected the entire Caedmon School this Spring! On Thursday this week, the children journeyed over to the Church Hall to watch the final rehearsal of the Elementary Music Show, "**JazzStory**". It was a wonderful opportunity for them to enjoy the jazz music, and to see all of their book buddies and siblings perform! They watched all of the "**big kids**" in amazement...

This past Tuesday, all of the Early Program and Discovery children enjoyed the storytelling of Kathy Z. Price, as she presented her own story, "**The Bourbon Street Musicians**". With instruments, enthusiasm, and a bit of magic, she transported the children to the Louisiana bayou and introduced them to southern culture and the world of jazz.

### Curriculum...

#### Violin Class Demonstrations

Kindergarten and First Grade families have the chance to see their children show-off what they have learned in violin class with **Ms. Flatow**.

A flyer will be sent home with your child telling you the precise time when his/her class will be performing.

#### Kindergarten Families

Tuesday, May 25  
Between the hours of 12:30 and 2:40 pm

#### First Grade Families

Wednesday, May 26  
Between the hours of 1:00 and 2:40 pm

All performances will be in the lobby. All are welcome to attend.

### Curriculum...

#### Baseball Camp Full

Mr. Kagan is delighted to announce that the new Baseball Camp is now full! Thank you for supporting this great new program. Mr. Kagan will provide details to the campers next week regarding policies and procedures.

Participants should contact Mr. Kagan ([kagan@caedmonschool.org](mailto:kagan@caedmonschool.org)) with questions. Checks should be made out to "The Caedmon School".





Curriculum SAVE THE DATE...

## Summer Music School Open House Tuesday, June 1, 6:30-8:30 pm

Join us to meet our new faculty members and learn about our expanded instrumental music summer curriculum.

### SPECIAL GUEST ARTIST



### **JJ Murphy and his Band** (Kindergarten Associate Teacher)

Cocktails and Hors D'oeuvres will be served.  
**(Childcare Available)**

**This event is open to Caedmon AND the entire NYC community.**  
**Help us spread the word!**  
**Invite your friends, neighbors, and associates.**

(Bring your checkbooks to be ready to register for lessons.)

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### **The Summer Music Program Runs From** **Monday, June 21 through Monday, August 30**

Lessons may be scheduled **Monday-Thursday**, during and after Summer Camp hours. Families may sign up for any weeks they are available.

For more information, please contact **Ms. Flatow, Summer Music School Coordinator** at this email address: [summermusic@caedmonschool.org](mailto:summermusic@caedmonschool.org)

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### **Aviation Club and Advanced Aviators** **To Visit Asphalt Green** *(Families Invited)*



**Aviation Club (K & LL)**  
Wednesday, June 2, 3:00-4:00p @ Asphalt Green

**Advanced Aviators (ML & UL)**  
Wednesday, June 2, 5:00-5:30p in Central Park  
(79<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>)

For the last class of the term on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Aviation Club** (K and LL students) will depart Caedmon at 2:45pm for a trip to Asphalt Green (90th Street and York Avenue) to fly their newly constructed planes.

**Parents and caregivers are invited** watch the air show from 3:00 - 4:00pm. Students can be dismissed from that location, or upon their return to Caedmon at 4:15. Please notify Mr. Kagan if your child will be picked up from Asphalt Green.

**Advanced Aviators** (ML and UL) will fly their planes in Central Park at 79th Street and 5th Avenue on **Wednesday, June 2nd from 5:00 - 5:30pm**. Students will depart Caedmon at 4:40 and return at 5:40. Please notify Andrew Kagan if you or your caregiver will be attending the show. You may pick up your child there or upon their return to Caedmon.





Curriculum...

## Expanded Summer Bridge Camp Travel Program

**Bridge Camp** will be held from June 14th through the 18th from 8:30-3:30 each day. A new **travel program** has been added for children entering grades 3 and above. These children will take day trips to see some of the exciting sites of New York City, including a Yankee Stadium tour, museums, a sports day and picnic in the park, and other attractions.

Children in Early Program (minimum age 4) through Lower Level will have a host of activities in the air-conditioned Caedmon building. Elahi Yoga and SocRoc will each conduct 45-minute classes during the camp day. Children will also have art, cooking, music, and story time, as well as fun in the courtyard.

**Full-day cost is \$100 per day, or \$400 for the week.**  
(There is NO half-day option.)

**Snack will be served in both the morning and afternoon, but all campers are required to bring their own lunch.**

A similar Bridge camp will be held in August from 8/16-8/20 and 8/23-8/27.

Please contact Andrew Kagan at 212-879-2296 ext. 316 or [kagan@caedmonschool.org](mailto:kagan@caedmonschool.org) to register.

Curriculum...

## Contact Update Sheet Coming

In early June, returning Caedmon families will be receiving their first **Student Information Package** with forms to be filled out for next year. Please keep an eye out for the form shown at right, which the school needs to keep accurate records of all your contact information ...including which numbers and addresses you wish us to publish internally to the school community. The form you receive will be "pre-populated" with all the information we currently have on file. Families should edit or add information, as necessary, directly to the fields on the sheet, and then return the form to **Susan Bonet** in the Central Office (...not Pauline at the front desk).

STUDENT PERSONAL PROFILE 2009 - 2010		TheCaedmonSchool FOUNDED 1981	
Student ID#	-000-		
<b>STUDENT'S INFORMATION</b>			
Student's Full Name	-STU_FULL_NAME-		
Nickname (if any)	-STU_PREFERRED_NAME-	Enrolling Program: _____	
Home Address	-ADDRESS- -CITY-, -STATE-, -ZIP-		
Home Phone	-TEL_NO-	-TEL_NO2-	
<b>FAMILY MEMBER INFORMATION</b>			
Are parents separated or divorced (Y/N)?		If yes, with whom does the student live?	
If the answer to the following two questions is, BOTH PARENTS, please leave them blank			
Who bears the financial responsibility for the student's education?			
To whom should notices and reports be sent?			
Family Member 1			
Full Name	-NAME1_FULL_NAME-		
Home Address	-ADDRESS1- -CITY1-, -STATE1-, -ZIP1-		
Home Phone	-TEL_NO1-	Cell Phone	-OTHER_NO_#-
Work Phone	-OTHER_NO_#-		
Email (Primary)	-EMAIL1-	Email (Secondary): _____	
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Be sure to also put a check in the appropriate **DNP** boxes (**Do Not Publish**), for any info you do **NOT** wish published in the green pages of the Caedmon School Handbook next Fall. Anything not checked **WILL** be printed in the Handbook. (The Handbook is only shared with current Caedmon families.) **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!** ...especially **email addresses!**

These sheets will be mailed to you in the early June mailing Student Information Package. Any information not received by **August 1** will not make the new directory. Thank you...

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## Caedmon In Motion "Dance With Me" With a New Instructor for Next Year!

Ms. Radtke is delighted to announce that Caedmon In Motion will be continued next year as an afterschool program called "**Dance With Me**". It will be taught by her current assistant Kim Eilian. See the registration form and flyer, below and attached with this edition, for more information.

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## CFA News

**The figures are in! The 2010 Mother's Day/Father's Day Raffle grossed: \$5,658!** (that is \$2,000 more than last year!) **GO CAEDMON!**

Last **Child Chat** of the year is **THIS FRIDAY, MAY 28<sup>th</sup>**.

All are welcome to join us, even on this last day. Anyone who has dropped in throughout the year - make it a point to close the year out together. St. Monica's Church Basement, **8:30-10:00am**. Bring your coffee!

### Lots of special CFA thank you notes this week:

Thank you once again to **Hillary Gauthier & Shannon Crooks** for leading the Pajama Program collection over the last two weeks. And thanks to all who so generously donated! We'll have an "official count" next week.

A special thank you to **Gerilyn Smith, Elena Keller**, and all the parent volunteers for running a fabulous Book Fair all day Tuesday and Wednesday. It was a great addition to Parent/Teacher Conference Day, and an opportunity for many of our New Caedmon families to visit the school once again before joining our community next year.

**Thanks to all the families who donated books to the Caedmon Library. It is greatly appreciated.**

**Mark Your Calendars Now: Last Yoga class of the year: Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Gym, 8:30-9:30am**  
**All experience levels welcome!**

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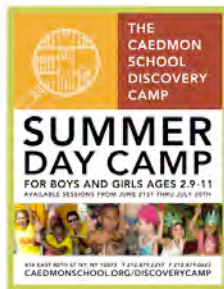
## The Caedmon School Discovery Camp

Invites you to join us for a  
**Parent Orientation Meeting**

**WHEN: Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30 – 8:00**  
**WHERE: The Caedmon School lobby**  
**WHY: Prepare for Discovery Camp 2010**

*This is an opportunity to hear from our director, meet other parents and staff, and turn in any of the packet forms sent last few month (if you have not already done so).*

**Food and drinks will be served.**  
*We look forward to seeing you there.*



**And Don't Forget...**  
**"Rookie Camp"**  
**at Camp Weequahic**

**Sunday, July 25 - Friday, July 30**  
**\$650**

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

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Contact **Sarah Franklin** at:  
[discoverycamp@caedmonschool.org](mailto:discoverycamp@caedmonschool.org) or 212-879-2297

**Copy and paste this link to download Registration forms:**  
<http://www.caedmonschool.org/discoverycamp.htm>

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## - Still Seeking - Caedmon Nursery Teacher For Next Year

Caedmon is seeking a lead teacher for the nursery for next year. Below is a brief job description with minimum education/certificate requirements.

### Early Childhood Lead Teacher for The Caedmon Nursery

The Early Childhood Lead Teacher is responsible for creating and implementing a developmentally based educational program for up to seven children from the age of 8 weeks to 2 years. The Lead Teacher is responsible for preparing daily activities, including but not limited to: feeding and diapering; maintaining a clean and safe environment; communicating daily with families; and overseeing a Teaching Assistant. The ideal person for this position is energetic, warm, loving, and has good communication skills. This person must be willing and able to be flexible and work with many different people.

In addition to the above, this person must also meet the requirements of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The person qualified for this position **shall be at least 21 years of age**, and have **at least one year of experience** as a group teacher or child care provider in a child care service for children under 24 months of age. Lastly, the person shall have **one or more** of the following qualifications.

- BA in early childhood education or related field of study;
- Associate's (AA or AS) degree in early childhood; or
- Child Development Associate (CDA) certification and a study plan leading to an associate's degree in early childhood education within 7 years.

Please send a resume and letter of interest to:  
Honor Taft ([taft@caedmonschool.org](mailto:taft@caedmonschool.org)), Assistant Head of School

Curriculum...

## Weekly Thank You Notes



A heartfelt

# THANK YOU

for your generous donations!

**The trunk is closed for the Spring season, but don't forget to collect for the Fall drive as you find sales over the Summer!**

**We'll let you know our final PJ and book totals next week!  
Sleep tight!**



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## CaedmonGear

Introducing...

### The Caedmon Tote Bag



\$25

24 oz. cotton canvas (same as LLBean), zippered top

They're going fast- don't miss out! You'll need one for the beach this summer!



If you have not picked up your pre-ordered  
sweatshirts, please contact

Shannon Crooks, [shannon\\_crooks@yahoo.com](mailto:shannon_crooks@yahoo.com) or  
Donna DiFelice, [donna.difelice@carolehochman.com](mailto:donna.difelice@carolehochman.com)

Stay tuned for more **'Gear** coming your way! Baseball hats!

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# DANCE WITH ME



"Caedmon in Motion" is delighted to be offering "Dance With Me," a fun after-school workshop funded by Caedmon School. Classes will take place on Thursdays from 3:40 to 4:40. Your children will soar as they discover the wonder of body intelligence through the building blocks of dance. Kim Eilian—a New York City dance professional, works with children—utilizing her continuing interest in all the various styles, from hip hop and modern to swing and salsa. Kim's style is a reflection of many genres—always reaching for the *art* that emerges from the common roots of dance. Plain and simple, your kids will be moving, grooving and using their imagination!

Because this is a class that leads up to performances throughout the year, it is strongly recommended that families commit to the full year (2010-2011). Spaces are limited. To guarantee a spot in this exciting after-school program, please register no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>.

\*Please cut and return this permission slip by Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_  
to participate in "Dance With Me" for the 2010-2011 school year.

Level next year \_\_\_\_\_

Health concerns \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Contact email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## Avoid Discouragement, Apologize

May 16, 2010



"My dad never apologized for anything. He never admitted he was wrong, made a mistake or said he was sorry for anything. I think that caused so much friction and anger in our relationship. Now, I find I'm starting to do the same thing with my boys," Stewart said during a parenting class. "How can I change?"

We had been talking that evening about ways that parents discourage their children, and that a misbehaving child is always a discouraged child. Stewart recognized himself in discussion of the four key ways that parents discourage children with negative expectations, focusing on mistakes, perfectionism and overprotection.

Stewart saw his father's inability to apologize as a result of a desire to be seen as perfect. Stewart was realizing that his desire for perfection might create the same kind of discouragement in his children that he had experienced as a child. Stewart wanted a long-term healthy relationship with his boys, then ages three and four.

I shared with Stewart and the group one of my experiences with perfectionism and the power of apologizing. My book club was scheduled to arrive at our home in less than thirty minutes. My daughters were three and four and were helping me prepare snacks and set out plates and napkins. I was a little out of sorts, because my husband was out of town and wasn't home to help put the girls to bed. As we left the kitchen, a glass platter got bumped. Vegetables and dip flew off the counter. Broccoli, celery, and carrot sticks flew across the floor along with shards of glass. Garlic leek dip landed in my shoes.

It was an unfortunate and poorly timed accident. It was not intentional, but I reacted as if it had been masterfully planned. "Upstairs. Now. Both of you. I can't believe you did this. You've ruined everything," I yelled, instantly regretting my lack of self-control. There was no excuse for blowing up even if there was onion dip in my shoes. No excuse.

The girls ran upstairs, upset and crying. I cleaned up the mess, rueful of how I had over reacted. I walked up the stairs and sat down on their bed.

"I'm sorry I lost my temper. I know this was an accident and you didn't mean to knock the plate from the table. I shouldn't have yelled at you. I think I was more concerned about things being perfect for my meeting than your feelings. Will you forgive me? How can I make you feel better?" I choked back my tears.

My daughters patted me on the arm. "It's okay, Mom. We still love you."

Children have such kind, resilient and forgiving natures. We were all children once, and it helps us be better parents when we can remember that.

Don't be afraid of looking out of control or weak to your children when you've done something you wish you hadn't. Say you're sorry, ask for forgiveness and try to make things right. Apologize, and you'll side step those four key ways parents discourage their children. Just apologize.

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