



Academic Excellence
Natural Gifts

Modified Montessori
Individual Needs

Inside Caedmon
for the week of
September 28 – October 2, 2009

Diversity
Empathy

Community
Community Service

Wild Geese

by Mary Oliver

(Compliments of Dr. Blackburn)

You do not have to be good.
You do not have to walk on your knees
for a hundred miles through the desert, repenting.
You only have to let the soft animal of your body
love what it loves.
Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.
Meanwhile the world goes on.
Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain
are moving across the landscapes,
over the prairies and the deep trees,
The mountains and the rivers.
Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,
are heading home again.
Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
the world offers itself to your imagination,
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting –
over and over announcing your place in the family of things.

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REMINDER...

SCHOOL IS CLOSED for Yom Kippur
Monday, September 28th

Curriculum...

Child Safety
From the School Health Director

As always, the safety of your children is our number one priority here at Caedmon. Because the children need to go up and down the stairs here at School, and play in our courtyard daily, we ask that you have your child(ren) wear sneakers. As written in the Caedmon Handbook, we do not allow the children to wear backless shoes, heals, or Crocs (much too loose).

Parents can also help the teachers in their efforts to teach the children to become independent, by bringing your child(ren) to school in clothing that is easy for them to unbutton or snap when using the bathroom.

Elementary children must wear or bring a pair of sneakers to school in order to participate in gym class.

Calendar for the Week

Monday, September 28

SCHOOL CLOSED
For Yom Kippur

Tuesday, September 29

No School Event

Wednesday, September 30

No School Event

Thursday, October 1

CFA General Meeting
- 8:30-10:00 a
- St Monica's Hall

**Reception at Dr. B's for
Miss Mastrangelo and
Ms. Jorgenson's class**
- 6:30-8:00p
- 1520 York Ave.
Apt 32J

Friday, October 2

**Elementary Apple
Picking Trip**
- all day

Child Chat
- 8:30-10:00
- Library

Field Trips in Store

**Middle Level Science
Wednesday, October 14**
The Beczak Center

Community...

Admissions News!

The Admissions Office is thrilled to share the news that over 400 inquiries have already been received for next year's admission season!

We would also like to introduce our two new Admissions employees. Both are Ccurrent Caedmon parents who are stepping up to assist Erica Papir during and after her maternity leave.

Lynn Burke is no stranger to the office, having assisted Mrs. Papir for many years now with parent interviews and more. Lynne has now taken on the title of **Assistant Director of Admissions** and will be doing even more to keep Caedmon's enrollment strong.

Sonya Neis is a registered nurse who has been an active supporter of the school's health program in recent years. She will now be acting as **Associate to Admissions**, with responsibility for parent interviews.

Please help us extend a warm welcome to these two newest members of Caedmon's Administrative team.

Community...

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN 2009-2010

Here they are! The Caedmon School's 253 children, faculty and staff.



In a few weeks time our Annual Giving Campaign will be off and running. A mailing will be going to each family explaining the Campaign and you will be receiving a copy of this special school picture. A few weeks after this mailing a trustee or class parent will be calling you to discuss the campaign and ask for a pledge. Last year we achieved 83% participation. We would love to surpass that level this year.

Warm regards,
Cindy Rodriguez, Director of Development

MONTESSORI QUOTE OF THE WEEK...

"Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed."

Curriculum...

Guest (Abstract) Artist To Visit Middle Level

On Tuesday October 6, all of Middle Level will have a special visit from Michael Gross (Sarah Nissim's father), who happens to be an abstract artist. Mr. Gross will do a morning presentation in which he will start a painting in front of the children. In the afternoon he will help Ms. Moross guide the children as they work on their own abstract paintings. We all look forward to viewing the results on display soon.

Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday

Yom Kippur
SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday

Turkey Chili
Rice Pilaf

Wednesday

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes

Thursday

Meat Lasagna

Friday

Beef Burgers
Potato Wedges

Coming Events

CFA Class Rep Meeting
Monday, October 5

Classroom Observations Begin
Tuesday, October 6

Upper Level Transfer Workshop (5th Graders)
Tuesday, October 6

Open House for Perspective Families
Tuesday, October 6

Reception at Dr. B's for Mrs. Nathanson and Ms. Milton's class
Wednesday, October 7

CFA/FACES Welcome Party "What Makes Your Family"
Thursday, October 8

CFA School Photo Days
Thursday, October 8 and
Friday, October 9

School Closed / Columbus Day
Monday, October 12

Curriculum...

Caedmon's New Library

Below are a few photos of our new Caedmon Library, with brightly painted walls, a new SMARTboard, and a redesigned presentation space.



There are many people to thank for this newest improvement to our facility. Firstly, it was all made possible by a joint contribution from two Caedmon families: JR and Cindy Rodriguez (parents of alum Jay Rodriguez), and Mikhail Filimonov and Natalia Oblonsky (parents of Nicholas Filimonov).

A further donation of professional design consultation was made by Jonathon Schecter and Amy Flom (parents of Aden Schecter).

Our own librarian, Mary Beth Vrazel oversaw the project, and many Caedmon adults stepped up during the final hours to help her reassemble the catalogue of books in their new shelves.

On behalf of the children who are already loving their new space, we all extend our deepest gratitude to these wonderful people who made it happen.

Community...

Caedmon Helps Kenya with C.A.R.E.

The check that was presented to C.A.R.E. by the children during last Thursday's assembly will benefit The Harvest Shepherd Early Childhood Development Center in Soweto Silanga, a village in Kibera. Attached with this newsletter you will find a wonderful article provided by trustee Suzanne Charity, which talks about the overall program in Kenya, and the specific ways that Caedmon's participation will help.



Curriculum...

The Heifer Project Update The Change Bowl is Open for Contributions!



"give not a cup, but a cow"

The Early Program children would like everyone to know that the HEIFER CHANGE BOWL is now "open and ready" in the front entryway. Feel free to unload your weighty pocket change every time you stop by school ...for arrival, dismissal, or evening event. **Those paper bills can get pretty burdensome too!** Help the Early Program buy some really useful animals for our neighbors through Heifer International.

FACES Potluck Supper
Tuesday, October 13

**Upper Level Transfer
Workshop (5th Graders)**
Wednesday, October 14

**Reception at Dr. B's for
Ms. Schneider and Ms.
Simmon's class**
Wednesday, October 14

**Montessori Monday for
EP and Beg Families**
Wednesday, October 7

**Upper Level Transfer
Workshop (5th Graders)**
Tuesday, October 20

**Reception at Dr. B's for
Mrs. Trinkle and Ms.
Dudgeon's class**
Wednesday, October 21

**Reception at Dr. B's for
Ms. McGregor and Mr.
Murphy's class**
Thursday, October 22

**CFA Halloween Raffle
Drawing**
Friday, October 23

CFA Picnic in the Park
Saturday, October 24
(Rain date: 10/31)

CFA Fall Pajama Day
Monday, October 26

**Upper Level Transfer
Workshop (5th Graders)**
Tuesday, October 27

**Reception at Dr. B's for
Ms. Woodruff and Ms.
Watter's class**
Tuesday, October 27

**Reception at Dr. B's for
Ms. Rossano and Ms.
McGregor's class**
Wednesday, October 28

**Open House for
Perspective Families**
Thursday, October 29

Curriculum...

Homework Helper Update

**The cost has been lowered
to match the cost of Childminding!**

**\$15.00/hour
\$7.50/half-hour**

This change allows 1st - 5th grade children in Childminding to attend Homework Helper every day as part of their Childminding fees. If your child is in childminding, he or she will be sent to Homework Helper automatically for no extra charge.

The regular **Homework Helper Program** will continue as before at the new lower price of:

**\$15.00/hour
\$7.50/half-hour**

Students looking for a little quiet space to study after school can find it in the Homework Helper classrooms. From Mondays through Thursdays, any student from 1st grade through 5th grade can hit the books with valuable assistance from experienced Caedmon teachers. Sessions are 30 or 60 minutes and take place between 3:40 and 5:10.

Interested families should make arrangements with Mr. Kagan at kagan@caedmonschool.org

Community...

Autumn Clothing Drive
Clean out your closets!
Don't throw anything away yet!

Caedmon's fall clothing donation drive is scheduled for the week of November 16th. Start collecting all the winter clothing that you know you'll never wear again, and save it to bring in to Caedmon that week. Women's, children's, and men's clothing will all be accepted.

Volunteers will be needed during arrival and dismissal each day that week to greet folks and accept donated clothing. Please contact Dave Kleckner at DLKleckner@msn.com, if you would like to participate. Look for more information in Inside Caedmon soon.

Curriculum REMINDER...

Classroom Observations Begin Tuesday, October 6th

Tuesday the 6th is the first day for which you may sign up to observe the Caedmon program in action, either in your child's classroom, a specialist class, or any other classroom in the school. We strongly encourage all parents and guardians to take advantage of this opportunity to witness our fabulous faculty at work, and to see our school mission being enacted on a daily basis. It can be particularly enlightening to observe a class that is a few grades ahead of your child's, to get a feel for where they are heading.

Observations are **BY RESERVATION ONLY**. To make an appointment to observe, Elementary families should contact Honor Taft, Assistant head of School. Early Program and Beginner families should contact Kristina Wels, Head of the Early Program (or Maria Howard, once Ms. Wels goes on maternity leave).

Please! Refrain from blogging or Facebook networking about your experience in the classroom. In some schools it may be all the rage, but at Caedmon your visit to the classroom is between you, your child, and their teachers. Kindly extend your fellow class parents - and the teachers - the courtesy of allowing them to experience their own visits and form their own impressions. Thank you...

Middle Level Tours and Open Houses

**Little Red Schoolhouse
& Elisabeth Irwin HS**
invites you to attend

Middle School Tours and Open House

Tours:

Wednesday mornings,
October – December
272 Sixth Avenue
(at the corner of Bleecker)

Open House:

Thursday,
October 29, 6:00 PM
40 Charlton Street
(between Sixth Avenue &
Varick Street)

**Please RSVP to the
Admissions Office
212-477-5316 x210**

Students are welcome to
join their parents for the
morning tours.

The Dwight School Fall 2009--2010 Open House Dates

Open houses are held on:

Tues, October 6th;
Tues, November 5th;
Wed, December 2nd;
Wed, January 20th.

Open houses are from
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm.
Please call the admissions
office at 212-724-7524 or
admissions@dwright.edu to
reserve your spot.

Community...

International Peace Day

Many parents have asked about the song we sang for International Peace Day last week. The song, as well as lots of information about the worldwide event can be found at: <http://singpeacearoundtheworld.blogspot.com/>.

Miss Mastrangelo would like to thank all the children, faculty and staff of The Caedmon School for taking the time on Monday to light a candle and sing a song for peace.

Community...

The CFA Annual Welcome Back Party

October 8, 2009

6:30pm

at The Caedmon School

Featuring

"What Makes Your Family"

**A Community Photo Exhibit sponsored by
FACES**

**Please RSVP
asap to**

CFA@caedmonschool.org

If you have any questions regarding the photo exhibit, please contact...

Marvina: cypresqn@nyc.rr.com

Moon: moon.kim@nyu.edu

Ivette: ivette@overlapdesign.com

Elena: elena89088@aol.com

Curriculum...

Elementary Apple Picking Trip **THIS FRIDAY! ...October 2nd**

This highlight of the elementary calendar is THIS FRIDAY. No permission slip is required for this particular outing.

Please plan ahead. Watch the weather and dress your children appropriately to spend a full day out of doors.

Because the exact time that the children will return that day is always uncertain, there will be **no afterschool classes** that day. There **will** be childminding and music lessons.

Curriculum...

Middle Level Science Field Trip Wednesday, October, 14

"At the Beczak Center, students will use seining nets to survey the local wildlife and assist the center in their collection of data on the local mussel population. We will also explore the Hudson River watershed using the center's scale model of the entire Hudson River basin. The trip connects to Middle Level's study of Native American's in social studies and the student's study of the Hudson River's natural history in Science class. Students will also have the opportunity to explore how the river has inspired artists throughout history in art class. Check out the Beczak Center at:

<http://www.beczak.org>

**The Hewitt School
45 East 75th Street
New York, NY 10021
212.994.2623**

This year, Hewitt will be implementing math and English placement tests for students applying to grades 6 – 11. We feel that these tests will help us assess students more comprehensively, and it will also give students an opportunity to showcase their abilities, especially for students who did not perform as well as they would have liked on the ISEE. Each test will be 30 minutes long and does not require preparation. **The tests will be given from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the dates listed below.** We will provide beverages and snacks. In answer to your requests, we have expanded the list of dates.

**Mon, December 7th
Tues, December 15th
Mon, January 11th
Wed, January 20th**

I will schedule the test date with each family either when they come in for their interview or over the phone. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Warmly,
Dara Broxmeyer
Assistant Director of
Admissions, Middle and
Upper School
Director of Community
Service

Community...

CFA Corner

1st Caedmon Family Association (CFA) Meeting of the year

This Thursday, October 1st from 8:30-10:00am.

St. Monica Church basement (right behind Caedmon).

Please enter on 79th Street between York & 1st Avenue on the north side of the street (look for a Caedmon CFA sign just past the church steps).

Bring your own breakfast & coffee.

We hope to see everyone there!

Adult Yoga!

Remember, Yoga is held every Thursday from 8:30-9:15am in the Gym (4th floor). No matter what your experience level, this is the class for you. You can pay as you go: \$15 per class. All proceeds go to Caedmon.

*Please note: due to the first CFA meeting, **there will not be Adult Yoga this Thursday, October 1st.** Regular classes will resume on Thursday, October 8th.

CFA Welcome Cocktail Party/FACES Photo Exhibit!

If you haven't already done so,

PLEASE email your RSVP TODAY!

We need to get an accurate head count as soon as possible.

Child-minding will be available for school-aged children for a charge of \$5 per child. If you plan to take advantage of Child-minding, please email us at cfa@caedmonschool.org before Friday, October 2nd so arrangements can be made.

Caedmongear

Get 'em before they're gone!

The newly-designed Caedmon T-shirts are available in white or gray. Don't miss out on this chance to show your Caedmon spirit!

Toddler sizes: (3T, 4T, 5/6)

\$12.00

Youth sizes: (S 6/8, M 10/12, L 14/16)

\$15.00

Cash or checks only, please.

T-shirts will be sold again during morning drop-off on
Friday, October 2nd

If you would like to purchase a t-shirt at a different time, please contact
Shannon Crooks: Shannon_crooks@yahoo.com
or Donna DiFelice: donna.difelice@carolehochman.com

Community...

Family Contact Info Update

The Keller familie's home phone is: 212-535-5294.



The Parents League
OF NEW YORK



College Admissions Essay Workshop

Tuesday, September 29

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Parents League Office

115 East 82nd Street, Ground Floor, Between Park and Lexington

Students and parents will enjoy this interactive, creative workshop and high-energy brainstorming and discussion experience. Students will discover through example how to choose a topic, determine and showcase their best qualities, and begin to write their way into the school that is the best fit. Debra H. Resnicoff is a college admissions specialist and founder of Sundial Academic Success. She holds a B.A. and an M.F.A. from Columbia University, and has taught creative writing for ten years in the Columbia University Summer High School Program. www.sundialacademicsuccess.com

PARENTING WORKSHOP: Eat Right Now, Healthy Nutrition for your Children

Tuesday, October 6

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Green Roof Learning Center at The Calhoun School

433 West End Avenue

Learn about healthy eating choices for your family from Calhoun's famous Chef Bobo, author of [Good Food Cookbook](#). Chef Bobo is spearheading a revolution in school lunch programs. Included will be a tour of Calhoun's Green Roof Garden.
