

# The Parent Corner

August 2010

News from Tots and Tales Montessori School

## Fund Raising

Fundraising activities can sometimes seem overwhelming for parents. We realize you pay tuition for the care and education of your children. So why should you also participate in fundraising?

Fundraising is an important part of our school. It allow us to pay for many of the extra things that we continually provide, such as the Christmas and graduation programs, replacement of Montessori equipment, and other center improvements.

As in past years, TNT has done trash bag and cookie dough sales. We are going to continue with that tradition this year as well as adding a garage sale, in which many parents have expressed interest in doing.

Additional information about each of these activities will soon be available. We are planning trash bag and cookie dough sales August 16 thru September 1. Parents can choose either both or one of these fundraisers that interests them the most.

### Garage Sale

Our garage sale will be held on August 7. Please bring in your donations and sign up to volunteer! The sign-up sheet is at the front desk. Donated items will be received August 2-6. All gently used or new items need to be clean, well taken care of and ready for sale. Please sort clothes by size.

***As always we appreciate your support of our events and activities. We know we have the greatest parents any school could ask for!!***

## Upcoming News & Events

- Aug 1** Re-enrollment Forms turned in
- Aug 2-6** Accepting Garage Sale Donations
- Aug 7** TNT Garage Sale
- Aug 13** End of Summer Program
- Aug 16** Trash Bag & Cookie Dough Sales
- Aug 23** TNT school starts
- Aug 24** Computer Tots Enrollment
- Aug 27** Registration fees Due
- Sept. 3** School Closed; Teacher In-Service

## Back to School

We have approximately 45 children who will be attending elementary school this August. Many other children at TNT will be changing classrooms. This is exciting but also an anxiety producing time for children.

Back to school means several things to our children. For most of them, they are looking forward to seeing old friends, buying new school supplies, participating in school sports and having fun. The children are experiencing excitement as well as anxiety as they have to meet new teachers, learn a new routine, have homework and go to bed earlier.

As parents we realize the change but may not understand the affects these changes have on the children. Common affects you may see are change in sleep pattern, new words/sayings, new found independence, more withdrawn or outgoing and comparison of new/old teachers. Remember to provide as much support for your child and talk with the teachers or administration.

At TNT, you can expect teachers to provide you with a daily schedule and classroom expectations the last week of August. We will be doing gradual transitions into the new classroom routines. Notes will be sent home with parents whose children are changing classrooms the second week in August.



# News & Updates

The **garage sale is on**—come check out the great deals! All proceeds from the sale will go to the school with unsold items being donated to a local charity. Our sale starts at 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 7. Note: The Parent Committee and Administration decided not to sell drinks and food at the garage sale as previously printed in the July Newsletter.

Families interested in discount **Renaissance Festival tickets**, please sign up at the front desk. Pre-order tickets and receive a \$5.95 discount off the gate price. Orders and payment must be made by August 13th.

The representative from the **recycle bins** met with TNT this month to report on our progress. For TNT to keep the recycle bins and earn extra money, we need to donate two tons of paper goods each month. We will be working in the classrooms to recycle and hope that you can help by bringing your newspaper and magazines to the school's recycle bin. We are not only helping to save our environment, but also making a little money!

The parent committee set up a Face Book page to share information about community and school events and news. Please sign up as a friend at Parents of TNT Montessori in Kansas City.

## Referral Bonus

**Parents are absolutely the best resource for us to increase enrollment.** We know if you like the care and education your child receives, then that translates into positive feedback when talking to other families with children.

We want to encourage all of our families to spread the word about Tots and Tales. We know many of you already tell your friends about us and we appreciate it. To encourage even more referrals, we are going to offer a **\$150 discount** on tuition to families who refer a new family. The new family must have a full time student enrolled by September 15 and enrolled through December 15 before the discount is applied. We can track referrals based on the pre-enrollment form new families provide when they write your family name down as how they learned about us.

*Thank you and we appreciate your support!*

## Enrollment Count

**Current enrollment:** 155

**Slots available:** 10

## Our August Birthdays

### Children

Rhett R 8/2  
Korbin M 8/4  
Jenna G 8/10  
Reese R 8/11  
Maya W 8/19  
Robert K 8/20  
Grant P 8/24  
Bodey F 8/24  
Alescia B 8/29  
Analyssa J 8/30

### Teachers

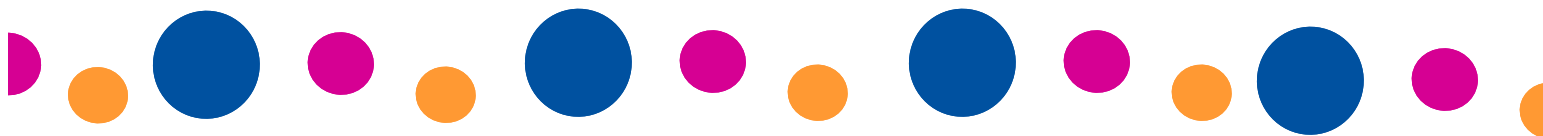
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Monday 8/2	Tuesday 8/3	Wednesday 8/4	Thursday 8/5	Friday 8/6
<p><b>Breakfast:</b> French toast w/syrup, pears, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Chicken patty, mashed potatoes/gravy, peaches milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Sliced cheese, crackers, milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Biscuit w/ jelly, tropical fruit, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Cook's choice, milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Frozen GoGurt, juice or water</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Breakfast cookie, peaches, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Manicotti w/ meat sauce, garlic bread, green beans/pears, milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Oreo cookies, milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Scones, mandarin oranges, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Turkey/cheese roll ups, mixed fruit, cheese puffs, milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Cook's choice</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Scrambled eggs w/ham, bananas, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Hamburger/cheese pizza, salad, grapes, milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Watermelon chunks, juice</p>
Monday 8/9	Tuesday 8/10	Wednesday 8/11	Thursday 8/12	Friday 8/13
<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Honey bun, pineapple, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Ravioli, cheese sandwich, peas/applesauce, milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Chex Mix, milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> English muffin w/ham &amp; cheese, mandarin oranges, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Chicken enchiladas, corn, peaches, milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Granola bars, milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Cook's choice</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Spaghetti w/ meatballs, garlic bread, green beans, pears, milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> String cheese, crackers, milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Cereal, fruit cocktail, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Biscuit/gravy, sausage patty, Tri-Tator/applesauce, milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Sherbet cups, milk or water</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Cinnamon/raisin biscuit</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Beef soft taco, Spanish rice w/corn, strawberries, milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Pretzels, juice</p>
Monday 8/16	Tuesday 8/17	Wednesday 8/18	Thursday 8/19	Friday 8/20
<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Assorted Danish, applesauce, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Fish slider on bun, peas, apple slices, milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Goldfish, milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Toast w/ jelly, pears, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Tex Mex chicken w/beans, tropical fruit, milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Cook's choice</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Pop tart, tropical fruit, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Corn dogs w/ nacho cheese, French fries/ketchup, fruit cocktail, milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Cinnamon roll crackers, milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Nutrigrain cereal bar, pineapple</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Sloppy Joe on bun, pickles/tatter tots, pineapple, milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Chocolate chip cookies, milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Cinnamon roll, strawberries, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Lasagna roll up/meat sauce, salad, banana, milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Vanilla wafers, bananas, juice</p>
Monday 8/23	Tuesday 8/24	Wednesday 8/25	Thursday 8/26	Friday 8/27
<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Cereal, peaches, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Crisпитos, re-fried beans, grapes, milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Animal crackers, milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Pancake on a stick, tropical fruit, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Chicken slider on bun, French fries/ketchup, pickles, pears, milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Cheesecake cups, milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Assorted muffins, applesauce, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Tater tot casserole, mandarin oranges, milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Cinnamon rolls, milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Waffles w/ syrup, pears, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Spanish rice, carrots, peaches, milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Ice cream bars, milk or water</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Biscuit/gravy, pineapple, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Pig in a blanket, cheese puffs, mixed vegetables/banana, milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Gardettos, juice</p>
Monday 8/30	Tuesday 8/31	<h1>August Menu</h1> 		
<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Breakfast burrito, fruit cocktail, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Bean/cheese burrito, corn, applesauce, milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Cheese cubes, crackers, milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Cook's choice, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Cheesy chicken/rice, carrots, pineapple, milk</p> <p><b>Snack:</b> Rice Krispy treats, milk</p>			

