

# Starmaker Newsline

## Office Newsletter

### Starmaker School for Early Education at Wildewood

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#### Florence Freeman, MBA, President/CEO

As we count down to the end of the school year, I wanted to remind parents about our **Student Referral Program**, which offers a generous referral discount of **one month's free tuition** to current parents who refer others to join our school. Bringing in more students to Starmaker is a priority and contributes greatly to the overall welfare of our school. Our Student Referral Program rewards your efforts in attracting more students to share the Starmaker Experience.

We also offer a **Loyalty Program** which seeks to reward parents who have patronized Starmaker over the years and encourages families who are passionately committed to giving their children both a world-class education and an education of the heart and mind, to do so in an environment that they already trust, understand, and support. This program offers a **30% discount off tuition** for Kindergarten/Elementary students in our Lower Elementary Classroom. For full details of these programs, please contact the office.

**Summer camp activity fees are already past due!** These activity fees allow us to book summer activities in advance - we appreciate you paying them on time. We are excited about our summer program this year with fresh activities and renewed enthusiasm to make it a fun, yet intellectually stimulating program for the children. Elementary students who have not yet signed up for the summer camp should do so as soon as possible to secure their spots as external registrations will begin shortly.

**Let me take this opportunity during Teacher Appreciation Week to thank all of our teachers for their dedication and hard work and to express my heartfelt appreciation for all you do! Thank you for transforming our lives and our children's lives! Where would we be without you?**

**To all of our moms and care givers, have a happy, enjoyable, and well-deserved Mother's Day!**

#### Dates to Remember

1	Tuition Due
1	Summer Camp Activity Fees Due
5	National Teacher Appreciation Day
6	Tuition Late Fee Applied
8	Morning Classes Only Afternoon School's Out Program
25	Center Closed Memorial Day



#### Important Reminders:

June 5<sup>th</sup> - Graduation Ceremonies and end of the year picnic.  
9 AM

## Lynn Ennis, Director

### What Children Acquire From a Montessori Education

As another school year comes to an end, this is a good time to stop and think about how your children have changed through their Montessori experience at Starmaker. The following are three basic Montessori principles:

- \*Children learn best when they are encouraged to choose work freely rather than do what they are told.
- \*Children learn best in schools that treat them with kindness and respect.
- \*Children learn best when they can see and grasp the big picture.

The following are outcomes of a Montessori education. As you read these think about your own children and how they have changed and grown from their year(s) at Starmaker:

- \* Montessori children tend to be compassionate and sensitive to nature and others around them.
- \* They have the desire to get involved in an activity for pure enjoyment and satisfaction.
- \* Montessori children generally follow the rules whether or not parents or teachers are watching.
- \* They are confident about what they know but also expect the same from their peers.
- \* Montessori children tend to be aware of their words and actions towards others.
- \*They normally are great leaders and team players.
- \*Montessori children tend to be self-directed and independent.
- \*They tend to become confident and competent. As adults, they normally become quite successful.
- \*Montessori children learn from their mistakes and remain open-minded.

We know that Montessori works! There are thousands of Montessori schools around the world which have been producing outstanding graduates for more than one hundred years. A few of the more well - known Montessori children include Anne Frank, Prince William, Prince Harry, Larry Page and Sergey Brin, Beyonce Knowles, Taylor Swift, Helen Keller, Jacqueline Kennedy, George Clooney and the list goes on! Montessori has been the choice for parents who do not conform to the norm but rather value their children's curiosity and creativity more. By having your children at Starmaker, you have given them a great gift. By keeping them in Montessori, you will not only continue to give them the gift of lifelong learning. You will be helping the world by providing the next generation of leaders who understand how to change the world for the better.

## Educational Article – Lynn Ennis

### What Can I Do For My Child At Home

“There are many who hold, as I do, that the most important part of life is not the age of university studies, but the first one, the period from birth to the age of six. That is the time when a man’s intelligence itself, his greatest implement, is being formed.”

- Maria Montessori

The education of your child begins at home. Maria Montessori believed in the importance of the prepared environment. She believed that the child, from birth to six years of age, has an absorbent mind. Your child uses the five senses; smell, sight, touch, taste and hearing to learn about the world. Your child has a need for independence which is shown in freedom of movement and acquiring language skills. Your child’s need for order and the development of concentration is developed in a prepared environment.

This is 2015. Homes are filled with televisions, computers, video games and battery operated toys. The “things” in most home environments engage the child in activities that are controlled by electronic devices. This means that the child is not acting upon the environment. The addiction to these electronic devices begins at an early age. We at Starmaker try to help parents understand that the environment for their young child needs to be set up so that they can freely explore the environment through the use of the five senses.

“The skill of man’s hand is tied up with the development of his mind, and with the light of history, we see it connected with the development of civilization. Hence the development of manual skill keeps pace with mental development. Certainly, the more delicate the work, the more it needs the care and attention of an intelligent mind to guide it.”

- Maria Montessori

The home environment needs to include order, simplicity and child sized furniture. Children enjoy doing simple household chores. These are some ideas I have compiled for you to incorporate into your home if you are not already doing so: low clothes racks and hooks, a bed your child can get in and out of without help, low toy shelves, a basket of books that your child has easy access to, window washing, dusting, setting the table, folding wash cloths, washing a small table, helping with car washing, watering plants, low snack drawer, pouring activities and the most fun - cracking an egg!

These are a few of many activities children can do in the home. In the beginning there will be a lot of messes. But look at a mess as an opportunity to show your child how to clean up the environment. The most important part of a child’s personality and intelligence develops through his/her participation in daily family life. Your child will learn self-respect, independence and the joy of helping.

The teacher also prepares the environment every day for your child. That environment will cater to the natural development of each child. Therefore what you do at home will carry over from the classroom day and be extremely beneficial for everyone.



## Planet Green Recycling Program

Remember to keep your eye out for the Planet Green Recycling box! We will be participating in this program year round. Participating in this program helps both the environment and the school. Please remember that in addition to recycling ink cartridges and cell phones, the Planet Green Program also allows you to purchase ink cartridges from their website! When you purchase ink cartridges from Planet Green, Starmaker will receive a portion of the proceeds. If you would like to support us by purchasing your ink cartridges from Planet Green, please visit:

## Box Tops for Education

We participate in the Box Tops for Education Program every year. This year, we have been doing exceptionally well! Let's strive to exceed that goal. We would like to thank all of those who have and continue to bring in box tops.

If you have not participated in this program before, it is so easy to do! All you have to do is bring in the box tops from participating products. The collection basket can be found in the front lobby. Additional information about this program can be found at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)

## Labels for Education

This school year we are participating in the Labels for Education program. This program allows our school to earn points toward free supplies and materials. All you have to do is bring in the labels from participating products. The collection basket will be located in the front lobby of the school. For more information about this program and to view a list of participating products, please visit the link below, <http://www.labelsforeducation.com>

## Upcoming Events

### June 2015

- 1 Tuition Due
- 2 Morning Classes Only- Afternoon School's Out Program
- 5 End of the Year Program and School Picnic at 9 AM
- 6 Tuition Late Fee applied
- 8 CENTER CLOSED – Professional Responsibilities  
Transition Week for Teachers
- 15 Summer Programs Begin

## Children's Birthdays

Emma N.	4
Luke C.	6
Ava U.	9
Rowan M.	10
Bree M.	11
Advaita P.	18
Andre C.	19
Tiger S.	19
Isabella P.	22
Sophie G.	24
Hayden H.	25
Dougie M.	27
Carter C.	30

## Teacher's Birthdays

Jeannette	12
Keonna	14
Natalya	19