



The Current

July, 2011

Dates to Remember July, August, Sept. 2011

Summer Camp Week 1 Under The Sea	July 4 - 8
Summer Camp Week 2 Wild, Wild, West	July 11 - 15
Summer Camp Week 3 The Path Less Travelled (Nature)	July 18 - 22
Summer Camp Week 4 Year 3011 (Space & Future)	July 25 - 29
Summer Camp Week 5 Walk The Plank! (Pirates)	Aug. 2 - 5
Summer Camp Week 6 RAWR! (Dinosaur)	Aug. 8 - 12
Summer Camp Week 7 Safari Adventure (Jungle wildlife)	Aug. 15 - 19
Summer Camp Week 8 Superhero Academy	Aug. 22 - 26
Classroom Orientation 2:00-4:00 PM	Sept. 6
Back to School BBQ 3:00-6:00 PM	Sept. 6
First Day of Classes Academic Year 2011-2012	Sept. 7



Principal's Message

Sherie de Mel

As the academic year draws to a close, we look back on our goals and savour our accomplishments of the past months. It seems like only yesterday we were welcoming new faces to Canadian Montessori Academy and preparing familiar faces for transition to new levels and new lessons. The old adage must be true - that time flies when you're having fun - because this year has rushed past with incredible speed.

Some of you will be leaving us this year; we know that the memories built at CMA will serve to hold us in your hearts. To our new families and students, we welcome you to our school and our family, and invite you to engage with us in bringing insight and awareness to a new generation of learners.

Here, with your help, we will continue in the pursuit of our own dream - to educate succeeding generations according to the principles of Maria Montessori. Here we can form a generation of independent-minded, thoughtful, and inquisitive citizens of a growing (and changing) society. Here we can help the citizens of tomorrow's world to become strong, self-reliant and confident so that their world can be less threatening and more their own.

A great note of thanks is due also, to our outstanding staff and our volunteers, without whom our work would surely have been daunting indeed. Instead, the dedication, willingness and good cheer of all of our workers, has made it easier and even more enjoyable for us as educators to dot every "i" and cross every "t" on the road to a full and well-rounded education.

In closing, I wish you all a happy and adventuresome summer with many great memories still to come.

CMA's Back to School BBQ

Food, Family, Fun

Welcome Back

Tuesday Sept. 6, 2011
3:00 - 6:00 PM

Summer Camp 2011

Each week of camp will be on a different theme and you will see evidence of our activities in the variety of crafts your child brings home. A tentative schedule of themes is listed below; nothing is carved in stone and the interests of the children involved could dictate some last minute changes to facilitate play-based learning and maximum fun for our campers.

As we ready ourselves for 2 months of fun we can think ahead to changes in our daily list of “what we’ll need” to maximize our fun!

Essentials include:

- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Water bottle (extra)
- Yellow CMA Camp shirts every day (provided by the school)
- Lunch (extra snacks)
- Indoor shoes + Outdoor shoes
- Jackets and appropriate footwear (depending on the weather)



CMA Summer Camps

July 4 - 8, 2011	1st Week
July 11 - 15, 2011	2nd Week
July 18 - 22, 2011	3rd Week
July 25 - 29, 2011	4th Week
Aug. 2 - 5, 2011	5th Week
Aug. 8 - 12, 2011	6th Week
Aug. 15 - 19, 2011	7th Week
Aug. 22 - 26, 2011	8th Week

A typical camp day at the CMA Summer Camp

7:30-9:00	Children arrive at different times. Stations are set up in the gym for free play. Examples: beads, colouring, board games, cards, books, organized active games etc.
9:00-10:00	Games, Crafts, Activities relevant to the theme of the week
10:00-10:20	Snack
10:20-11:45	Swim next door and outdoor play. If weather is bad, more activities relevant to the theme
12:00-12:45	Lunch
1:00-3:00	Nap-time for Primary. This can be some down-time for the older campers, but shouldn't be boring. I want to use this time to give them special projects, jobs and extra activities.
3:00-3:20	Snack
3:20-4:00	Activities relevant to the theme
4:00-5:30	Children depart at different times. Stations are set up in the gym for free play same as in the morning. Depending on the day, we can do pick-up in the park next door.



This week's focus is on the Deep Blue Sea.

Provided the weather cooperates, expect water games and swimming every day.

Friendly sea creature crafts will be visiting from the bottom of the ocean, to show up on magnets on the front of your fridge.

Our special trip this week will be a day at the beach for some sand play and swimming. (City of Ottawa lifeguards on duty at all times)

Walk the Plank (Pirate Week)

Avast ye landlubbers! This week is all about swashbuckling adventure on the high seas.

The allure of treasure drives us to the red X on our treasure maps.

We will be learning to talk, sing, dance and act like real buccaneers throughout the week.

We will be testing our nerve on the seven seas of the Ottawa River, where we have our REAL pirate ship docked, waiting to take us on an adventure.



CMA Bag Lunches at camp

Our caterer has agreed to provide a fun Paper Bag lunch. We will have order forms for you to fill out. Please sign up ASAP. (He will accommodate allergies and religious requirements.)



Wild, Wild, West (Western Week)



A tribute to the Wild West of old, we will cinch up our saddles and twirl our lassos with pride.

We invite all our cowgirls and cowboys to giddy up and join us for a week of showdowns, hoedowns and horseback riding.

The rodeo comes into town on Friday for all you city-slickers.

The Path less travelled by (Nature Week)

Tie up your hiking boots, spray on some bug spray, we will be roughing it all week.

Nature camp is perfect for both animal enthusiasts and those who simply enjoy the great outdoors.

We will be making our own trail mix (nut-free!), bug/bird watching and learning about the world around us.

Our trip this week is to Pink Lake in Gatineau Park, where we will definitely see nature up close and personal.



End of the year (Infant Class)



All the children and staff put a lot of effort to bring another school year to a close with a great performance. Our infants participated in rehearsals and started the play with a great enthusiasm. After getting dressed before the performance they all wanted to come out of the room and perform without realizing that on the final day of performance they would have a lot more audience members than they expected. We would like to thank all the parents who supported us and became a part of this year-end play. I remember mentioning at the start of the school year, that learning and exploring never stop at CMA. Therefore, I must say even though the school

year has ended, the summer fun has just begun. We are looking forward to making it a fulfilling experience for all the children .

Year 3011 (Space and Future Week)



It's the year 3011 and humans and robots now live cooperatively on Planet Earth.

Space exploration is at its peak, with cruise ships making regular trips to Pluto and Saturn.

We have assembled our astronauts for five days of training that they won't soon forget.

One small step for man, one giant leap for kids interested in space and futuristic science!

We have a mad scientist making an appearance to show us some new found technology.

RAWR! (Dinosaur Week)

Once extinct, dinosaurs have returned to Planet Earth.

We must learn to understand them and live with them if we hope to survive.

Some are friendly, some are mean, and all are colossal and new to us.

Do not be alarmed if dinosaurs start appearing in backpacks.

We hope to understand them better by visiting the Nature Museum's dinosaur exhibit.



Toddlers at the end of the year



The month of June was a busy month for our toddlers. Our children were happy to play outside in the sun and delighted to have picnic snacks out in the yard. Toddlers worked on the theme "Flowers and Bugs" and they were especially fascinated to see ants and spiders. All the toddlers were excited about the concert and they were always willing to practice and even to try their "Gum ball" costumes. We would like to thank every one of our parents for their support and we wish you all a great summer!

Safari Adventure (Jungle Week)



Jump onto our safari jeep. Please keep your hands and feet in the vehicle at all times. Sit back and enjoy the ride.

Jungle animals are the focus this week.

If our safari activities aren't enough to satisfy, a visit from Little Ray's Reptiles should do the trick!

Superhero Academy! (Comics Week)

Superheroes unite! CMA is changing its style for this week.

Superhero Academy is a place where children have a chance to get in touch with their super powers, make up their super hero names and prepare for the inevitable villain.

Cosmic Adventures is the ideal place to ready the vigilantes for battle.

A visit to Altitude Rock Gym will give the children a chance to tackle new heights they never dreamed possible.



Elementary end of the year wrap up

The month of June proved to be an exciting and memorable one as on June 15-16 the senior elementary class spent two wonderful days at Bob's Lake (Mrs. Julie's Cottage) learning about the natural environment through hiking, fishing, bird studies and creating water binoculars for a pond study. Students had an opportunity to bond with one another outside of the classroom as they enjoyed, the paddle boats, riding the pontoon, swimming, bouncing on the water trampoline, tubing or simply relaxing in a nearby hammock. The students expressed it as the best end of the school year trip ever!



We wish all our students a safe and splendid summer vacation.