

*Richmond Montessori School*

**SUMMER  
ENRICHMENT  
2009**

*A World of Difference*



**New Camp Offerings!!**

A variety of one and two week offerings for  
Toddler, Primary, Lower Elementary, and  
Upper Elementary Students

Counselor-In-Training Program  
for Middle School Students

*Your child is invited to exciting Specialty Camps, Montessori Mornings, and Fitness Fun, all in a Montessori atmosphere!*

This year take advantage of all the best summer has to offer – the outdoor classroom, swimming, athletic clinics, and time to enjoy and explore special interests, as well as to refresh and continue academically.

New this year are one week camp options, and full summer coverage for primary and lower elementary students. Check out our new camps for upper elementary students – they can invite a best friend to enroll! Also we are recruiting for a special few Middle School Counselors in Training.

Look carefully through the programs offered, and register early as spaces are limited so that we can maintain high staff to student ratios. Take advantage of the Early Bird discount detailed on the registration form! This year, we offer a true alternative to other local camp options, and hope you will choose to support Richmond Montessori School by enrolling your child here.

*Darlene Marschak*  
*Extended Care Coordinator*

**Registration Information:**

Please submit a Camp Selection form for each child by April 30.

**Age Range for Summer Programs:**

Toddler:	2009/10 Toddler students
Primary:	Rising P1 through P3 students
Lower Elementary:	Rising 1st through 4th* grade students
Upper Elementary:	Rising 4th* through 7th** grade students
CIT:	Rising 7th and 8th grade students

\* **Please note:** Rising 4th grade students are eligible to attend Lower Elementary and Upper Elementary session offerings.

\*\* **Please note:** Rising 7th grade students are eligible to attend Upper Elementary and Counselor-In-Training session offerings.

## Schedule of Summer Camps:

Session I: June 15-19 (one week)  
Session II: June 22-26 (one week)  
Session III: June 29-July 10 (two weeks—no class July 3)  
Session IV: July 13-24 (two weeks)  
Session V: July 27-August 7 (two weeks)  
Session VI: August 10-14 (one week)  
Session VII: August 17-21 (one week)

## Programs Offered and Times:

Specialty Camps	8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Montessori Mornings	8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Nap/Rest (ages 3-4)	12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Swim 'N Fit (ages 5+)	12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Extended Day	3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## Program Costs:

	<i>Regular</i>	<i>Early Bird</i>
One week Specialty Camps:	\$135.00	\$121.50
Two week Specialty Camps:	\$275.00	\$247.50
Montessori Mornings:	\$275.00	\$247.50
One week Nap/Rest:	\$ 65.00	\$ 58.50
Two week Nap/Rest:	\$130.00	\$117.00
One week Swim 'N Fit:	\$125.00	\$112.50
Two week Swim 'N Fit:	\$250.00	\$225.00
One week Extended Day	\$ 65.00	\$ 58.50
Two week Extended Day	\$130.00	\$117.00
One week Counselor In Training	\$ 75.00	\$ 67.50
Two week Counselor In Training	\$150.00	\$135.00

## Early Bird Discount:

There is a 10% discount for any student enrolling by April 1, 2009.

## QUESTIONS?

Call the Extended Care Office at 741-0040, ext. 24

# One Week Morning Specialty Camp Offerings

(8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

*Includes nutritious snack and outdoor time*

## PRIMARY

### Session I: June 15-19

**Cooking and More:** Everyone loves to cook – especially if you can eat the results! Enjoy the fun of preparing recipes and making edible crafts; also practice your home skills of sewing and practical life. *Gary Flake*

**Natural Wonders:** Your child's love of nature will be nurtured with walks, observations, projects, and experiments. Summer is the best time to enjoy the Outdoor Classroom, and get to know our world and the life thriving around us. *Trisha Potter*

### Session II: June 22-26

**Play N' Cheer:** Join our enthusiastic instructors in sports clinics, games, cheering, and a variety of activities designed to engage young children mentally, physically, and creatively. Indoor and outdoor activities are balanced for those hot summer days! *Felecia Jefferson*

**Adventures in Science:** Explore land, air and water with special activities, stories, and projects. All campers will prepare and participate in a special camp science fair to close out the week. *Carissa Swiss*

### Session VI: August 10-14

**Busy Hands Arts 'N Crafts:** Your creative child will learn skills and material use, while producing a variety of art and craft projects. Painting, pasting, crafts, and creativity are the recipe for summer art fun! *Grainne Burke*

**Woodworks:** Learn to use tools including a hammer, drill, and screwdriver to produce wood projects, while learning about trees and the properties of wood. Finish with creative application of wax, paint, and 3-D materials for projects you and your child will treasure. *Darlene Marschak*

## **Session VII: August 17-21**

**Trip to Europe:** Your child's passport to summer fun gains them entry to exploring the customs, art, stories and culture of countries throughout Europe. A true Montessori theme, this camp spirals through activities like cooking, dance, language, music, geography and more!  
*Gary Flake*

**Music and Movement:** Young children thrive on singing, dancing, and movin' to the groove! Music education that includes discovering instruments, feeling the rhythm, and music around the world will keep your child humming with fun and excitement. *Victoria Crossan*

# **LOWER ELEMENTARY**

## **Session I: June 15-19—Art Immersion**

Prepare to get messy! Paint, sculpture, printmaking and more are the focus for children who love art. Your child's creativity will blossom with plenty of time to explore new materials, tools, and methods. *Mo Bennett*

## **Session II: June 22-26—Junior Detectives**

Follow the clues and collect evidence to solve daily mysteries! Each camper will use science, logic, intuition, and creativity while they learn techniques of fact and fiction crime solving. *Gary Flake*

## **Session VI: August 10-14—Kids in the Kitchen**

Learn to combine ingredients and use kitchen tools and knives as you prepare mouth watering recipes! Table manners, nutrition, creative presentation and crafts supplement the main course, and add to the fun. *Gary Flake*

## **Session VII: August 17-21—Spanish Immersion**

Say hola to an exciting week of Spanish cooking, songs, games, dance, and of course, language! Get immersed in Hispanic culture as you participate in activities and projects that open the door to learning and fun. *Nelly Churchwell*

# Two Week Montessori Morning Offerings

(8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

*Includes nutritious snack and outdoor time*

## TODDLER

### Session V: July 27-August 7

**Toddler Montessori Mornings:** New toddlers and 3 year olds get their needed introduction to the Montessori classroom, works, etiquette and instructors. Take full advantage of this opportunity to orient your toddler and let them enjoy this special summer Montessori experience. *Felecia Jefferson*

## PRIMARY

### Session III: June 29-July 10 (no class July 3)

### Session IV: July 13-24

### Session V: July 27-August 7

**Intro to Primary Montessori:** Rising and new P-1 students are invited to prepare for the primary Montessori Classroom. Fun themes and outdoor classroom experiences take advantage of the best of summer, while preparing your child for their Fall school transition. *Felecia Jefferson (Sessions III and IV); Grainne Burke (Session V)*

**Primary Montessori Mornings:** The summer Montessori classroom, with the Beach as your theme, is the perfect place to continue your Montessori experience with exercises in all curriculum areas. New and returning primary students will benefit from Montessori materials and a summer fun twist. *Julisa Smith*

## LOWER ELEMENTARY

### Session III: June 29-July 10 (no class July 3)

### Session IV: July 13-24

**Lower Elementary Montessori Mornings:** Skills review and development in reading, writing and math for rising and continuing lower elementary students are combined with summer themes and projects keep this productive session fun! *Maria Rodriguez*

## **Two Week Specialty Camp Offerings**

*(8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)*

*Includes nutritious snack and outdoor time*

### **LOWER ELEMENTARY**

#### **Session V: July 27-August 7—Music Discovery**

Does your child love singing, rhythm, instruments and movement? Children will explore their creative music muse in the fun atmosphere of a summer camp with indoor and outdoor activities. *Victoria Crossan*

### **UPPER ELEMENTARY**

*These RMS students are welcome to invite a Best Friend to enroll with them to enhance their camp experience!*

#### **Session III: June 29-July 10—Cooking Up Fitness**

Join our instructor, certified through the International Youth Conditioning Association, for cooking, nutrition, and developmentally sound exercise games! Designed to promote an age appropriate fun and healthy lifestyle for kids through the formative years. *Grainne Burke*

#### **Session IV: July 13-24—Creative Writing and More!**

Develop your talents in creative writing, journalism, and photography! Microsoft Office will be explored for its graphic design potential, and campers will produce a portfolio of their writing and photography projects. *Trisha Potter*

#### **Session V: July 27-August 7—Young Artists**

Explore the fine arts of drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture with a wide variety of materials and techniques. Students will be also be allowed to select from fiber arts, jewelry making, or wood projects during camp. *Darlene Marschak*

**Choose these options to provide your child  
with a full day of coverage!**

***Offered Sessions I through VII***

**Early Afternoon Offerings**

*(12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.)*

*Students bring their own lunch*

*All afternoon offerings must be paired with  
a concurrent morning session.*

**Nap/Rest**

*Early Childhood (Ages 3 and 4)*

After lunch, your child will nap or rest, then enjoy/join in group and outdoor activities, including nature exploration and water play.

*Extended Care Staff*

**Camp Swim 'N Fit**

*School Age (Ages 5 and up)*

Balance your child's day after lunch with a summer camp full of the physical activities and athletics they love and need. Swim three times a week! Enjoy outdoor swimming lessons and water fun off site with our experienced staff. On alternate days, participate in active games, sports clinics, cheering, and more! This camp runs continuously, and is available as an afternoon option for all day coverage for any of our morning camps and classrooms. *Becky Nuckols, Felecia Jefferson, Joey Nuckols, Jenny Ferry, and the Extended Care Staff*

**Late Afternoon Offerings**

*(3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)*

*Must select an early afternoon offering as well*

**Extended Day**

All Ages

Daily special projects, nutritious snack, group time, outdoor play, and free choice Montessori activities complete a busy day of summer fun! Our loving staff will make sure your child gets the special attention and variety of activities they need. *Extended Care Staff*

## ***Calling RMS Middle School Students!***

### **Counselor-in-Training**

Rising and continuing RMS Middle School students are invited to apply for our new Counselor-In-Training (CIT) program for summer!

Do you love working with young children, have patience and energy, and need something to keep you busy in the mornings this summer?

If so, apply by submitting a brief letter of interest, accompanied by a recommendation from a teacher or other non-family adult who has knowledge of your experience in or aptitude for working with children aged 3-5. Applications for CIT must be received by April 15, 2009 for consideration.

CIT's will be selected after a training in June, and will be asked to help in Primary Specialty Camps during Sessions I, II, VI, and VII.

CIT's are eligible to participate in afternoon activities (Swim 'N Fit and Extended Day until 6 p.m.) as a student.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON SUMMER STAFF**

**Mo Bennett** has her B.F.A. in Art Education from Virginia Commonwealth University. She was previously the Art teacher at Good Shepherd Episcopal School for ten years. Mo served as Director of Extended Day Care for St. Catherine's Cat's CAP Program for 2 years. She is entering her 10th year as the Art Teacher at RMS.

**Grainne Burke** earned her B.S. in Hotel & Catering Administration from Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. She completed her AMS Teacher Certification in 3-6 at Princeton Center for Teacher Education. At Richmond Montessori, Grainne has been a lead teacher for 5 years and an assistant for 3 years.

**Nelly Churchwell** received her B.S. in Statistics Engineering from Universidad San Martin de Parras in Peru. A native of Peru, Nelly has taught Spanish at public and private schools in greater Richmond for five years. She is entering her third year at RMS as the Primary and Lower Elementary Spanish teacher.

**Victoria Crossan** is completing her degree in Music Education at VCU. During the 2008-2009 school year, Victoria worked as the Toddler and Primary Music Teacher under the guidance of RMS Music Teacher Lynnelle Ediger.

**Gary Flake** earned her B.A. in French from Mary Baldwin College, and her Masters in Education from VCU. She has her Montessori 9 - 12 certification from the Institute for Advanced Montessori Studies (Maryland). Gary has taught in Massachusetts and Virginia (French and Upper Elementary), and is entering her 32nd year at RMS.

**Felecia Jefferson** has been teaching children for 25 years with 22 years at Richmond Montessori School. She has her Montessori Certification in Birth to 3 years from the New School in Raleigh, NC. Felecia first worked with children at the Preschool at Virginia State University while she was studying physical education and elementary education.

**Darlene Marschak** came to RMS during the 2008-2009 school year as the new Extended Care Coordinator. For the past several years, Darlene has been an Administrator at Pine Camp Arts and Community Center. She has extensive experience in program planning and management, as well as leadership in creating dynamic arts and recreation programming for youth.

**Becky Nuckols** earned her B.A. in Special Education from Belmont-Abbey College. She has taught in Virginia and North Carolina, and served as former lead Upper Elementary teacher at RMS. Becky is a certified Lifeguard and Water Safety Instructor. She is entering her 23rd year at RMS

**Trisha Potter** earned her B.A. in English and French from Hollins University in Roanoke. She has 12 years experience in photography. Trisha has created lesson plans and taught creative writing to elementary and middle school students. Trisha is entering her 2nd year at RMS.

**Maria Rodriguez** has a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction, and her Montessori 6-9 certification. With more than 13 years of teaching experience, Maria moved from Framingham, MA where she taught Lower Elementary and Spanish at the Summit Montessori School. Maria is starting her 2nd year at RMS.

**Julisa Smith** received her Montessori teacher's certification from Malcolm King College in Harlem, New York, which later combined with Fordham University. She taught at West Side Montessori School (WSMS) in New York across from Central Park West for 5 years. When she moved to Virginia, she helped start a Montessori Style Infant Program affiliated with Henrico Doctors Hospital before coming to RMS. Julisa is going into her 15th year at RMS, having made her way through the ranks from toddler assistant to Primary Lead Teacher.

**Carissa Swiss** has her Bachelors of Architecture with University Honors from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA. She holds an Architectural License in the State of Michigan. Carissa received her Montessori Early Childhood (3-6 year olds) Certification from Adrian Dominican Montessori Teacher Education Institute in Adrian, MI. Carissa is entering her 3rd year as a Montessori teacher at RMS.



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