

*Richmond Montessori School*

**SUMMER  
ENRICHMENT  
2010**

*A World of Difference*



**New Camp Offerings!!**

A variety of one and two week offerings for  
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, athletics, and the arts. Give your child the time to enjoy and explore special interests, as well as to refresh and continue academically through our summer program. **Remember, rising students can choose offerings from the level they are leaving OR the level they are entering!**

New this year: the Summer Young Naturalists Institute, LEGO® camps, athletic camps, and more one week camp options. Also we are again 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*

*Director of Montessori Enrichment Programs*

**Registration Information:**

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

**Age Range for Summer Programs:**

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:

### **ONE WEEK CAMPS**

June 14-18  
June 21-25  
June 28-July 2  
July 5-9  
July 26-30  
August 2-6  
August 9-13  
August 16-20

### **TWO WEEK CAMPS**

June 28-July 9  
July 12-23  
July 26-August 6

### **Program Costs:**

	<i>Regular</i>	<i>Early Bird</i>
One week Specialty Camps:	\$135.00	\$121.50
One week Montessori Mornings:	\$135.00	\$121.50
Two week Montessori Mornings:	\$270.00	\$243.00
One week LEGO ® camps	\$150.00	\$135.00
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 and paying by April 1, 2010.

### ***Looking for Toddler Montessori Mornings?***

Call Montessori Enrichment or the Director of Admissions for details and registration information.

### **QUESTIONS?**

Call the Montessori Enrichment Office at 741-0040, ext. 24

# PRIMARY

## One Week Morning Specialty Camp Offerings

(8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.)

*Includes nutritious snack and outdoor time*

### June 14-18

**Cooking and More:** Everyone loves to cook – especially if you can eat the results! Enjoy the fun of preparing recipes and making edible crafts with a different theme each day, and learn kitchen safety, table manners, and nutrition. *Gary Flake*

**Adventures in Science:** Find out how the pyramids were built, how to lift 100 pounds with one hand, and who Mr. Rube Goldberg is. Wacky inventions and fun experiments will help explore the physical science concepts of force, speed, motion, direction, & energy. *Carissa Swiss (Also offered August 9-13)*

### June 21-25

**Budding Artists:** 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! *Carolyn Kane*

**Trip to France:** Through songs, words, stories, food and activities, we'll explore French language and culture. Oo-la-la! Travel through France learning basic greetings, colors, numbers – then visit picturesque locations and send postcards home! *Trisha Potter*

### June 28-July 2

**Natural Wonders:** Your child's love of nature will be nurtured with walks, observations, projects, and experiments designed to help them interact with plants, animals, and minerals. Summer is the best time to enjoy the Outdoor Classroom, and get to know our world and the life thriving around us. *Trisha Potter (Also offered July 26-30)*

### July 5-9

**Construction Zone:** Build and construct with paper, cardboard, recycled materials and wood. Learn to use three dimensional techniques and woodworking tools for individual and group structures. Photos will also document your child's best work with LEGO® materials and blocks. *Darlene Marschak (Also offered August 2-6)*

### **July 26-30**

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### **August 2-6**

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### **August 9-13**

**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. *Jeanne Bluford*

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### **August 16-20**

**Play N' Cheer:** Join our enthusiastic instructors and cheer on your friends in sports clinics, games, 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*

**Passport to Asia:** Travel to a different country each day to explore Asia! Have fun while learning about the geography, music, language, food, stories, and culture of the Asian continent. *Gary Flake*

## **PRIMARY (CONTINUED)**

### **Two Week Specialty Camp**

*(8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.)*

*Includes nutritious snack and outdoor time*

#### **July 12-23**

**Busy Bodies:** Have fun developing your fine and gross motor ability with sewing skills and projects, outdoor “boot camp”, craft activities, yoga, and more! Storytime, practical life, and sensorial activities round out a morning of fun and fitness. *Carolyn Kane*

#### **Primary Academics:**

### **Montessori Morning Offerings**

*(8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.)*

*Includes nutritious snack and outdoor time*

#### **ONE WEEK OFFERING**

#### **June 21-25**

**Introduction to Primary Montessori:** Rising and new P1 and P2 primary students are encouraged to prepare for the primary Montessori classroom by getting introduced to the works and practices with summer themes and outdoor classroom experiences. Your child will have fun, while preparing for their Fall school transition! *Carissa Swiss*

#### **TWO WEEK OFFERINGS**

#### **June 28-July 9**

#### **July 12-23**

#### **July 26-August 6**

**Primary Montessori Morning:** The summer Montessori classroom is the perfect place to review and assist with academic progress, with special summer themes and projects! Expect creative writing fun and advancement. Choose any or all of the three sessions listed. *Julisa Smith*

# LOWER ELEMENTARY

## One Week Specialty Camp Offerings

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

*Includes nutritious snack and outdoor time*

### June 14-18

**Art: Paper Mache Forest Animals:** Prepare to get messy! Examine the many animals that live in the forest, then choose one for your own project. Learn to draw the animal, create a 3-D sculpture of it, and great painting techniques to finish it off! *Mo Bennett*

### June 21-25

**Cooking Around the World:** Join us for basic cooking lessons and fun, as we make special recipes each day. We will explore various cultures as we create dishes with origins from around the world. *Amy Hathaway*

### June 28-July 2

**Team Sports:** Improve your skills with drills and practice in basketball, kickball and soccer! Understand basic fitness and stretching, and learn the rules of the games. *Joey Nuckols*

**Cheering Squad:** The summer will be full of cheers and smiles! Learn proper cheer moves and songs, along with jumps and small stunts. Dress for indoor and outdoor practice, and remember to bring your cheer spirit! *Claire Leake*

### July 5-9

**Creative Writing:** Take one part imagination, one part creativity, and one part enthusiasm to write your own poems, short stories, and group stories. Experience how music, art and movement can inspire writing. A class portfolio will include the best of each student. *Trisha Potter*

# LOWER ELEMENTARY

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## One Week Specialty Camp Offerings

### July 26-30

**Junior LEGO® Engineering:** Using very advanced LEGO® parts and pieces, children will learn by doing. Course covers gears, levers, wheels, axles, structures, forces and simple machines. For this age group, the building projects are simple enough for students to do well yet hard enough to challenge them. This is an integrated science and math class. *Instructor provided by All About Learning*

### August 2-6

**Movers, Shakers, and Instrument Makers:** Does your child love music - singing, rhythm, instruments and movement? Children will explore their creative music muse in the fun atmosphere of a summer camp where they not only make music, they make musical instruments! *Margaret Storti*

### August 9-13

**Junior Entrepreneurs:** Want to run your own company? Learn about the economy, customer service, and business planning while having fun producing products to sell at a "Market Day" at the end of camp! *Gary Flake*

### August 16-20

**Spanish Immersion:** Say hola to an exciting week of Spanish cooking, songs, games, Latin dances, 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*

## Lower Elementary Academics

### **One Week Montessori Morning Offerings**

*(8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.)*

*Includes nutritious snack and outdoor time*

#### June 14-18

**Lower Elementary Montessori Mornings:** Join us as we explore the basics of Montessori Lower Elementary. We will practice math and language skills, as well as focus on a special study of North America's geography and wildlife. *Amy Hathaway*

#### August 9-13

**Lower Elementary Montessori Mornings:** Don't wait for fall to return to the Montessori classroom! Mornings will be filled with engaging reading and creative writing workshops, as well as drills on basic math. *Maria Rodriguez*

**NEW**

### Lower Elementary Two Week Summer

#### Young Naturalists Institute

**Open to RMS students AND Non-RMS students!**

*(8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.)*

*Includes nutritious snack and outdoor time*

#### July 12-23

**"For the Birds!":** Come explore the fascinating world of birds in different habitats around the Richmond area. Listen for songs and calls of birds, investigate how birds are built, study bird behavior, and learn to identify types of birds in various habitats around Richmond. We will use binoculars and keep a journal for recording and drawing our discoveries, as well as build a bird feeding station for the school. *Jean Venci*

# UPPER ELEMENTARY

## One Week Specialty Camp Offerings Open to RMS students AND Non-RMS students!

### June 21-25

#### **Strength Week**

*(8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.—Includes nutritious snack)*

For those supergirls and superboys - Come and get faster, stronger, more flexible and agile with games, training drills, and some running. See yourself get faster for other things you like to do-- swimming, skiing, riding, baseball, etc. Let's Get Strong! *Wendy Mazzini*

*Students staying for afternoon camp lunch with us from 11:30 a.m. to 12*

#### **Elementary LEGO® Engineering 1**

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

Use very advanced LEGO® parts and pieces to learn how and why things work, hands on, in the real world. Children will learn by doing. Course covers gears, levers, wheels, axles, structures, forces and simple machines. This is an integrated science and math camp. *Instructor provided by All About Learning*

### July 26-30

#### **Team Sports**

*(8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.—Includes nutritious snack)*

Build your skills in basketball, kickball and soccer with drills and practice. Learn correct stretching exercises to prepare your body. Focus on knowing the rules, using strategy, team ethics, and improving your game over the summer. For the sports lover! *Joey Nuckols*

*Students staying for afternoon camp lunch with us from 11:30 a.m. to 12*

#### **LEGO® Vehicle Engineering and Building**

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

Using very advanced LEGO® parts and pieces, this exciting class has students building 13 different vehicles capped off with a final project. Projects include, Adjustable Crane, Bobcat, Flipper Car, Forklift, Inch-worm Car, Motor Cycle, Motorized Wheelchair, Rally (race) Car, Riding Mower, Scissor Car, Space Cruiser, Steamroller, and Submarine. *Instructor provided by All About Learning*

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

**All Rest N' Play, Swim 'N Fit, and Extended Day must be paired with concurrent morning or early afternoon sessions.**

**Offered continuously June 14-August 20**

### **Early Afternoon Offerings**

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

*Students bring their own lunch and eat with us 11:30 to 12*

#### **Rest N' Play**

*Early Childhood (Ages 2, 3 and 4 – no new toddlers)*

After lunch, your child will nap or rest, then enjoy indoor and outdoor activities, including classroom works, playground fun, nature exploration and water play. *The Montessori Enrichment Staff*

#### **Camp Swim 'N Fit**

*School Age (Age 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 at one of our host pools, Wembly or Woodmont - our swim instructors use a Montessori approach! Enjoy outdoor swimming lessons, including water safety, treading water, water games, and basic swim strokes. Advanced swimmers practice diving and improve their swimming skills with our experienced staff. Camp cost includes all pool fees.

On alternate days, participate in active games, sports clinics, fitness activities, 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. *Felecia Jefferson, Becky Nuckols, Joey Nuckols, Jenny Ferry, and the Montessori Enrichment Staff*

## **Early Afternoon Offerings (continued)**

### **UPPER ELEMENTARY**

*These two LEGO® camps do not require pairing with a morning offering*

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### **Late Afternoon Offering**

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

*Must select an early afternoon offering as well*

### **Extended Day**

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. *Montessori Enrichment Staff*

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

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

Rising and continuing RMS Middle School students are invited to apply for our popular CIT program for summer. Last year our CIT's said they had a blast!

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 to Montessori Enrichment, 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 ages 3-5. Include dates during summer 2010 that you would be available.

Applications are due by May 15. There will be a mandatory training in June for selected counselors. CIT's will assist in Primary Camps and will pay a \$75 camp fee for each week scheduled.

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 is entering her 11th year as the Art Teacher at RMS.

**Jeanne Bluford** has a B.S. in Music Education from East Carolina University and a Masters of Library Sciences from Vanderbilt University. She is entering her 2nd year at RMS.

**Nelly Churchwell** received her B.S. in Statistics Engineering from Universidad San Martin de Parras in Peru. She is entering her 4th year at RMS as the Primary and Lower Elementary Spanish teacher.

**Jenny Ferry** received her B.A. in Composition Literature and Classics from UNC Chapel Hill. A Latin and French teacher at Collegiate School during the year, this is her 5th year as a summer instructor at RMS.

**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), and is entering her 33rd year at RMS.

**Amy Hathaway** earned her M.F.A. in Art History from Virginia Commonwealth University. She has her Montessori certification in 3-6 and 6-9, and has been a Montessori teacher for 8 years. She is entering her 4th year at RMS.

**Felecia Jefferson** has been teaching children more than 25 years with 23 years at Richmond Montessori School. She has her Montessori Certification in Birth to 3 years from the New School in Raleigh, NC.

**Carolyn Kane** has her B.F.A. in painting and printmaking from Virginia Commonwealth University, and has taken additional classes in art education. She is entering her 13th year at RMS.

**Claire Leake** earned her B.S. in Recreation, Parks and Tourism from Radford University. She has been involved in cheerleading for more than 12 years, and coached a little league cheer team while in college. Claire is entering her 3rd year at RMS.

**Darlene Marschak** has extensive experience in program planning and management, as well as leadership in creating dynamic arts and recreation programming for youth. She is beginning her 3rd year at RMS as the Director of Montessori Enrichment Programs.

**Wendy Mazzini** has a B.S. in Health and P.E. from the University of Delaware. She is a certified U.S.S. swim coach, and served as Executive Director of the YMCA of Delaware for 15 years. She started the RMS Run Club in spring 2010, and is entering her 2nd year as the RMS P.E. teacher.

**Becky Nuckols** earned her B.A. in Special Education from Belmont-Abbey College. Becky is a certified Lifeguard and Water Safety Instructor. She is entering her 24th year at RMS.

**Joey Nuckols** has his B.A. in English from the University of Virginia. He coaches football, basketball, and baseball at Collegiate, and has served on the RMS Extended Care and Summer Staff for 11 years.

**Trisha Potter** earned her B.A. in English and French from Hollins University in Roanoke. She has 12 years experience in photography. Trisha is entering her 3rd 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 3rd year at RMS.

**Julisa Smith** received her Montessori teacher's certification from Malcolm King College in Harlem, New York, which later combined with Fordam University. Julisa is going into her 16th year at RMS, having made her way through the ranks from toddler assistant to Primary Lead Teacher.

**Margaret Storti** earned her B.A. in Music from Baylor University, and has a Masters of Music from Western Washington University. She is the choral director at the Maggie Walker Governor's School. This is her 2nd year in the RMS summer program.

**Carissa Swiss** has her Bachelors of Architecture with University Honors from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA, and received her Montessori Early Childhood (3-6 year olds) Certification from Adrian Dominican Montessori Teacher Education Institute in Adrian, MI. Carissa is entering her 4th year as a Montessori teacher at RMS.

**Jean Vencil** received her B.A. in Sociology from St. Mary's College in Notre Dame. She has her Montessori 3-6 and 6-9 certification from AMI, and has 25 years experience as a Montessori teacher. She is entering her 9th year at RMS.



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