**Montessori Children’s Garden**

**May 2016**

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 **Dates to Remember**

**Tuesday, May 17th Heyn’s Dairy**

**Tues. May 24 Bike Ride** for Ms. Tina and Mrs. Jones´class

**Wed. May 25 Bike Ride** for Ms. Kelley and Mrs. Honey’s class

**Friday, May 27th** Last day of academic year

**Friday, May 27th** Music Program at Rec Center

**May 30** Memorial Day

**May 31/June** 1 Teacher prep days for summer

**Thurs. June 2nd** First day of summer school

 **Bike Ride**

We are dividing our annual bike ride into two separate groups this year so please note when your child’s class will be riding:

Tues. May 24, Ms. Tina/Mrs. Jones class

Wednesday, May 25th, Ms. Kelley/Mrs. Honey’s

Wednesday May 25th Ms. Cathy’s afternoon class

We will ride bikes over to the shelter, eat popsicles and give the children some time to ride on the sidewalk.

Please drop off the bike (with helmets) on the front lawn the morning of the bike ride. Whatever your child has to ride is fine--- scooters, big wheels, or tricycles. Parents are welcome and encouraged to come!

**End of year program**

We will have our end of the year music program at the rec center this year. It will be in the basement of the center. You enter through the main entrance and follow the signs.

 Ms. Tina’s class and Mrs. Jones class will perform at 6:30-7:00.

 Ms. Kelley, Mrs. Honey, and Ms Cathy’s class will perform at 7:00-7:30.

Refreshments will follow both performances.

**Classroom News**

Mrs. Honey’s and Ms. Cathy’s class are studying birds and mapping and will finish the month with a study of Iowa and plants.

Ms. Tina’s class is studying vertebrates and United States.

Ms. Kelley’s class is studying mammals and the United States.

Mrs. Jones’ class is studying mammals and Iowa.

**Upcoming field trip**

We will be walking down to Heyn’s Dairy for ice cream on Tuesday, May 17th. The schedule is as follows. We will leave the school at these times for those parents who would like to walk with us.

9:45 Mrs. Honey/Ms. Cathy

10:00 Ms. Kelley/Ms. Reiko

10:15 Mrs. Jones/Ms. Liz

10:30 Ms. Tina/Ms. Kat

**Thank you**

A special thank you to Michelle Bogs for organizing the teacher appreciation week. As soon as the teachers figured out what was going on (we were a bit slow) we loved everything you did for us this week! First day we wondered about the hats and then remembered it was “hats off” day for the teachers. Second day we wondered about why all the cards and then remembered it was card day. By the third day we were catching on and we loved the Panera sandwiches/salads.

Special thank you to Tina Luebke for the cupcakes on Friday and the school supplies. Special thank you to Emily Mizer for the salad fixings on Friday and the lemon blueberry cake on Wednesday.

Thank you for all the perennials and garden supplies. We so appreciate knowing such a nice group of people! Thank you. Your acts of kindness mean so much.

**Quotable Quotes**

**Child says, “Guess what! My grandma is 61 and she’s still alive!”**

**Teacher: “Those eggs come from chickens. They lay eggs.”**

**Child: “Just like cows lay milk.”**

**Another child: “Yeah, the milk comes from their squeezers.”**

**Child couldn’t get to sleep at nap time says, “It’s my shoes. They’re interrupting me.”**

**Teacher says, “On my next birthday, I’m going to be really old!”**

**Child says, “Don’t worry. You’re already old.”**