



The sounds of chatter, laughter and music are filling the school. **IMSP is alive again with children!** We are getting to know each other, adjust to classrooms and daily schedules. Many of the children have been amazed with all the changes that have taken place during their absence. The primary coat room is definitely on the top of that list!

Montessori Quote: Education should no longer be mostly imparting of knowledge, but must take a new path, seeking the release of human potentialities.

Date	Event	Details
Sept. 1 st , Wed.	Fire Drill	Fire Drill slippers sent home afterwards for washing
Sept. 4 th , Sat.	Annual School Picnic	Dendrologicka Zahrada 11am - 1pm; details to follow..
Sept. 6 th , Mon.	After school enrichment begins	
Sept. 7 th , Tues.	PA Meeting 8:45 - 9:45 am	Meets in the dining room/child care room
Sept. 8 th , Wed.	Elementary Workshop	3:15 -4 pm both Upper and Lower EI meet in Lwr EI room
Sept. 13 th , Mon.	Parent Readers' Sign-up	Sign-up will be posted on the Parent Bulletin Board in lobby
Sept. 15 th , Wed.	Primary Workshop	3:15 to 4 pm
Sept. 16 th , Thurs.	Newsletter Articles	Deadline is Sept. 16th
Sept. 17 th , Fri.	Elementary Field trip	A forest walk to Pastelka Gallery
Sept. 22 nd , Wed.	Toddler Workshop	3:15-4 pm
Sept. 27 th , Mon.	Teacher Workday (No school)	NO SCHOOL. Free childcare by reservation (deadline 9/20) 8am-3pm
Sept. 28 th , Tues.	Czech Holiday	No classes / No child care



Born August 31st, 1870

Happy Birthday,
Dr. Maria Montessori!



Reminders:

Please wait until Dismissal Time has been completed at 3:15, and most children have been picked up, before going through the school to the playground to enjoy the outdoors. We need your help during this time when teachers are diligently trying to keep track of all the children and release them to the appropriate adults. Thank you. We appreciate your help in this matter.

Classroom Events

Toddler News

After a very enriching summer, we are thrilled to be back at IMSP in new form, ready to welcome you to our Toddler Community for 2010-2011! The Toddler Community includes many siblings of older IMSP students who had also been part of our class, as well as new families we will soon call friends.

Please join us on Wednesday, September 22nd at 3:15 for the first Parent-Toddler Workshop of the year, entitled *Toddlers and the Montessori Method*. We will review the main points of Montessori philosophy and pedagogy and take a look at how they manifest in the classroom environment and materials. The Parent Workshops are generally held without children in attendance so that parents can get the most out of the meeting. For your convenience, we offer free childcare for all toddlers during that hour. If your child is in diapers and requires a diaper change during the hour meeting time, a teacher will take your child to you for changing. We hope to see you all there!

The workshops are a wonderful way to connect with other parents and become familiar with Montessori's deep insights and purpose.

During this term, we will focus on exploring the space and materials, discovering each other, creating bonds and settling into our shared community.

Our Team:

2010-2011 marks the fourth year for Ms. Glynis (U.S. native) as IMSP lead toddler teacher. Ms. Dita (Czech native) joins us in the role of main assistant, having finished her Montessori training in the U.S. this summer, and Ms. Anna (Malaysian native), our second assistant, remains with us from last year. All three of us have children at the school and we look forward to getting to know all of our families at IMSP.

Primary News

We welcome all new and returning students to Primary! We are very excited to see each child and hear about all of his or her adventures from this summer. This year Primary also welcomes Ms. Kathleen who will work in Primary II with Ms. Jana. Ms. Sandra will be working with both Primaries throughout the week and also with Ms. Joanna on Fridays. She will also take care of the school's library and ESL programs during the morning work periods.

The first Primary Workshop of the school year will be September 15th from 3:15-4 pm. We encourage all parents to attend this workshop because it will discuss in greater details the routine of the Primary child's day. Such topics to be discussed will be the daily routine, celebrations in the year, observing in the classroom and continuing the child's love for learning in the home environment.

Each Primary classroom will have a morning work period, time outside, and an extended afternoon activity. The kindergarten children will continue their afternoon with an academic focus through a story and a material presentation, (from one of these areas: language, math, science, sensorial, or culture). They will also be completing their handwriting lessons as well as any work that they wish to complete in the afternoon. The younger children will have a special time to either rest, or focus on a specific work. Both groups will share a story and a snack with one another at this time.

The cultural study of this month will revolve around the universe, (study of the planets, moons, the sun and stars). In art the children will see the works of Pablo Picasso. We invite all families to share any pictures or books about the universe or Pablo Picasso with us at this time. We look forward to seeing everyone very soon!

Lower Elementary News

We would like to welcome everyone back from the summer break. We are excited to see our returning students and welcome our new first graders. The Lower Elementary class will have 10 new first grade students and we will also welcome Daniil Raskind from Russia as a new third grade student.

We will begin the school year creating our community together. There will be many class meetings to discuss the routines and guidelines with the children's input. We will have many activities to focus on building our community, learning the routines and enjoying the first month of school.

Some reminders:

Physical Education P.E. has been moved to Monday. Please remember to bring P.E. clothing, non-marking-shoes, and a water bottle each Monday. P.E. clothing should be a change of clothes into shorts and a t-shirt. In colder weather long pants are needed. It is a good idea to keep a pair of non-marking shoes here at school so your child can always participate in P.E. We are not allowed to wear other shoes inside the gym. P.E. may take place outside when the weather is nice, so on Mondays outdoor shoes should be appropriate for running.

Backpack Please make it a habit to have your child independently prepare and bring their backpack to school everyday. Homework will need to be transported between school and home on Mondays and Fridays. It may also be needed on other days to help carry and organize different items.

Orientation Workshop We hope everyone will attend our first Elementary workshop on Wednesday, September 8 at 3:15 to 4:00. This is a very important workshop to attend as we will be giving an overview of the expectations and guidelines for the elementary classes. There will be some changes we wish ALL parents to hear.

Field Trip Our first elementary field trip will be on Friday, September 17th. We will go to the nearby forest, Kunraticky les, where the Pastelka Gallery is having a week of creative classes and classes having to do with nature. This trip will also give us the opportunity to introduce our new friends to organized walking and forest etiquette. You can find more information about the program at www.lesypraha.cz.

Upper Elementary News

Welcome back to school! We hope you all had a great summer holiday. We are very excited to begin this school year. We will review team work skills and ground rules in the beginning weeks of school. We will also be working on reading, writing and math basic skills with new students to design their first term of work.

You will receive some useful information about homework and how to participate in some projects at the first Elementary Workshop. This year we will be continuing with last year's expectations on caring for our environment and preparing for a sustainable living.

- o Any suggestions, ideas or thoughts about caring for our environment are more than welcome.
- o We are also asking for suggestions of community projects in which the whole class can participate.

We are looking forward to a year of inquiry and discussions!

Sept. Birthdays

Toddler	Primary	Elementary
nobody	Albert Kotlin Sept. 8, he turns 5!	Krishna Ramani Sept. 20, he turns 8!
	Amelie Paul Sept. 11, she turns 5!	Kai Sket Sept. 21, he turns 8!
	Saki Komiya Sept. 12, she turns 3!	
	Jan Zapletal Sept. 16, he turns 4!	
	Jakub Zabza Sept. 18, he turns 4!	

Announcements:

❖ **Family Picnic** - Sat. Sept. 4, 11am to 1pm at Dendrologická Zahrada (dendrological garden) in Pruhonice, U Farny Street.

This is an opportunity to mingle and mix with IMSP families for a fun and community building event. Please bring a picnic lunch and a blanket to sit on. We will meet at the children's playground just inside the entrance on the left, close to the parking lot. See map on next page.

We will have some special entertainment for the children at 11:30. so please don't miss it!

DIRECTIONS: Take the D1 Freeway in the direction of Brno, turn off at Exit 6 (Pruhonice). Make a right hand turn at the roundabout which will take you underneath the D1, go directly through the next roundabout and then turn into a small unmarked road to your left (just behind a gas station). The garden is just on the left side as you enter this small road. NB: The gardens are directly opposite Aqua Palace Praha.

FURTHER INFORMATION: see <http://www.dendrologickazahrada.cz>

Public Transportation: Bus 328 from Opatov metro station. Stop at Cestlice Kika (Prazska Street). The Aquapalace will be on the left as you walk down the road. Turn left at the crossing, then turn right at the next crossing. This is U Farny Street which leads to the entrance of the Dendrologická Zahrada.

Or take a bus number 363 to Čestlice – Aquapalace bus stop

Bus No.: 328 departs Opatov at 10:05, 10:35, 11:05 on Saturdays.

Bus No.: 328 departs Cestlice Kika at 13:26, 13:56, 14:26, 14:56.

Bus No.: 363 departs Opatov at 10:15, 10:45, 11:15

Bus No.: 363 departs Čestlice – Aquapalace at 13:17, 13:47, 14:17

Entrance fee: Adult: 60 CZK, Children 6 – 15 yrs: 30 CZK, Children 3 – 6 yrs 15 CZK, Family: 150 CZK

❖ **Afternoon Enrichment classes begin the week of September 6th.**
We're excited to resume many of the classes offered last year and are eager to learn more about Chess and Drawing class! Please be aware that you may still join most of the classes.

❖ **The first PA meeting of the year meets Sept. 7th in the lunch room at 8:45 AM. Please join us!**

❖ **EXPATS EXPO 2010** September 25th, 11 am to 6 pm. This year IMSP will be participating as an exhibitor in the Expats Exposition! It's a great time of **family fun** offering a full day of entertainment for children and their parents. While your children experience face

painting, yoga and visiting clowns, you can visit over 100 exhibitors and enjoy a Starbucks...along the way!

We would greatly appreciate Parent Volunteers, who would like to help by spending 45 minutes out of their day along side IMSP staff at the expo, representing IMSP and talking with visitors.