



## Letter from Mrs. Datzyk

Dear Families,

A sunny Hello to you all!

We are all enjoying the warm spring weather! Here at school, it is making us think ahead to the Spring Picnic, which will be held on the school's playground in the early evening of Wednesday, June 8th. For the picnic, each family is asked to bring one covered dish and one dessert to be shared by all. **Respecting those who have food allergies or those who do not eat meat, please include either a recipe card or a list of ingredients with your dishes. On June 8th, all of the children will be dismissed from school at 12 noon.**

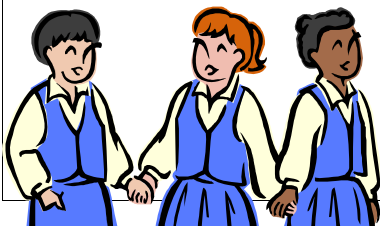
I believe that we have had a rewarding year here at Datzyk Montessori School. From what I have gathered from you parents and from the teachers, and from what I have witnessed here in the classrooms, I can confidently say that all of the children have grown in their knowledge and love of learning. The teachers reported the conferences as being successful. I trust that you benefited from them by gathering more information to better understand your child's accomplishments.

A special note to the PoDS organization...Thank you for the delightful visit you had planned with the Poole Wildlife Sanctuary! The children enjoyed both observing and touching the creatures! On behalf of the DMS staff and myself, I would like to express gratitude for the gourmet luncheon served to us at our meeting during Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you PoDS, for your continued thoughtfulness.

Letters were sent home asking you whether or not you intend to have your child return to Datzyk Montessori. Please get the responses in as soon as possible. A few of you also received letters concerning incomplete paperwork. Hopefully all of the papers are returned by now. The state requires that each child have a yearly medical exam—many of yours were overdue. Thank you for your immediate action on these matters.

Enjoy this sunny weather! Should the opportunity arise, please come to visit our bustling classrooms!

- Ruth N. Datzyk





## Miss Ryan's Classroom

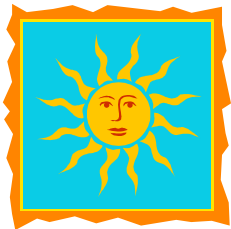
Miss Ryan's class would like to wish all the moms of Datzyk School a Happy Mother's Day! May was full of exciting new materials, songs, and art activities for the two year olds to learn and enjoy. We explored by adding water in some of our new jobs and the children seem to be doing them very well. Our class examined the parts of a flower and everyone was given the chance to label each piece. The group did great! During the last week of May, we will begin our fruit and vegetable washing job. The children are not quite ready for cutting, so after they wash I will show them how to cut the fruit/vegetables with some assistance.

June will be approaching us quickly and the school year will soon come to an end. In the month of June, we will be working on our song and t-shirts for the Spring Show. Our class will be learning about birds and their habitat. Thank you parents for remembering your child's shirt for the Spring Show! Miss Ryan would like to wish Dhruv and Aditya a Happy Birthday!

## Mrs. Serrecchia & Mrs. Vassallo's Classroom

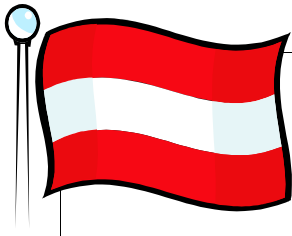
As spring approaches, we are examining seeds, plants and nature. We have renewed our interest in bird watching and love to listen to the students identify the birds outside of our windows. The students are still diligently practicing letter sounds and some have begun to work on matching objects with the letter from which they start. The introduction of the binomial cube was met with great enthusiasm by the class. Sandpaper numbers are always a big hit in our classroom. That love of numbers has carried over to the Spanish class where the children eagerly await their turn to count objects in Spanish.

We had a visit from Pool Wildlife Sanctuary at the end of last month and the students loved the presentation. We learned many new facts about turtles, frogs and owls. The students were able to touch and hold many of the animals that were rescued by the sanctuary.



## Summer Program Begins June 20th

There has been lots of interest in the Datzyk Summer Program. It will begin Monday, June 20th and run through Friday, July 29th. Please make sure that your child's paperwork has been completed prior to the first day; this is a state requirement. We look forward to spending the summer with the children enjoying and exploring the summer! There will be one classroom with 2 teachers plus Mrs. Datzyk. It will run from 9am to 3pm. There is still time to register your child.



## Mrs. Molter's Classroom

We all enjoyed the Poole Wildlife presentation. We saw 1 mammal (rabbit), 1 bird (owl), 2 reptiles (snake and turtle), 1 amphibian (frog), and one invertebrate (hissing cockroach). Since then we have discussed the fact that amphibians have moist skins and are cold blooded. The next animal we will study is the fish. We have dissected some flowers in order to see the stamens, pistils and corollas. The children also grew their own marigolds. They have also been matching cards of famous paintings and we hope to learn about some of the artists. We are very busy as the school year winds down. The Spring Show is drawing near and we have been practicing. **The children should wear either red or white tops for the show.** This is to represent the flag of Austria. I think we've had a productive and fun year. Thanks to everyone who helped to make it successful by remembering snacks and doing special projects with our class. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

## Mrs. Datzyk and Mrs. Turrisi's Classroom



The kindergarten and first-grade class is enjoying le Printemps (the spring), les fleurs, le soleil, la pelouse! We notice a touch of the fever has gotten to them. Each morning they ask, "When are we going out for some fresh air?" Then, once we are outside, they ask, "May we eat outside today?" Needless to say, we have been taking advantage of the warm afternoons (and the fact that bees have not yet appeared) by enjoying a few lunches in the open air!

Our class has been busily preparing for the Spring Show—their voices are tuned, now we need to begin production of our classroom tee shirt. **Please send a plain white tee shirt to school with your child a.s.a.p.** so that it can be decorated and ready to be worn for our June 8th show and picnic. Thanks!

Because Pajama Day and Game Week were such a huge success, we would like to schedule another **P.J. Day w/games on Friday, May 27th.** This time we invite the children to **bring along a sleeping bag** that they can use to sit on while game playing. Speaking of games, a grand "thank you!" to Max Stempel for the Checkers game that he gave to our class.

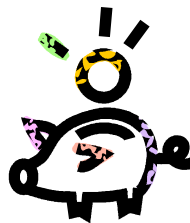


## Datzyk Family Yard Sale

The first Datzyk Yard Sale was held on Saturday, May 7th. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way. We couldn't have done it without you. It was a big success! About 2/3 of the items donated got sold. Most of them sold within the first few hours of the Sale. We raised over \$250 for PoDS. The money will be used in the 2005-2006 school year to support Datzyk programs. Items that were not sold were donated to Goodwill and Datzyk got the taxable deduction.

## Easy Ways to Help Datzyk

When you shop at the stores below, give these account numbers & Datzyk gets rewards.



- Superfresh Account: 444441027—Datzyk gets cash quarterly
- Office Depot: 5% School Id: 70084861—Datzyk gets store credit
- Box Tops for Education: Datzyk gets cash twice a year. Don't forget to cut the Box Tops for Education icons off General Mills products and put them in the box in your child's classroom. Each top could be worth 10 cents!
- SchoolPop.com Account: 0171602

## Coming Events

06 June: PoDS Meeting—7-8 p.m. in Mrs. Molter's room — *PoDS Officer Elections*

08 June: Spring Picnic; 12noon dismissal; return at 5pm; children report directly to their classrooms to prepare for show.

17 June: Last day of school

20 June: Summer program begins

See you in September

## Special Thanks!



- Aarti Chohski for arranging the lunch for the teachers in celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week!
- Gina Thomas-Clifton for organizing the Yard Sale!
- All parents who donated items to the Yard Sale!
- All parents who helped set up, work and tear down the Yard Sale!
- Last but not least....all the DMS teachers and staff for a great year!

## Parents of Datzyk School (PoDS) Update

It seems hard to believe that this school year is almost over. Thank you to all the parents and teachers who have attended the PoDS meetings. Your passion for the Datzyk Montessori has helped us make things even better! We hope that you have enjoyed the newsletter and your children have benefited from the Native American storyteller and Pool Wildlife Sanctuary animal presentation. Many thanks to all of you who contributed in some way to our fundraising efforts.



We have made more progress towards our goals of improving communication between parents and teachers and enhancing classroom curriculum this Spring. Our monthly meetings have been restructured to discuss PoDS business for 30 minutes and have teachers discuss their classroom's activities for 30 minutes. The latter part has been very helpful to all parents, specifically those with younger children. It has helped the parents appreciate the value of Datzyk Montessori education. Thanks to Mrs. Vassallo and Mrs. Serrechia for attending the May meeting.

Over the summer, PoDS is looking for volunteers to develop our 2005-06 school year activities. This would involve about two meetings including one with John and Mrs. Datzyk. If you are interested or have suggestions, please put an note in the PoDS compartment near John Datzyk's desk.

Please attend the June PoDS meeting on June 6th; we'll be electing officers for 2005-6.