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LDVA'S WIZARD OF OZ PRODUCTION



As reflected by audience response, the LDVA production of Wizard of Oz was a great success and an inspiration to all who took part. Congratulations to students and staff for a fun-filled and outstanding production !

**"Principles for the Development of a Complete Mind:
Study the science of art. Study the art of Science.
Develop your senses - especially learn how to see.
Realize that everything connects to everything else."**

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LEONARDO'S CHALLENGE



May's Leonardo's Challenge was hosted by the *Scuola Materna* teachers and incorporated all the Da Vincian principles. Students worked in multi-age groups to construct the tallest tower using only straws and tape. The real challenge was that the tower constructed had to support an orange without falling over. The exercise was engaging and promoted team work. The students did a great job creating some very creative structure with the limited resources.

FESTA DELLA REPUBBLICA

On June 2, LDVA celebrated Italy's National "Republic Day" with a common luncheon. Thanks to all the parents who helped out with the "Festa" preparations and for providing the delicious Italian dishes for all to enjoy. The photo below features the *Scuola Materna* children celebrating "Festa".



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INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Mr. Jewell

Congratulations to the *Sensazione Titans* and *Corporalità Killer Bees*, the two finalist teams currently competing for the **Tim Brown Memorial Trophy**. The winners will claim their title as deserved champions of the LDVA Senior Intramural Sports program! As the top seed after the regular season, the *Titans* initially faced the fourth place *Curiosità Concorde*s in a best-of-seven semi-final series incorporating many of the sports played during the regular season. The *Titans* lived up to their name, sweeping through the overmatched *Concorde*s crew. Meanwhile, in a tightly contested semi-final battle of second and third seeds, the *Killer Bees* stung the higher ranked *Arte/Scienza Anacondas* as they upset the shocked snakes 4 games to 2.

In the final, the *Titans* currently hold a 2 games to 1 series lead, after opening the series with gigantic wins in basketball and ball hockey. The *Killer Bees* swarmed back into the series with a dramatic last minute volleyball victory in the third game. This series has featured some spectacular play by both teams, and will hopefully continue to feature exciting action all the way to its conclusion. Good luck to both teams!

Meanwhile, in Junior (Grades 1 and 2) Sports action, the *Junior Bees* are competing against the *Junior Concorde*s in their best-of-five final. The *Bees* dominated regular season play and were overwhelming favourites heading into the final. However, the *Junior Concorde*s have taken flight in the playoffs and lead the series 2 games to 0 after earning convincing victories in lacrosse and soccer. They have definitely picked the right time of the year to earn their wings and reach for the sky.

The Senior trophy, as well as medals for both Junior and Senior Champions, will be awarded to the victorious teams at Opening Ceremonies on Tuesday June 21st -- well done to all competitors!

Below: May's Leonardo's Challenge



Congratulations to our First Communion candidates (shown above) who recently celebrated the holy sacrament at All Saints' Parish
Mrs. Barba

Below: Festa Della Repubblica Luncheon



Below: Performers from the Wizard of Oz Production



SCUOLA MATERNA NEWS

M. Ricciuti

I bambini della Scuola Materna concludono la programmazione educativa-didattica annuale, esplorando la natura e le piante arricchendo così le attività all'aperto studiando fiori e animali dello zoo e della fattoria, tenendo sempre presente i principi Leonardeschi e il metodo Montessori..



Il 26 di maggio - "Festa della famiglia"; è stata una festa emozionante per tutti, dove i bambini hanno dimostrato ancora una volta la loro bravura e la loro spontaneità, dedicando a loro canzoncine, poesie e tanto amore.

*Il 9 giugno: gita alla fattoria **Green Acres**. Che divertimento!*

Il 22 giugno: Ultimo giorno di scuola, seguirà l'orario regolare. Si ricorda ai

*genitori che in questo giorno alle 3:00 pm si svolgerà anche la cerimonia di chiusura dell'anno scolastico ("Graduation"). Mi raccomando i bambini che prenderanno il diploma devono avere un **grembiulino** pulito extra, per la cerimonia. Inoltre saranno anche disponibili in ufficio le **Pagelle Finali**.*

Quest'anno per la Scuola Materna Montessori, riceveranno il diploma: Ilaria Rose., Li-Na, Bianca, James, Gabrielle, Raquel, Stella, e Sebastiano.



Congratulazioni e auguri per un felicissimo futuro!!!

Lo Staff della Scuola Materna Montessori augura a tutti una felicissima estate.

CASA MONTESSORI NEWS

Grimaldi/Pinto



The Casa children and their teachers have been enjoying the warm weather and are very excited to clean up our little courtyard at the end of the year. For that day we will ask parents to dress their children in casual clothing but bring their uniform since they will change after the clean-up. We will use water to wash off the artwork our children have made to decorate our walls outside, but please don't send them in bathing suits. An email will be sent shortly about the day of the clean-up.

The children were overjoyed to perform new songs in our recent Parents' Day concert on May 26th. They practiced every day to make their parents proud and happy. They were also pleased to bake banana bread in the classroom. The graduating students have been busy working on their 2016 Timelines, which will be displayed outside the office. We would like to thank the parents to send family pictures with their children. We welcome parents to take a look at their wonderful work.

On June 22nd at 3:00 pm Casa Graduating Students will be attending the "Year-End Ceremony" in the gym to receive their Casa diploma. We look forward to seeing all of the Graduates' families that afternoon.

Congratulations to all our graduating students on three years of hard work. Best of luck in Lower Elementary.

We wish everyone a safe and happy summer vacation! We also encourage parents to support your children by encouraging them to continue their reading and *cursive* writing during the summer break.

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LAPA NEWS

THANKS to all the parents who came out to the public consultation meeting held by the TDSB concerning the future status of the Buttonwood Hill property. LDVA parents were very articulate about the importance of keeping our school on site. The role of LDVA as a valuable community resource was highlighted and Board officials were made well aware of the strong and passionate level of support that exists from parents.

Voices of area ratepayers and other members of the community, including daycare parents, were also present defending their disapproval of any potential future sale of the property by the TDSB.



Above: LDVA Art Fair Creations

Right: May's Leonardo's Challenge

HOW TO PREVENT "SUMMER SLIDE"

Mrs. S. Lee

During the summer holidays, many children forget some of what they've learned or slip out of reading practice. Below are three strategies that will help your child improve his/her all important **reading skills** during the summer and beyond:

Six books to summer success: Research shows that reading just six books during the summer helps to keep a struggling reader from regressing. When choosing the six, be sure that they are a good fit - not too hard and not too easy. Take advantage of your **local library**. Ask for help selecting books that match your child's age, interests, and abilities.

Read something every day: Encourage your child to take advantage of every opportunity to read throughout the day:

- *Morning* - Reading the newspaper, even if it is just the comics or today's weather.
- *Daytime* - Reading schedules, guides, magazines, online resources, recipes. For example, if your daughter likes the food channel, help her look for a recipe on the network's website then cook it together for more reading practice.
- *Evening* - End the day by having your child read to you from the book he is currently reading. Have him rehearse a paragraph, page, or chapter before reading to you. Re-reading will help him be more fluent and more able to read at an appropriate speed, correctly, and with expression.

Keep reading aloud: Reading aloud benefits all children and especially those who struggle. One benefit is that you can read books your child can't, so she will build listening comprehension skills with grade-level and above books. This will increase her knowledge and expand her experience with text, so that she will do better when she reads on her own.

It's hard to keep up a reading routine in a season packed with distractions and diversions. These suggestions will not only fit into a busy schedule but will make reading fun!

