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## CONGRATULATIONS JAN. STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following students were selected as  
**Students of the Month for January 2010:**

- ROOM 101 HOLLISTER OLSON, WILL FARRELL
- ROOM 102 DALIYAH SMITH, SULLY RICHARDS
- ROOM 105 JAMES SHEEHY, AILISH SHEEHY
- ROOM 106 ALEXIS SASSOWER, RACHEL ZWIRN
- ROOM 107 AVA DONOHUE, NURIEL TORRES
- ROOM 108 MICHELLE BETTES, TYE HAWKINS
- ROOM 109 ELIJAH CATANIA, PETER VENEGAS
- ROOM 111 AALIYAH VEGA, ETHAN SCHACHTER
- ROOM 113 BROOKLYN HAYES, ESMERALDA SALGADO
- ROOM 201 JULIAN BANE
- ROOM 203 STUART BROWN
- ROOM 204 AILEEN ALVAREZ
- ROOM 205 KEILU SANCHEZ, VICTOR TORRES-REYES
- ROOM 206 KALVIN BLASKOWSKI
- ROOM 210 LILY VALENTIN
- ROOM 212 JUSTIN FIELDS
- ROOM 213 QUINCY BANE
- ROOM 214 DAVID MERAZ
- ROOM 221 ASHLEY TAYLOR
- ROOM 223 DIAMOND WALKER
- ROOM 225 ESTER HERNANDEZ
- ROOM 226 DIANA MERAZ

Let's give these students a round of applause for being such superb role models for their classrooms!

## LSC ELECTIONS COMING UP

Are you interested in helping Oscar Mayer Magnet School be the best it can be? Do you have strong planning, leadership and strategic thinking skills? Do people admire your ability to get things done? If so, you may want to consider running for the Oscar Mayer Local School Council! Elections for parent and community representatives for the 2-year period beginning July 1, 2010 will take place on April 22nd.

Nomination forms can be picked up from the school office. Completed forms are due back to the office by 3pm on Thursday, March 11th.

LSC candidates will have a chance to highlight their related experience and skills at an LSC candidate forum on Tuesday, March 23rd at 6 pm at the school. All parents, community members and Oscar Mayer staff are invited to attend the forum.

For questions or help in preparing for the election, call the Local School Council Relations Office at (773) 553-1400 or visit <http://www.cps.edu/Pages/LSCElections.aspx>.

## PLAYMOBIL GRANT

Last November Deeba Khan (Primary Special Education Teacher; Room #110) developed a creative lesson plan based on community helpers and PLAYMOBIL's educational toys for PLAYMOBIL's first annual "Creativity in the Classroom" grant program. Deeba's clever plan caught the eye of the PLAYMOBIL organization and she was recently awarded a monetary grant and PLAYMOBIL educational toys for use in her resource program for students with special needs. Congratulations Deeba for creating a winning entry - your students are sure to appreciate these prizes!

## FRIENDS OF MAYER ELECTIONS

Part of what makes Oscar Mayer Magnet School great is its parent volunteers. We have parents involved in all aspects of the school, from classroom support to fundraising to school-wide initiatives such as the after-school programs and the garden project. Without the active support of parents, it would be impossible for the school to accomplish all its objectives.

One important way to get involved is through being a member of the Friends of Mayer (FOM) board. The Friends of Mayer works to improve and enhance the educational opportunities and facilities for students attending Oscar Mayer Magnet School. By volunteering our time, fostering a sense of internal and external community, and obtaining resources and creating opportunities, we assist with the maintenance and expansion of educational programs to enrich the students' experiences.

The FOM board is elected by the Oscar Mayer Magnet School community. Its members (minimum of 11, maximum of 21) serve a one-year term, and being a board member means making a commitment to being involved in school initiatives, attending monthly meetings, fundraising, and allocating the discretionary funds appropriately.

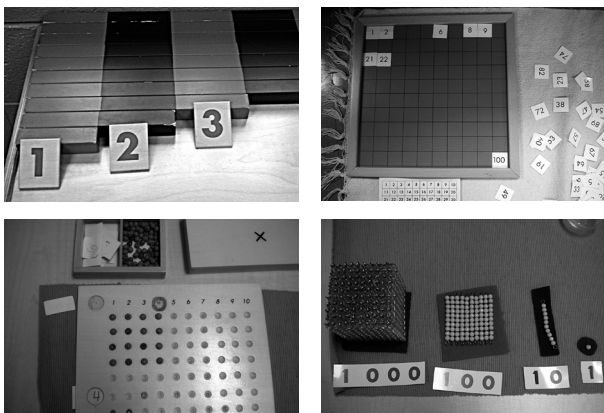
The Friends of Mayer board election cycle is kicking off now. Here's a rundown of the process:

- **If you are interested in running for the FOM board, please either let me (Brad Bane – 847.644.2736) know or send an e-mail to [friendsofmayer@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsofmayer@yahoo.com) no later than March 25, 2010. There are no restrictions on who is eligible to run – parents, staff and community members are all welcome.**
- **At our April meeting (scheduled for April 28, 2010 at 6 pm), each candidate will be given the opportunity to make a 2-3 minute speech, and the election will take place at that meeting.**
- **Term of service is July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011.**

For more information, visit the FOM website at: [www.friendsofmayer.org/registrations\\_policies\\_and\\_procedures.html](http://www.friendsofmayer.org/registrations_policies_and_procedures.html). At the bottom of the page, you will find more information about the elections (labeled "Policies and Procedures PDF"), as well as our bylaws. I very much hope parents of children in all grades will consider running for the FOM board. As parents, I think we have an obligation to work for the betterment of our school, and getting involved with the Friends of Mayer is a great way to do that.!

*Submitted by BRAD BANE, President, Friends of Mayer*

## MONTESSORI MATH TEST



Thank you Barbara Baldini and the Early Childhood/Elementary I teachers who hosted the latest Parent Education evening on February 17th. Now it's time to test your knowledge – what are the names of these materials? (Ask your student to check your work! Answers in March.)

*Photo's courtesy of MARISSA HOUK, (Early Childhood Teacher)*

### IMPORTANT DATES!

NO SCHOOL (C. PULASKI'S BIRTHDAY)	MARCH 1
LSC MEETING	MARCH 23
FOM MEETING	MARCH 24
NO SCHOOL (SPRING BREAK)	MARCH 29- APRIL 2

*If you have ideas for articles, comments or questions please email me at: [debbie\\_hilander@yahoo.com](mailto:debbie_hilander@yahoo.com) (parent newsletter editor) with OM Newsletter in the subject line.*