

**Tobin  
Montessori  
School  
Today's Teamwork  
Tomorrow's Success**

MAY 16, 2014



Ruth from 282 was very busy counting the donations made to the Pennies For Peace Drive. See back for details.

**Upcoming Events:**

City Sprouts Drop In every  
Monday 2-3 p.m.



No School  
Monday, May 26th  
Memorial Day

Field Day  
June 4th  
All Day



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**Library News:**

Volunteers are always needed in the library. No experience is necessary. Ms. Gillis, our librarian, will be happy to show you what to do. Contact her at [JGillis@cpsd.us](mailto:JGillis@cpsd.us).



All library books need to be returned or paid for by JUNE 4. If books that have been paid for are found, your money will be returned.

Annual Book Swap for students will take place June 9-13. Clean off those bookshelves and bring your donations to the main office.

Donations should be appropriate for 3 yr olds through 6th grade.

**Spring Concert**

Tuesday, May 20th  
8:15 a.m.



Children in kindergarten to grade 5 will be performing. Children should wear concert white (black pants or skirts and a white blouse or shirt).

The 5th grade Strings, as well as the 5th grade wind and brass students, will be performing.

3 and 4 yr olds will be part of the audience.

In order to better meet the needs of the parents at Tobin, we have created a very quick "Parent Education Series" survey that we would appreciate ALL parents taking. It's only 3 questions!



Please take a moment to click the link below or copy it into your browser to help us better serve you next year.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7STSZR2>

Want to stay informed of Tobin events and community/social happenings?  
On FACEBOOK, please join "The Tiger's Den -- A Tobin Montessori Families Group" located at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/124343853811/>

Website: [HTTP://TOBIN.CPSD.US](http://TOBIN.CPSD.US)



## Pennies For Peace

The children of 282 are working hard with the help of their community and Miss Pradhan's class, to send a child to school in Haiti for one full school year. Here is the story of how it all happened.

The other morning one of the three year old children in our class was crying and said that she missed her dad and wanted to stay home with him. I said, "Oh Moms and Dads go to work or do things that grown ups do and all children in the world go to school." One child who was in my class last year said, "No, that's not true.

Remember when you went to Haiti last year? You said some kids didn't get to go to school?" We discussed that not all children are able to go to school because sometimes you have to pay for school and people do not have the money. A few children recalled a small fundraiser we did the previous year that we called **Pennies for Peace**. Another child said, "Hey, we could do **Pennies for Peace** again and then the kids in Haiti can go to school!" Four friends wrote a poster and a letter explaining what they were doing. We sent the letters home to various classrooms, gathered materials and met with the principal to ask if they could begin their drive. Each morning the children sat outside the class saying, "**Pennies, pennies, pennies for Peace for kids in Haiti**". One child had a lemonade stand and Miss Pradhan's class came over to hear all about what we were doing and they wanted to help too!

Together we looked at a map to learn where Haiti is, looked at photos that I took last year and listened to stories. As a group, we raised \$165.13. We later walked to the local bank and exchanged it all for dollar bills. A locally owned (family in our class) record store **Shake It Records** has generously matched our fundraising, and we are in the process of one more donation to get to the full \$451.00 that will send a child to a school for a full year, including uniforms and supplies. The organization is called **Devoted to Children** (a friend of mine started this children's home for orphaned children). One little girl said to her mom, "No, we cannot just send the kid to school for one week it needs to be for one full year!"

So I am asking our community to help us and show our children in Cambridge that anything is possible and how you can help others.

We need \$121.00 more. What if everyone gave anything from 1.00 up and came together to make this happen? If you are able to, please drop it off to the office or 282. I know together we can make this happen. We will be able to receive photographs and learn all about the child.

You know the saying, "**Act locally, think globally**"? but just flip it for this, "**Act globally and think locally**".

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