

Community Meeting

Agenda 11/8/05

1. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keystone Charity Classic and Auction Update

Thanks to everyone that volunteered and donated to make this event a huge success! Please see the website for an update. We are already planning for next year and would like to expand the golf tournament and auction committees. Please contact Michelle A. or Michelle B. to volunteer!

No School Veteran's Day Friday, Nov. 11th

Childcare available for Extended Care students only
Please stop by the front desk and confirm your reservation

Board Applications due Nov. 11th

If you or someone you know may be interested in applying for this position, please ask for an application packet from the front office. The packet contains more detailed information on the role of Board Members as well as the application itself. The applications will be due back to the front office on November 11th.

Transitions in Montessori Nov. 16th 6:30-8pm

Ramya Fernando, Elementary Coordinator, will discuss transitions in Montessori from level to level, class to class, school to school. Limited free childcare is available with a reservation.

Early Release Wed. Nov. 23rd

Please note that this is a change from previous years. Extended Care will not be offered.

Keystone Night with the Phoenix Suns

Saturday, January 14th at 7:30pm
Tickets are \$35.50pp
Not a fundraiser...Keystone is passing the tickets on at cost
Deadline is Dec. 9th

United Blood Services Blood Drive January 26th, 1-7pm

See Michelle A. for details

2. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Today the contractor estimated the building to be complete in approximately 3 weeks. Move-in and occupancy date TBA.

3. PUBLIC SCHOOL TAX CREDIT

- **Married filing jointly or Head-of-household limit increased to \$300**
- Fill out Arizona Form 322 when you file your Individual tax return
- **100% of it back if your refund or applied against your tax bill when you file**
- The 2005 goal is \$60,000. We would raise over \$50K if every family participated...we would raise over \$100,000 if every family recruited one additional donation.
- **Don't forget your company matching programs (Intel, Motorola, Honeywell, Boeing, American Express, Wells Fargo, Chase, etc.)**
- Payments are made to Keystone Montessori

- **Don't think of this as a donation...think of it as directing your tax dollars to Keystone as the net cost to you is \$0!**
- You can participate in both the Public School and Private School Tax Credit programs

4. PRIVATE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP TAX CREDIT

- Married filing jointly or Head-of-household limit increased to \$825
- This is a scholarship program for Keystone Kindergarten families and does not raise funds for Keystone.
- Payments are made to Arizona Scholarship Fund
- If you want your Private School Scholarship tax dollars to support a Keystone Kindergarten family experiencing financial hardship, please contact Michelle B. prior to making your donation.
- You can participate in both the Public School and Private School Tax Credit programs

5. SCHOOL WIDE COMMUNICATION

Open forum for community feedback. The following suggestions were made by parents:

- Make upcoming events be more prominent on the website
- Include a link to the website in all Keystone emails to encourage parents to go to the site
- Include Keystone in the subject line of all emails so they don't go to junk mail

Parents were encouraged to write suggestions, comments or questions on a notecard and drop in the yellow collection box at the front desk.

The recent change in Elementary parent-teacher conference format was deferred until Ms. Sherri returns from school related travel.