



Happy New Year & Happy Anniversary!

The second and third term of school often fly by very fast. There are lots of events planned and this year is even more important as 2011 marks the 20th year for Somersfield!

In 1991 a group of parents started Montessori International Academy under the Montessori Education Trust. When the school grew to big for our original campus at the National Trust site called Tivoli (now Adventure Land Nursery) we moved to our present Devonshire campus. In 2001 the school started the Middle Years IB programme and changed our name to Somersfield Academy. Throughout the year we hope to share lots of history and fun facts with you and hope you join us in appreciating our history, celebrating the present and planning for the future! Please stay tuned for the "20" twist on everything!

On the Somersfield Academy website
www.somersfield.bm

you can learn more about Somersfield and access important information.

[Learn about our school history and why the name Somersfield was chosen!](#)

[Important dates for January –June 2011](#)

[School Magazine](#)

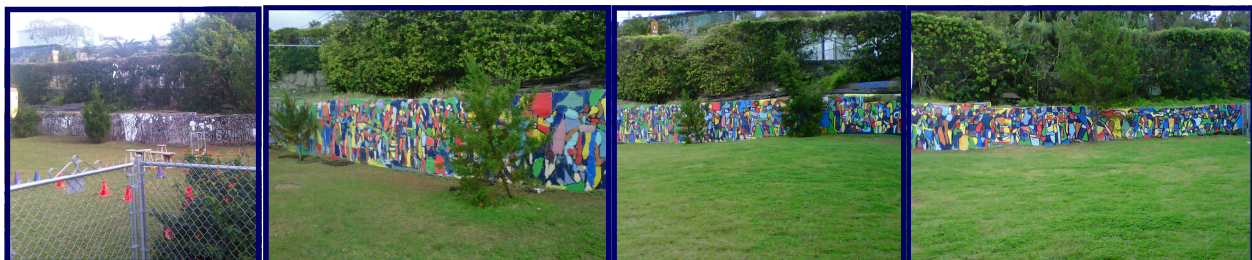
If you have any ideas or pictures you would like added to the website please be in touch with Megan Troake advancement@somersfield.bm



3-6 Playground Mural



Thank you to all of our families and friends that supported the 3-6 playground mural. All funds raised from the project have gone to support Donnie Williams (Alum '07) in his treatment for Hodgkins Lymphoma. We are pleased to report that the **Williams family have received almost \$17,000 in donations.** Thanks very much to the support of Summer Wood, Carolyn Toogood, Donna Richmond, Ruth Madeiros, Sue Crofts, Ave Kuzyk, Maria Costello, Dionne Dowling, Lesley Balcombe, Lynne Sussman, Carolyn Fischer, Donna Wolfe, Erin Daspin, Anita Bushara, Susan Smith and Megan Troake for helping out over the two day project. It was quite a feat and has made a remarkable difference to the campus! We would also like to recognize and thank Mrs. Davis, Pembroke Paint Company and Rowe Spurling Paint Co for donating all of the paint for the project! THANK YOU!!



Wizard of Oz May 19th, 20th and 21st

It takes a small army to put on a performance at a school and we would like to start by thanking Rheanne Stevens and Fraser Dodd for leading the Wizard of Oz for us this year! Please stay tuned to hear more about who else is involved and how you can be a part of the team!

In December many of the MYP students auditioned for roles and we are pleased to announce the following cast!

Cast List – In order of appearance

Dorothy Gale – **Camila Papadopoulo**

Female Farmhand – **Leah Amaral**

Male Farmhand – **James Lorimer Turner**

Munchkin 1 – **Haley Dupuy**

Munchkin 2 – **Hana Bushara**

Munchkin 3 – **Sachio Harrison**

Englebert, King of the Munchkins – **Cameron Turnbull**

Englebeth, Queen of the Munchkins – **Amber Mapp**

Glinda, the Good Witch of the North --

Tess Spencer, Niki Buechel

The Wicked Witch of the West – **Emily Fischer**

Riff Raff, Sidekick to the Wicked Witch – **Alex Rego**



Riff Ruff, Sidekick to the Wicked Witch –

Benjamin Furqan

Scarecrow – **Ailey McLeod**

Tin Man – **Marissa Trott**

Cowardly Lion – **Edward Fischer**

Guardian – **Cara Johnston**

Wizard of Oz -- **Andrew Sussman, Shamar Morris**

Palace Guard -- **Georgia Harris**

Lion Stylists – **Lara Nash, Tess Spencer/Niki Buechel**

Scarecrow Stylists – **Sophia Richmond, Deannae Hart**

Dorothy Stylists – **Leah Amaral, Andrew/Shamar**

Tin Man Stylists – **James Lorimer Turner,**

Shannon Stapley



***Note: For Thursday evening and Saturday matinee performances:**

Tess – Glinda, Niki – Lion Stylist, Andrew – Wizard of Oz
Shamar – Dorothy Stylist

***Note: For Friday and Saturday evening performances**

Niki – Glinda, Tess – Lion Stylist, Shamar – Wizard of Oz

6-11 Opera

On Thursday evening, February 10th, the 6-9 year olds will perform in their first opera, entitled *Pearl*. Mr. Stanford Jones, the composer and director of the opera, will be coming to the island in the week leading up to the performance to work with the children and teachers. We are very excited that Mrs. Debbie Walsh-Brown will be performing as the lead soprano; a required adult part. The children are looking forward to performing for you; please mark your calendars and look out for more information about Pearl in the upcoming weeks! If you would like to assist with this production, please contact Mrs. Brewer or any of the 6-9 classroom teachers.

Annual Giving

Thank you to all of our parents and friends of Somersfield who have given to the Annual Fund. This year we have been fortunate to receive non restricted and restricted donations. If you want to make a restricted donation towards something particular, please call Mrs. Troake 239-3345 and we'll see if we can make it happen! Donations this year have gone towards plants, school team uniforms and classroom materials.

If you see a need, you can make a difference.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

[Click here to make an online donation with your credit card!](#)

Dare to Care Class Parents

Anti-Bullying Initiative

All MYP students will be participating in a bullying prevention full-day workshop presented by Lisa Dixon-Wells and Dwayne Peace from **Dare to Care**, a Canadian organization dedicated to creating safe school environments. They will be conducting two "Take the Time" sessions on the following days:

Wednesday, January 12th – M1 & M2

Thursday, January 13th – M3, M4, & M5

In response to the research that has found that the peak years for bullying are between Grades 5 – 9, the Dare to Care program has created another student day specifically designed for that age group. Our new initiative, Take the Time, is a combination of assembly style presentations, small group activities, games and larger group discussions. Through the carefully designed progression of activities, students will be better able to understand the damage that bullying, cliques, peer pressure, racism, and oppression can cause in individuals and communities. As well, because the goal of the Dare to Care program is to mobilize the silent majority of students into action, the Take the Time day provides several forums for students to talk about their fears and why they remain silent in bullying situations.

Throughout the student day, participants will discover that there is strength in numbers and that they truly do have the power to make significant changes in their school climate. Through the process of the student day, students, teachers, and parents will be shown how to shift the imbalance of power to create the school of their dreams.
www.daretocare.ca

Having facilitated "Take the Time" workshops in the past, I promise that the sessions will be a powerful experience for all students involved.

Melisa Judd
School Counselor

Each year teachers need support with certain activities, and school wide events need classroom level coordination. Class Parents fill both of these roles. Class Parents are valuable volunteers who dedicate a great amount of their time and talents to the Somersfield community. Thank you to all of our class parents of 2010-2011 for all that you have done this academic year! If you need to be in touch with your class parent, please see the contact email below

3 to 6

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6 to 9

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9 to 11

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Pringle



Front Street Mile

Tyler Smith and Kayah Wilks have both qualified for the KPMG Invitational Miles Races on January 14th. We wish them luck and hope that many of our Somersfield families and friends can get out there to cheer you on! Congratulations for getting this far and good luck next weekend Kayah and Tyler!

**M5 Personal Project
Presentation
January 28th, 2011
10 a.m. -12 p.m.**

A few pictures from the Third Annual Staff/Alumni vs. Students Football

Thank you to all the parents who came out to play football with us at the end of last term!



Son et Lumiere

Fraser Dodd and Summer Wood will be producing the second annual Somersfield Son et Lumiere on Thursday, February 3rd from 7pm to 9pm.

Please join us for an MYP celebration of artistic creation and musical performance!

Swimming

Tyler Smith and Mitch Gariepy are both swimming for the Bermuda National Team and both made it on the Bermuda Top Ten Swimmers of 2010 list.



At the Mailboxes Unlimited Winter Age Groups at the BASA pool in December, Tyler Smith broke the boys 11 & 12—1500m Free-style record with a time of 19:31:08 . Tyler also won the “swimmer of the camp” award and an iPod in the 10 day BASA swim camp over the holiday break. Mitch Gariepy has set 15 records in his age group in 2010. Both boys show incredible discipline and dedication to swimming. We look forward to hearing more of their success in the future! Congratulations boys!

Football

Marquis Burgess, Jai Burgess and Jacob Greene participated in the Valencia-Next Generation Football Camp in October. At the end of the 4 day training, Jacob was selected (one of four) to go to the **Valencia Football Academy** this summer. His



coaches at the St. George’s club said “Jacob is a small but skillful player...he works hard at practicing and developing his football skills.” His coaches went on to express how excited and extremely proud they are that Jacob will be given the opportunity to train.

Congrats to Jacob and good luck this summer!



Our Core Values

We are a learning community. We practice peace. We inspire intellectual curiosity. We instil respect for self and others. We foster independence and responsibility. We embrace a sense of joy and wonder.

We honour the strength and courage to stand for truth.