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Playground Paradise

Montview sparkles as school year begins

Welcome back for a new school year at Montview. Most of you probably noticed that the hill on the playground is emerald green. Come snow, sleet or a thousand little feet, it will stay that way.

Montview Director Abby Humphrey had been contemplating installing the artificial turf for more than a year. After consultations with the church and Montview parents, Abby jumped through numerous hoops and won city approval to install the turf over the summer.

Just in time for school to start, a mysterious prankster threw a bag of golf balls on the turf.

Investing in the turf was expensive: \$10,000. But, Abby expects the carefree maintenance to reduce many headaches and costs over the years.

"We had years of frustration. The playground parent would always put sod down and rope off the hill and make sure it got watered only to see it die," Abby said.

The children love to play on the hill fall, winter and spring and the grass never thrived.

Artificial turf is only allowed for designated playing fields in Denver. Abby won support from a couple City Council members and got approval from the zoning department. Made from recycled rubber tires, the turf should last for years and provides a cushioned play area for the children.

The playground is already a magnet for the neighborhood. Now, the hill won't be a muddy mess when the snow melts.

"When we're not here, the neighborhood children are playing out there all the time. It's been a favorite place for the community. It's not a secret garden," Abby says.

Also freshly refurbished is the Montview entryway. Over the summer, in cooperation with the church, the foyer got a complete overhaul. It now features new, bright tiles, refinished wooden doors and an improved staircase. New lighting will come next. The \$5000 entryway improvements and the new turf were both made possible thanks to the great success of last year's auction and all the fund-raising at Montview.

The other big purchase was a new computer for Martha Douglas, Montview's multi-talented administrative assistant. She's finally got a computer that can keep up with her.

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Subject: Montview News

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On the cover:

Isabella Ray races with other kindergarten students from Montview as they play on the artificial grass that now covers the knoll on the playground.

Right:

Annabel Tagawa leaps in the air as she races with other kindergarten students from Montview.

photography by CYRUS MCCRIMMON

from our director

If you have had the privilege of serving on Parent Committee, you are aware of the incredible growth we've experienced. With the addition in the last three years of three new preschool classes and one Young 3's class, we have experienced a net gain of about 58 children. This growth, while creating some challenges for the staff, has contributed an amazing vitality to the school. The enthusiasm of the new families is contagious. Their eagerness to join in the work of maintaining our high quality program is exciting.

Not only are we celebrating the new families, but also we are also excited about the infusion of energy brought by our new teachers. Katie Thompson and Mandy Koskinen are assistants, Beth LeMieux and Leigh Ann Metscher are preschool teachers and Lisi Quinby is the kindergarten teacher. I am hearing rave reviews from parents and kids alike. For this issue, I want to focus on what's happening in kindergarten.

Lisi is bilingual and has already begun teaching Spanish to the children. I'm envious of their skill in mastering a new language. She is also highly skilled in literacy and is taking a new approach to teaching reading and writing to the children. Her skill as an artist results in unique opportunities in the creative arena. Best of all, she knows how to create a fun, productive learning environment for the children.

We hope you will consider Montview Kindergarten for the fall of 2005. With that goal in mind, we are moving our kindergarten open house to an earlier date, October 19, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Prospective kindergarten parents are invited to visit the classroom, meet the teacher and learn the value of the Montview kindergarten curriculum. More information will follow soon, but save the date.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

You may have noticed we have secured the north gate to the playground. This is in response to teachers' concerns regarding supervision of children on the playground. With the tree blocking the view of that gate, we might not be able to see a child leave the playground. The west gate is easily visible and staff feels confident in their ability to keep everyone safe. Please bear with us during this time. Let me know if you feel this is a major inconvenience.

SAFETY ALERT

Between 9 a.m. and 3:15 p.m., use of the playground is limited to classes in session and lunch bunch. It is impossible for teachers and lunch bunch supervisors to keep the children safe when other children are on the playground. Therefore, parents and kindergarteners are asked to stay off the playground until 3:15 p.m. every day of the week, including Friday afternoons. Also, families who have nannies picking up their children should advise the nanny that younger children are prohibited on the playground during school hours. Thank you for helping us make the school experience safe for all the children.

Abby

Abby Humphrey Director

As part of a long career in early childhood education, Abby joined Montview 10 years ago, first as an assistant teacher, then as director. She had moved to Denver to be with her second husband and high school sweetheart, Bill. Today, Abby and Bill spend much of their vacation time in the water. Recent scuba diving expeditions have taken them to Belize, Honduras and Mexico.

In addition to her role as director, Abby serves as the president of the Denver Metro Association for the Education of Young Children (AEYC), and serves on the board of the state chapter of that organization. She's also on the board of the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Denver and spent eight years on the board of Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains.

Abby is the mother of twins, who are 37. Kari is a pediatrician in Philadelphia and Mark is an electrical contractor in Minnesota. She also has two stepchildren, Hope, 28, and Will, 21, along with four grandchildren.



Montview Teachers

Bring Magic to Life

By Allison LaBarge and Katie Kerwin McCrimmon



Martha Douglas Administrative Assistant

Martha joined Montview as the Administrative Assistant in January, 2002. Martha and her husband, Bruce, have one daughter, Molly, who is 9, and attends the Logan

School. They have two cats: Rigi and Fluffy. Martha is always upbeat and patient. Her organizational skills keep Montview afloat. Abby says that if she could spread rose petals throughout Martha's office to greet her every morning, she would do it. Martha is that special. If you really need a big favor from Martha, ply her with kindness and chocolate.

Lisi Quinby Kindergarten teacher

Lisi's younger brother attended Montview as a child. She remembers well tagging along for helping days. When she walked in the door again, the old stone building smelled wonderful and familiar. Lisi had spent 7 years working in the Denver Public Schools. She had taught 1st and 2nd grades at Harrington Elementary, an inner-city school where many families are struggling just to survive. It's a luxury to be at Montview, where families can be so supportive. Lisi also loves getting back to kindergarten, an age when children are so sweet and full of discoveries. She had taught kindergarten nine years ago while living in Dallas.

Lisi has delighted in her new job. "I really love it all. One of my favorite moments is when I'm driving to school and thinking of the day ahead of me," she said. "I love the unexpected moments, like when a kid who is rambunctious snuggles up with you or when a child makes the greatest observation." Just the other day, Lisi had a bowl of plastic frogs. She planned on having the children count the frogs and graph the different colors. One child came up and told her he knew the blue line would be the longest. It was a wonderful, brilliant moment.

Lisi was born in Mexico and lived there for the first four years of her life while her father was in medical school and her mother taught English. The family then moved to the Capitol Hill area of Denver. Lisi kept up her Spanish and has always worked in bilingual classrooms. She decided to make her Montview classroom bilingual as well. The children do their morning in English and the last part of the day in Spanish.



Lisi's biggest news was a bit of a surprise to her. She and her husband, Craig, a film and video producer, are expecting a baby in December. The ultrasound says it's a girl, but Lisi's got names ready either way: Sophia or Holden. They also have a 2-year-old son named Harrison. Lisi said she had many sleepless nights over the summer worrying about telling the kindergarten parents about the new baby. But everyone at Montview has shared in their delight. Lisi hopes to take an additional month after the Christmas break for a maternity leave, then return to finish the year at Montview.

Caroll Sims Assistant teacher, Kindergarten

Lisi is so grateful to have help from Caroll, whom she describes as a true colleague. This is Caroll's seventh year at Montview. Her daughter, Ryann, is a 5th grader at Park Hill Elementary and son, John Wesley is in the 2nd grade. Caroll's youngest, Alexander, is 15-months-old.



Edie Buchanan Teacher, M,T,W,Th. a.m. class

Edie just returned from a three-week summer vacation in Maine to begin her 20th year teaching at Montview. Each summer, Edie relishes the chance to travel and visit family on the East Coast.

Edie loves "experiencing the world through the eyes of young children, who see things so clearly, simply and with such great wonder. I enjoy facilitating their learning through play and creating opportunities for their discovery."

Edie's words of wisdom to parents: "Play, play, play! Play with your children and read to them to encourage their imagination to grow and flourish and for the pure enjoyment of interacting with them. These early years go by all too quickly."

Edie and her husband, Tim, have three children (all Montview alums): Elizabeth, a social worker in Fort Collins, Sarah, a mother to 1-year-old Peyton William Rose, and Tom, who is in law school at the University of Denver.



Betty Jo Smith Assistant teacher in Edie's class

Betty Jo is starting her 4th year at Montview as Edie's assistant. She and her family have lived in Park Hill for 13 years. Her son is a 5th grader at Park Hill Elementary and is an alumnus of Montview. Betty Jo's favorite part of the day is story time. She loves the look of intense concentration on the children's faces.



Carolyn Hill Teacher, M,W,F a.m. and p.m. classes

Carolyn was first a parent at Montview, but when her son, Sam, went on to elementary school, she decided to stay as a teacher. That was 13 years ago. Now Sam, who is originally from Korea, is 17, and Carolyn's daughter, Lin, who hails from China, is 12. "I'm a soccer/softball/basketball/swim team mom," Carolyn says.



Chinese New Year holds a special place in Carolyn's heart. It's fun to teach children about this celebration," she says. She also enjoys "working with families. I feel privileged to be part of their lives as their children are starting on their first adventure outside of the family and in the world of education."

Carolyn counsels parents to "relax and enjoy the school experience your child is having. Don't worry about comparing your child's development or skills to those of another child."

Carole Robertson Teacher, W,F a.m. and p.m. classes

Carole joined Montview in fall, 2002 after a brief hiatus from teaching to resume her 29-year career molding young minds. "I wanted to teach again," she says. "I didn't realize how much I missed working with children.



Carole's favorite aspect of teaching is "seeing the joy in a child's eyes when they master a new skill." She

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especially enjoys watching children dress up and engage in dramatic play. "I see them develop cognitive, social, emotional, physical and creative skills. I love to see children use their imagination in this area."

Carole and her husband, Jim, have been married for 32 years. Their daughter, Carrie, is a marine biologist in California and their son, Seth, is a police officer in Aurora.

Sharon Prairie Teacher, T.Th. a.m. and p.m. classes

This is Sharon's fifth year at Montview, out of many, many years of teaching. She is also a speech pathologist and a deaf educator. In addition to her private practice, she also works as a feeding specialist at Toomey & Associates Feeding Clinic.

Sharon loves to bring special needs children into the mainstream at Montview. She has watched with delight as all the children have grown through exposure to one another. Each spring one of the highlights of the year in Sharon's class is a Mother's Day tea that could rival the finest affair at the Brown Palace Hotel. The children serve tea and treats, then share what makes their mom special.



In her spare time, Sharon enjoys gardening, riding her Harley, working out at the gym, and playing with all of her pets: two dogs named Wilma and Bonkers, four cats, two parakeets, and a parrot named Tango. She's also an avid fan of the Red Sox and the Rockies and the Avalanche and the Bruins. You guessed it. She grew up in Massachusetts, near Cape Cod and Boston.

Beth LeMieux Teacher, M,T,Th. P.m. and W,F p.m.

Beth fell in love with Montview the first time she set eyes on the school. A teaching veteran who has been in the classroom for 27 years off and on, she checked out the school last year for her brother's family and to satisfy her own curiosity. For years, Beth had been hearing about the magic at Montview. "It was such a breath of fresh air. It's all about the children. You see that the second you walk in. Children develop at their own pace. There's no forcing of ABCs or numbers. It's all out there for exploring. Then, when I saw the playground, I said, 'Oh, please. I want to go on that playground.'"



The day after her interview, Beth celebrated with a trip down one of the slides. She's as overjoyed to be at Montview as she was that first day. "I'm so blessed to be here. Wow. Every day, when the kids come in and the parents are so gung ho and friendly, it feels just great."

Beth's contagious exuberance extends to her family as well. And there's big news on that front. The first grandbaby is on the way. Beth and her husband, Ed, a brewery consultant, have three children. Their oldest, Lara, 24, and her husband, Justin, are expecting a baby boy in January. The entire family is baby crazy, including Lara's two younger brothers, Trip, a 22-year-old college senior at the University of Colorado at Denver, and Chad, 20, who attends San Diego State. Lara lives in San Francisco where she works for a high-end nanny agency, placing nannies with families. Both Trip and Chad are working their way through college and just like their mom, love working with children. In high school, Trip used to leave football practice to go take care of two little children. Chad is a second degree black belt and has taught Tae Kwon Do to children.

Beth and Ed, who have been married 28 years, both love to do kick boxing and spend time with their family which includes three dogs: Heidi is a black lab and Maddie and Zoey are yellow labs. "They're all amazing," said Beth of her three big kids and the three pooches. Beth also loves to hike and read.

Mandy Koskinen Assistant Teacher, M,T, Th., p.m.

Mandy always seems to be smiling. That's because she's back in the classroom assisting Beth. Mandy has two sons at Montview, which gives her the opportunity to teach again. Mandy has taught both kindergarten and 8th grade. And she's one of those talented teachers who loves the angst and complexity of the middle school years. A Denver native who grew up near Washington Park, Mandy taught for 6 years in Denver Public Schools, including a stint in the elementary school she attended as a child, Stedman. Mandy's son, Jack, 6, is in Montview's kindergarten. Her son, Sam, 3, is in Kathy Bruce's class. Her husband, Erik, works for the state of Colorado in Health Care Policy and Financing.



Katie Thompson Assistant Teacher, W,F p.m.



Katie loves to get down on the floor and play with the children. Last year, she helped with lunch bunch and served as a floating aide for teachers. This year, Katie is assisting Beth in the W,F p.m. class. She works as an aide for a special needs child in Sharon's class and she helps in Carolyn's class every other week. Katie loves learning different techniques from each of the teachers she helps. And it's nice for them to have extra support. "The teachers know they have an extra adult

for extra messy projects or field trips." Katie has two daughters, both of whom are now at Ebert Elementary School. Emma, 10, is in 5th grade. Lydia, 5, is in kindergarten. Lydia attended Montview for 2 years.

Kathy Bruce Teacher, M,T,Th. a.m. and p.m. classes

Kathy loves her job, especially in the fall, her favorite time of year. "I love walking to the pumpkin patch and dancing in the wind and falling leaves," she says. "I also love working with my hands: cooking, canning, gardening, textile arts and crafts."



Kathy advises parents to "let their children show them how to live in the moment."

Kathy is the married mother of two boys: Same, 10, is in 4th grade at the Odyssey School, and Ben, 17, is a junior at East High School. Kathy is originally from Texas and still has family in the

Dallas area. Kathy has been working in education for over 20 years. This is her fifth year at Montview.

Leigh Ann Metscher Teacher, M-Th. p.m.

Leigh Ann Metscher has a flair for the dramatic and that makes her a perfect mistress of make-believe in her Montview class. Leigh Ann also loves singing and playing the piano, so she enjoys bringing music into the lives of her little ones. "One of my favorite things to do is teach the kids fun, silly songs. We do as much singing as my kids can tolerate," Leigh Ann said.



Leigh Ann also enjoys acting silly with her two children who are both at Park Hill Elementary. Collin is in 2nd grade and Abigail is in kindergarten. Leigh Ann just finished performing in the play, Annie, with the community theater group, Music and Masque, based at the Montview church. Her son, Collin, performed with her. He made his debut last year, when the group performed Honk, based on the Ugly Duckling. "Mommy," Collin told Leigh Ann. "The only thing that would make this better is if you could do it with me." So, she became one of the people of Hooverville.

Leigh Ann started teaching at Montview as an assistant last year. She has a Masters degree in Social Work and has studied child development and psychology. When she got into the classroom, she discovered she loved working with preschoolers. "They're so cute," Leigh Ann said. "I love the difference you can make with these kids at this age."

Leigh Ann's husband, Chris, is a financial planner. They are engrossed in a "never ending project" to fix up their 93-year-old home in Park Hill. Leigh Ann also enjoys quilting and when she has time, makes fabulous baby quilts.

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Bernadette Baca Assistant Teacher, M-Th. p.m. class

Denver native Bernadette and her daughter, Juliette, both started at Montview in 2000. When Juliette moved on to Park Hill elementary school, the sight of familiar faces eased the transition. Juliette, now 8, recognized not only children from her Montview kindergarten class, but their parents, too. This year Bernadette has joined Juliette at Park Hill as well as Montview. In the mornings, Bernadette is working as a paraprofessional teaching reading and writing. Bernadette loves to see the parent involvement that Montview nurtures. When a child sees their parent at school, it's great for that child, but also for all the children in the classroom. They know how much their education is valued.



Nancy Weaver Teacher, Young 3s

Nancy delights in the sweetness of 3-year-olds. "I love everything about that age. The children are so curious. They're so innocent. They're just learning about how to get along. It's a calm, sweet age. They just love you. It's fun to be loved."



Nancy loves watching the littlest children at Montview grow over the years. "I consider all the children my children. There are 40-some whom I've taught. They start with me and some are in kindergarten this year."

Nancy has been teaching off and on for 30 years after moving to Colorado from Kansas with her husband 32 years ago. This is her third year at Montview. In the past, she ran large child care centers and worked at preschools that integrate typical children with special needs kids. She came to Montview because she really wanted to be the classroom again. She is struck by how happy the children at Montview are. Nancy says she loves walking into the room and finding the children ready to play. "I love to do music and dancing with the children. I love talking to them and being a part of their discovery process."

Nancy has three boys. Her oldest, Michael, 30, just got married. He lives in New York where he works in finance for Lehman Brothers. John, 28, just graduated from medical school at the University of Colorado. He is doing his residency in surgery. And David, 24, is getting his masters in creative writing at CU in Boulder. Nancy and her husband, Charles, a lawyer, have been married 32 years. Nancy loves to read and walk. And you'll often see her bringing her dog to school. Winston is a Yorkshire terrier.

Helping mom Jen Zapanta watches as Sam Floyd and Mason Parris-Bacon squeeze limes for homemade lemon-lime soda pop. Photo by Kathy Bruce.

Christine Watkins Davies Funky Friday Teacher

Christine and her partner, Jen Davies, have some wonderful news this year. Eden Grey Davies, now 10-months-old, joined their family four months ago. Christine and Jen traveled to Kazakhstan to adopt Eden who is now very, very, busy. "She's getting into everything. She's a chatterbox and smiling." Christine said. We all know where Eden will go to preschool someday.



Christine is back at Montview for her 6th year. Christine will be doing Funky Friday this year. Christine loves the positive energy at Montview. In her other job, she works part-time at Denver Health Medical Center in occupational therapy on the rehabilitation unit. "I work with people who are really unhealthy and are having really tough times. Then, I go to Montview where we're painting and pretending house and playing and parents are excited to see their children at school. It's such a positive influence in my life."

Christine relishes life after recovering from a snowmobiling accident in March, 2003 that nearly left her paralyzed. She loves fall and has been delighting in seeing the changing Aspens and the rutting elk in Rocky Mountain National Park. Christine can't wait for Halloween. She is overjoyed to be walking and

hiking when many people who suffered similar injuries remain in wheel chairs. She has some struggles and gets tired easily, but chooses to focus on her many blessings.

Christine and Jen, a foot and ankle surgeon, live in an 1891 Victorian home in the San Rafael Historic District. Their home was featured in the *Rocky Mountain News* last fall.

Julie Farwell Funky Friday Assistant

Julie Farwell has two sons who attended Montview. While the boys long ago moved on, Julie loves remaining a part of the Montview community. "I didn't leave Montview for two reasons. It's a place that respects children for who they are. In a society that speeds forward, being able to slow down and laugh is critical," Julie said. "The second reason is that magic does exist within Montview when that gingerbread does escape from the oven after we created the dough and go searching for him throughout the church. It's a magical moment for everyone." Julie's husband, Charlie, works for Avaya, a computer networking company. Her oldest son, Alex, 13, is at Hamilton Middle School and 11-year-old Ryan attends the Havern Center. The family has fallen in love with their new 16-week-old golden retriever puppy, Murphy.



Get Out There

Great Adventures with the Family

By Susan Jenkins

Ah Fall...the smells, sights and sound. Especially the sounds. There is nothing like the joy of the sound of crunchy leaves under one's feet. One of the best places to enjoy this and more is the Littleton Historical Museum. A mere 20-minute drive south on Broadway transports one back in time to a 14-acre living parcel of history. The museum, of course, has a main museum building (which is currently undergoing expansion) housing documents and memorabilia documenting life in early Colorado. But the real treats for young children lay beyond the museum building in the form of two "living history" farms. One is an 1860 homestead farm highlighting how the first settlers may have lived. The other is an 1890 turn-of-the-century farm, which shows how folks lived and worked in Littleton at this time. There is also a working blacksmith shop and a 1903 one-room schoolhouse. Both farms have the typical animals one would have seen at the time: horses, pigs, cows and more. Upcoming events include the annual craft show, Saturday, October 2nd and the Annual Harvest Festival, Saturday, October 9th—where the kids can go out and pick out their own pumpkin from the field and participate in other farm-related fun. The museum and grounds are open all days except Monday and Holidays, hours listed below. So, if nothing else, to really get the most out of fall...pick a day and partake in the pleasure of 14-acres of LEAVES TO CRUNCH!

The Details

Littleton Historical Museum
6028 South Gallup
Littleton, Colorado
303.795.3950
<http://www.littletongov.org/museum/>

Hours:

Closed Mondays and Holidays

Tuesday-Friday: 8-5

Saturday: 10-5

Sunday: 1-5

Directions:

Broadway south to Littleton Boulevard west (right), approx 1 mile, to Gallup Street south (left). Museum grounds are approximately mile on the east or left side.

*And don't forget to pack snacks, as the options are limited on the museum grounds. Here are a couple of yummy fall snack recipes to try out.

Pumpkin Bread with Homemade Apple Butter:

Bread (makes 2 loaves)

3 1/2 c flour
1 1/2 c sugar
1 tsp salt
3/4 tsp baking powder
2 1/4 tsp baking soda
4 tsp ground cinnamon
2 tsp ground nutmeg
1 tsp ground clove
1 tsp allspice
1 c applesauce
1 c water
1 can pumpkin
4 eggs, beaten

Preheat oven to 325°. Put all ingredients in a bowl and mix well. Pour into 2 loaf pans and bake for 1 1/2 hours or until toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Can also use muffin pans and adjust time accordingly. (Recipe already adjusted for high altitude.)

Apple Butter

2 c (1/4 lb.) dried apples
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp allspice
1/8 tsp ground cloves
2 c unsweetened apple juice

Combine all ingredients in large saucepan and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat, cool slightly. Spoon into blender or food processor and puree until smooth. Store in fridge.

Elan Bouchet, Cameron Crosby, Sam Koskinen, Charlie Heth on the rocks in the Box Canyon at City Park. Photo by Kathy Bruce.

NO-COST FUNDRAISING AT MONTVIEW!

By Louann Sakala

Your participation is needed and very much appreciated in the EASIEST fundraising events at Montview. Montview participates in King Soopers' Grocery Coupons, Albertson's Cards, Schoolpop and Escript. We understand in a parent cooperative that we ask a lot of our parents but these fundraising events are VERY EASY and COST YOU NO MORE than you already spend at the grocery store or on Internet shopping. You should have received order forms in your shoebags for grocery coupons. Please fill them out and drop them off in the Montview office or e-mail jjoram@qwest.com with your order.

Grocery certificates are a great way to support Montview Preschool and Kindergarten. You don't have to do anything different at the grocery store, except pay for the groceries using the coupons. Through these certificates, the stores give our school 5% of everything you spend on groceries. This year we are offering coupons from King Soopers (Remember Safeway accepts King Soopers' coupons.) and Wild Oats. You can participate by signing up for a standing order on the 1st or 15th of each month or by buying certificates directly from the school office. Order forms are available on the table outside the office or you can call or e-mail Louann Sakala with your orders at, 303-388-8266 or jjoram@qwest.net.

If you buy groceries at Albertson's, please pick-up an Albertson's card from the Montview office. You can purchase your groceries using cash or a credit card, but when paying, slide or give the cashier your Albertson's card and the school will receive a percentage of your purchase!

We are signed up for eScrip, which lets you register your credit card for eScrip participating merchants. If you sign-up your credit card on eScrip any grocery purchases you make at Wild Oats or Safeway credits the school. eScrip also lets you purchase merchandise from participating merchants with a percentage of your purchase sent to Montview. We are also signed up on Schoolpop. This allows you to register your credit card and purchase from participating merchants off the Internet. All purchases allow Montview to receive up to 5% of your purchase.

If you are interested in eScrip or Schoolpop, just log on to www.eScrip.com or www.Schoolpop.com, designate Montview Preschool and Kindergarten as the group you wish to support and then use the credit card you registered when buying from participating merchants. Consider using both eScrip and Schoolpop for dining and hotel. If you are interested in donating a vehicle, we can also sign-up for the school to receive the funds. Let all of your friends and family know that we are signed up on these web-sites. You do not need to go to Montview to participate in these programs. Grandparents, uncles, aunts and friends can also register their credit cards on these programs and support your children!

If every Montview family purchased \$100 a month from any of these programs, we would meet our goal for this fundraising event. The best part is, it doesn't cost you any more than you were already willing to spend on groceries or other items.

We signed up for eScrip recycling. Please watch your shoebags for information. We are interested in recycling your inkjet, toner and cell phones. Each of these items will give Montview a minimum of \$1.60 with up to \$12.00. This is at no cost to you or the school for shipping, just throw these out in designated boxes at the Preschool.

Fill-out your grocery coupon orders, walk-in the Montview office and buy coupons, pick-up your Albertson's card, sign-up at www.Escrip.com or www.Schoolpop.com and start supporting your school!!

