

**Brush Creek Montessori School
Summer Camp 2009**

Drama Camp – June 22 to 26

Holly Vinson

Explore the fundamentals of acting through scene work, story development, exercises and games. Students discover not only how to express themselves individually, but also how to work as an ensemble. With guidance in the principals of story development from Holly Vinson, Brush Creek Montessori School's resident Drama Director, the students are encouraged to use their imaginations to create and develop an original play which they will then showcased in an ensemble performance at the conclusion of camp.

About Holly Vinson: Holly has led "Kids for Kids" Theatre Productions for over 20 years. Her background includes writing screenplays, directing, and scripting for local theatre. She is currently the Educational Director for Santa Rosa's 6th Street Playhouse and the Drama Director for BCMS' lower and upper elementary classrooms.

Art Camp – June 29 to July 3

Chris Adams

Fine Arts come alive in this hands-on exploration of visual art and music. Each day, Chris Adams – resident Art Director at BCMS – encourages self-expression through the creation of visual art through varied medium.

About Chris Adams: Every student at BCMS from age 3 and up knows Chris Adams as the Art Teacher. Her art room is a place where magic happens. Chris is masterful at fostering each child's unique creative vision through hands-on experience with all media.

Reading Tutorial - July 6 to 10

Pauline Gutierrez

We are offering this tutorial along with a math tutorial the following week for those students who wish to continue their studies during the summer and refine their skills before the fall semester. Pauline will evaluate each child's reading level and provide a challenging reading curriculum for the week.

About Pauline Gutierrez: Pauline has been Lower Elementary Teacher here at BCMS for three years. She has been a Montessori teacher for over 25 years and brings with her a love for reading. The children will be inspired by her gentle and persuasive manner.

Math Tutorial – July 13 to 17

Susan Cohn

Brush Creek Montessori School is offering this summer tutorial in Math for the first time. The children will be individually evaluated and presented lessons that are challenging and fun! Susan brings 30+ years of experience to this program for children who wish to refine their math skills, or just explore more areas of math with the Montessori materials.

About Susan Cohn: Susan is Head of School at BCMS. She has spent 26 years teaching Montessori education to children and adults. She holds Montessori diplomas in Primary, Lower Elementary and Upper Elementary. She also is Co-director of the Maria Montessori Teacher Training Center located at BCMS, which carries on the legacy of Ursula Thrush, who founded the center in San Francisco in 1962.

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Environmental Camp – July 20 to July 24 **Jed Burchett,
Jessica Heric**

Get ready to explore the natural world and all its wonders! Observe birds in their natural habitat, collect specimens on a nature hike and visit a local recycling or watershed program in this conservation-focused camp. This experiential camp is designed to foster a greater appreciation of our world and help students understand the responsibility we have to care for it.

About Jed Burchett: Jed is a graduate of Sonoma State University in Art History. He attained his Montessori Teaching Credential through the Maria Montessori Teacher Training Center with graduate units through California State University East Bay. Jed has been a Head Teacher at BCMS in Amber Primary Classroom for the last three years. Jed directed the BCMS Science Camp last summer with great success.

About Jessica Heric: Jessica is Assistant teacher to Susan Cohn in the Upper Elementary Classroom this year while she completes her Montessori Elementary Training Internship and her final year at Sonoma State University where she will graduate with a BA in Liberal Arts this May. She has served as Toddler and Primary Teachers in Amber Primary Classroom in her previous 5 years at BCMS.

Science Camp – July 27 to July 31 **Jed Burchett & Jessica Heric**

Science is fun! We're going to ponder, predict and play our way through experiments designed to encourage curiosity and wonder. We'll discover the many ways principals of Chemistry and Physics can be found in our world each day. Jed Burchett and Jessica Heric will guide students through this week of discovery by using the Montessori Elementary science curriculum with a core intent to cultivate a lifelong interest in observing nature and discover more about the world in which we live.

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Camping Skills – Aug. 3 to 7

Susan Cohn

Susan Cohn loves this camp experience! She has guided over 1000 students in the past 30 years to appreciate the wonders of living in the great outdoors. Join Susan and learn survival skills necessary to anyone who hikes or camps. The final night (Thursday, August 6th) will be spent camping out on the field at BCMS in family tents. Included in the camp is a barbeque Thursday night and breakfast Friday morning. This camp ends Friday at 11 am.

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Primary Summer Camp – Jun. 22 to Aug. 14

Susan Morrell

Denise Gage-Collins

Jessi Flagg

Summer is the perfect time to garden, explore the natural world and play! Join Susan, Denise and Jessi in Redwood Class for a relaxed Primary Montessori experience. Children will explore Primary curriculum in practical life, sensorial, mathematics, language and cultural subjects while also enjoying outdoor activities perfect for summer weather. Of course stories, games, singing and circle time are all part of the fun, too! Join us for the week or for the whole summer.

About Susan Morrell: Susan Morrell is a graduate of Sonoma State University with a BA in Liberal Studies. She earned a Montessori teaching credential from the Maria Montessori Teacher Training Center. Before joining the staff at BCMS in 2006, Susan spent six years as an Assistant Teacher at the Montessori Schools of Petaluma. She is currently the Assistant Teacher in Redwood Primary Classroom.

About Denise Gage-Collins: Denise holds a Montessori teaching credential from the Maria Montessori Teacher Training Center. Before joining the BCMS staff, she worked for 6 years as an Assistant Montessori teacher, sharing her talents with St. Helena Montessori, Marin Montessori and Petaluma Montessori. Denise brings her passion for music and dance to the classroom everyday; a passion she also shares as a dancer with the Berkeley Ballet. Denise is currently the Assistant Teacher in Amber Primary Classroom

About Jessi Flagg: Jessi is well known to the students at BCMS. Along with her responsibilities as early-morning childcare provider, she has also spent time helping in each classroom during the school year; classrooms she knows well as a BCMS alumni. Jessi is currently enrolled in the Maria Montessori Teacher Training Center here at BCMS. She has a passion for theatre and serves on the Board of Directors for a local theatre company. Jessi is an Intern in Redwood Primary Classroom.