

Children's House Montessori School
Newsletter
September 15, 2011



After School Classes

Our after school classes began this week. Just a reminder we have an additional after school offering this year for primary students. **Godly Play** is available on Thursdays from 3:00–3:30 pm. Pastor Wuertz will lead this program. More information is available on the hall table.

Individual Black and White Photos of Students

On **Thursday and Friday, September 29 & 30**, individual black and white photographs will be taken by Katie Kaufman. Photos will be available for purchase at a later date. Siblings have the option of being photographed together, if desired. Please contact the school office if you wish to have your children photographed together.

No Microwaving

Our upper elementary and middle school students will join the primary and lower elementary policy regarding microwave use. At this time, we are requesting no microwave use at lunchtime.

Field Trips

If you plan to drive for any of our field trips throughout the year, please stop by the office. We will need to make a copy of your driver's license and insurance card. For those of you that provided the information last year, we ask that you do so again for the new year.

Kindergarten Class to Pioneer Settlement

Our kindergarten students will visit the Pioneer Arts Settlement in Barberville twice this Fall. The first trip is scheduled on **Thursday, September 22** when the children will experience the Seminole Indian Program. The second trip is scheduled on **Friday, October 14** to participate in the Pioneer Program. More details are being sent home today with a permission slip and driver request.

**Lower Elementary
Kelly Park – October 7**

The Lower Elementary class will go to Kelly Park on **Friday, October 7**. Kelly Park is located in Orange County, on State Road 435. The fee per person is \$5.00. We need parents to accompany us as drivers and chaperones (water supervisors) for the day, as the children will be able to swim and take a 20 minute tubing ride in the natural springs. A permission form will be distributed later this month and will have a place to indicate if you would like to help us as a driver/chaperone.

Orlando Philharmonic Young People's Concert – November 7

Students in Kindergarten through 7th grade will be attending the Orlando Philharmonic Young People's Concert **on Monday, November 7**. The concert begins at 12:00 pm at the Bob Carr Center for Performing Arts. Tickets are \$6.00 for students and adults. Permission forms will be distributed in October, but we wanted to get the date on the calendars as many parent driver/chaperones will be needed.

**Journey Into Discovery
Saturday, November 5**

Our **Journey Into Discovery** parent education program will be Saturday, November 5. We will begin promptly at 8 AM. The Journey is recommended for families new to our school to learn about the foundations of Montessori as well as what to expect as your child progresses through each level.

Substitutes

When teachers or assistants are absent substitutes are needed to staff the classrooms. This person would assume the duties of the assistant. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Mrs. Mallett in the office.

Morning Arrivals

Before school the teachers and staff are busy preparing the classroom and materials for the day. If you need to drop off your child early please make arrangements with your child's teacher.



Box Tops For Education

If you've been collecting box tops, please drop them in the box on the hall table. The program pays cash to the school twice a year. The first date we can submit this year is late October, so be sure to bring them in soon and continue saving them.

Printer Cartridge Recycling

Please remember we also receive Office Depot credit for recycling printer cartridges. A box for cartridges is also located on the hall table.

InterFaith Kitchen

Heartfelt thanks for the families who joined Children's House in serving a meal or making food donations for families in need last Tuesday evening at the First United Methodist Church. Those who participated felt it was a very rewarding experience. Ninety-two meals were served.

Friends of Montessori

Silent Auction

FOM will host the 11th Annual Silent Auction in November. Festivities include an evening of hors d'oeuvres, desserts, cocktails and live music. In addition to one-of-a-kind items made by your children, we will also auction off items donated by the CHMS community. We will be sending home donation forms soon with your student. Please consider any items or services your family or business contacts may be willing to donate. The success of the auction depends on your participation!! All proceeds will directly benefit CHMS!!

Buy a Brick!!

If you'd like to make a lasting impression with a donation to the school, please consider making a contribution to our brick program. Bricks can be purchased with a minimum donation of \$100 and will be engraved with a personal message of the donor's choice. All bricks will be placed into the sidewalk that will lead to the new building. Order forms are available on the table in the hallway next to the school office.

New Parent Breakfast

Save the date for the **New Parent Breakfast, this Saturday, September 17th at 9:30 am at CHMS**. It is a great opportunity to chat with your child's teachers and meet other new families!

FOM Board Meeting

The next Friends of Montessori board meeting is **tonight, Thursday, September 15th at 6:30 pm at CHMS**. All families are members and are welcome to attend. It is a great way to find out exactly how the board supports the school, give your input, and become aware of opportunities to help.

Polo Shirts

We have some new Childrens House Montessori School embroidered polo shirts available for sale for \$20 for a limited time in the front office. Stop by this week if you are interested in purchasing some.