

**Children's House Montessori School
Newsletter
September 22, 2011**



Kindergarten Field Trip at the Pioneer Settlement

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.

Misplaced Book Order

If you received a Scholastic book order with Anne Marie Bates' name on it, please return it to the Lower Elementary classroom. Thank you.

Family Roster

We have attached a copy of this year Children's House roster. If you would prefer to have a paper copy, please stop by the office.

Stetson University's Hand Art Center - Smithsonian Museum Day

This Saturday, September 24 Stetson's Hand Art Center is holding Smithsonian Museum Day from 10 am – 2 pm. Admission is free. The Center will provide scavenger hunt booklets for children age group 6-11 and 12-15 years old. They also will have Model Magic dough to re-create some of the animals that are part of Mark Messersmith's artwork.

Lower Elementary - Gillespie Museum

Three dates have been scheduled for lower elementary to visit the Gillespie Museum. **Grade three students will go on September 28** with two additional dates scheduled **October 12 (grade two)** and **October 20 (grade one)**. The fee for this trip is \$2.00/student. This is just a short walk from school so no drivers will be needed for this field trip. A permission slip will be sent home.

**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.

Kindergarten Class Returns to Pioneer Settlement - October 14

The kindergarten class will return to the Pioneer Settlement on October 14. This trip they will learn about the self-reliant Pioneer lifestyle and survival skills. More details will be sent home in a permission slip closer to the date.

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 9 AM please note new time. 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.

Friends of Montessori

Silent Auction

FOM will host the **11th Annual Silent Auction** at the **Museum of Florida Art, Saturday, November 12th at 7pm**. 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.

FOM Board Meeting

The next Friends of Montessori board meeting is **Thursday, October 20th 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.