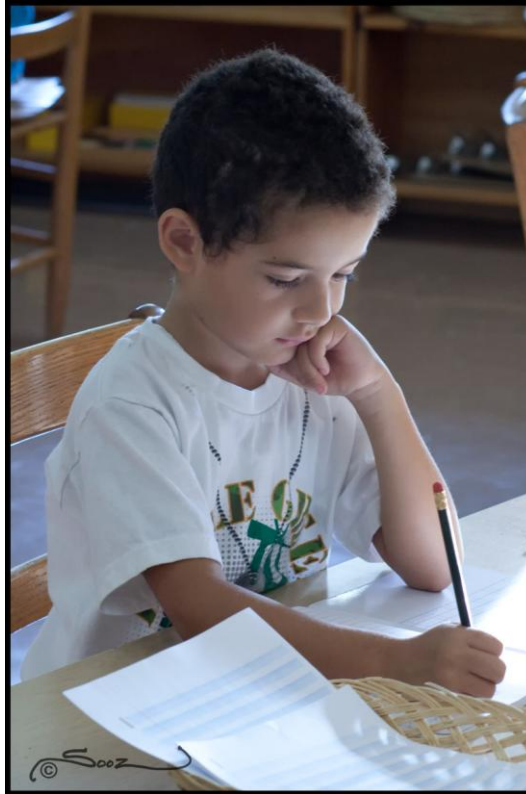


**Children's House Montessori School  
Newsletter  
September 8, 2011**



**Caleb Pyatt Concentrates in Lower Elementary**

**Family Potluck Picnic Family  
Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM**

We hope you plan to join us for the annual family potluck picnic. This event is always a great time for parents, children and staff to socialize while enjoying great food. Please bring a covered dish large enough to serve 10-12 people. Just so we don't all bring the same dish, if your last name begins with..., please bring ...

A-H	Main Dishes
I-R	Salads/Side Dishes
S-T	Dessert
W-Z	Bread

However, if your favorite recipe isn't in your assigned category, feel free to bring whatever dish you'd like to share!

Our construction projects are winding down and we plan to have the playground open for the picnic. Parents are cautioned to please watch your children as the fences around the parking lot have not yet been restored. We are putting up the orange barriers to prevent moving through them. You are welcome to bring folding chairs or blankets to sit on.

If you are able to assist with clean up following the picnic, all helping hands are appreciated.

Often times, many dishes are left behind. Don't forget to pick up your dish/containers before heading home.

### **Interfaith Kitchen – Tuesday, September 13**

Each month this church hosts a meal at the First United Methodist Church helping to feed families in need. Families of Children's House will organize and serve the dinner on **Tuesday, September 13**. We will need volunteers to help prepare and serve from about 5 – 7 PM that evening. If you cannot participate but would like to help we will need some large #10 cans of green beans, some large bags of salad and some 9x13 sheet cakes. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Dora Mallett.

### **Pizza Lunch on Fridays**

Pizza for lunch on Fridays is back by popular demand! Children have the option to purchase pizza for their lunch each Friday. We will have students taking orders in the hall during arrival time for primary and lower elementary students. Upper Elementary and Middle School students will place their orders in their classroom. They will have a choice of cheese or pepperoni pizza for \$1.00/slice.

### **After School Classes – Begin Week of September 12**

Our After School Classes begin the week of September 12. The Monday Art class is full and only two openings remain for the Wednesday Art class. Steel Drum classes for returning students begin Tuesday and Recorder Club (students third grade and up) will continue on Fridays. Don't forget to pick up the form and complete the registration if your child plans to participate. Chess Club will remain on Tuesday afternoons. No registration is required.

We have an additional after school offering. Godly Play is available for primary students on Thursdays from 3:00 – 3:00 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.

### **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 will be sent home 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Information Update**

If any of your contact information has changed since registration last spring, please stop by or call the office. It is important that we have current information including home address, home, work and cell phone numbers, email address and any changes for emergency contact information.

### **Children's House Roster**

Last call. We will be publishing a roster listing student names, parent names, addresses and home phone numbers. This roster is available to all families of Children's House. If you do not wish to have your information included, please notify the office by close of business Friday.

### **Emergency School Closure**

Keeping in mind we are still in the midst of Hurricane Season, we want our parents to know Children's House will cancel classes if Volusia County Schools have made the decision to close for a date. Since the county decision is announced on our local news, this will be an efficient way for our families to know our school's decision.

### **Outside Protection**

Please make it part of your daily routine to send your child to school with mosquito repellent and sunscreen applied. This will make their outdoor time more enjoyable.



### **Box Tops For Education**

If you've been collecting box tops during the summer, please drop them in the box on the hall table. The program pays cash to the school twice a year, so please continue to save 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.

### **Parent Handbooks**

Parent Handbooks and Snack schedules were distributed during the Parent Meetings. If you were not able to attend, please see your child's teacher for the handbook and weekly snack schedule as well as suggested snack items.

### **Aftercare**

Any student that remains with us at 3:15 pm will be signed into aftercare. Parents will be billed at the end of each month at the rate of \$4.00/hour.

**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.

**Faith Lutheran Church Rally Day  
Sunday September 11**

Following the 9:30 AM worship service the church will hold special Rally Day activities to begin the new Sunday School year. Families can enjoy hot dogs, a bounce house, petting farm animals and snow cones. A special invitation is extended to our Children's House families.

**Friends of Montessori**

**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.

**Stetson Partnership**

FOM is continuing to cultivate a community partnership with Stetson University students. Expect to see them as they help us complete some projects in the garden and in the playground on Friday afternoon. Please feel free to thank them for their assistance and support of the school as you arrive for the Potluck Picnic.

**New Parent Breakfast**

Save the date for the **New Parent Breakfast, Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 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.