

Children's House Montessori School
Newsletter
October 13, 2011



Tuesday, October 18 – 5:30 M
New Classroom Building-Ribbon Cutting

We are ready for the move to our new classroom building for Upper Elementary and Middle School. Furniture and materials were moved to the new classrooms this afternoon. The teachers will complete the set up on Friday so the students will be able to begin school in their new environment on Monday, October 17.

To celebrate this expansion, we invite all our families to join us for a **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Tuesday, October 18th at 5:30 PM.** Following the Ribbon Cutting we welcome everyone to tour our new classrooms and enjoy some cake and punch. Silent Auction tickets will also be available at half price for this night only.

Friday, October 14
Alexander Springs

The Upper Elementary and Middle School students will visit Alexander Springs for snorkeling and hiking as part of their Florida Ecosystem studies.

Kindergarten Class Returns to Pioneer Settlement - October 14

The kindergarten class will return to the Pioneer Settlement on October 14. During this trip they will step back in time to learn survival skills of the PIONEER lifestyle. Fee for this trip is \$5.00.

Recycle Halloween Costumes

Karin Weiri-Kolle has volunteered to coordinate a project to recycle Halloween costumes. If you have a costume you'd like to donate please contact Karin at kweirikolle@ymail.com and let her know what you have. Also if you are looking for an item to complete a costume or a particular costume, drop her an email as well. This might work particularly well for the historical figures costumes for our elementary students.

Lower Elementary - Gillespie Museum

Our grade two and three students have enjoyed their trips to the Gillespie Museum. **Grade one students** will visit Gillespie on **October 20** and will complete the lower elementary group. 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.

Cosmic Coffee Parent Seminar

Tuesday, October 18 at 8:30 AM

On **Tuesday** morning **October 18** Helen Joseph will offer the first in a series of parent education opportunities. Ms Helen will be discussing Montessori in the Home – encouraging independence - for parents of toddler and primary children. We plan to meet in the Fellowship Hall with coffee and light refreshments.

Elementary Parent Education Night

Tuesday, October 25 at 7 PM

Tim and Sandy Conner, teachers of our upper elementary class will be offering a class for parents of elementary and middle school students with the topic of “Raising a Responsible Child.” The program will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 7 PM. Child care will be available.

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.

School Photos (Colored Shots) – Wednesday, October 26

Steve Simoneau will be here on Wednesday, October 26 to take color school pictures. These are posed individual photos. Proofs and photo packet information will be available at a later date.

Halloween Parade and Carnival

Friday, October 28th

The children will be participating in a Halloween Parade and Carnival here at Children’s House. The children should arrive in their costumes. We will begin the morning with a Parade of Costumes around the parking lot. This usually happens about 8:45 AM-as soon as the children have arrived. Bring your cameras! The children will then gather to sing a few songs. Following this, they will return to the classrooms for special activities. The toddler, primary and lower elementary classes will take turns visiting the Halloween Carnival in the Fellowship Hall.

At the carnival, there will be simple games of skill for the children. Each child will receive a prize at each game. (Children wearing cumbersome costumes that would prevent them from playing should bring a change of clothes.) Because of space limitations, only those parents supervising games will be able to attend the carnival.

When helping plan your child’s costume, please remember that we have little ones and costumes should not be too scary. **For the safety of our primary children, if their costume has any weapon-like accessories (sword, laser, gun, etc.), please leave that item at home.** The students in Lower and Upper Elementary Class will dress as historical figures. These students have received additional information from their teachers about this.

Following our parade, the students in the Lower Elementary Class, will be transported to the Florida Lutheran Retirement Center to parade in their costumes for the residents there. **(Drivers are needed.)** This is always a memorable experience for everyone. A sign up sheet is posted on the office door. These students will attend the carnival upon their return.

Upper elementary students will give a presentation about the historical figure they selected for their costume. These reports are given in their class room following the parade. Other festive activities are being planned by these students.

Parents are needed to help decorate on Thursday, October 27 and to help us supervise games on Friday morning. Sign- up sheets are posted on the office door if you would like to volunteer.

All classes are dismissed at 11:30 am on October 28th. There will be no aftercare that day.

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. Permission forms will be distributed soon. A parent has donated the use of two buses for transporting our students and teachers to this event.

Soccer Team

A group of Children's House students have organized a team for the YMCA 2011 Soccer season. One of our parents, Rick Breitenstein, agreed to organize and coach the group. The team won their first game 9-0! We have listed their schedule for the season and encourage everyone to come out and cheer them on. All October games are on Saturdays and are played at the DeLand YMCA (field #3): October 15th at 11:00 AM; October 22 at 10:00 AM and October 29 at 11:00 AM.

Chess Club Tournament

Our Chess Club members have the opportunity to participate in an upcoming tournament, Saturday, October 29. "Halloween Scholastic" will be run by Steve Lampkin and take place at the Learning Rx Center in Ormond Beach. Entry fee is \$12. Please contact Maura Dinkla for more information. Flyers are on the hall table.

Family Fun Fest – October 22 Florida Lutheran Retirement Center

Children's House Families are invited to stop by the Family Fun Fest on October 22 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. There is no entrance fee; however donations of canned good for local food banks are welcome. The children's area will have a Bounce House, Slide, Face Painting, Popcorn and Snowcones. Other areas include Health Fair, Art Show, Garage Sale, Crafts, German Food and Bands. Bring the family. Florida Lutheran Retirement Center is located at 450 N. McDonald Ave.

Godly Play

The after school class offered by Pastor Art Wuertz is open to children of all ages. The class is held on Thursdays from 3 – 3:30 PM.

Friends of Montessori



The Golden Apple Gala!!

A Silent Auction to benefit Children's House Montessori School

Saturday, November 12, 2011

7pm

The Museum of Florida Art

Festivities include an evening of hors d'oeuvres, desserts, cocktails and live music. **Tickets will go on sale Thursday, October 18th at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 5:30 pm. They will be half price (\$15) at the Ribbon Cutting, then \$25 the rest of the week, \$30 prior to the Auction, \$35 at the door.**

In addition to one-of-a-kind items made by your children, we will also auction off items donated by the CHMS community and beyond! Please consider any items or services your family or business contacts may be willing to donate.

Advertising space in the auction program is available. Promote your business or services to the CHMS community.

Donation and Advertising forms are available on the table outside the front office, and are being sent home with your student.

If you would like to assist with the auction, or if you have any questions, please contact Megan Cloudman at megan82@yahoo.com or 407-304-9926.

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.