

**Children's House Montessori School
Newsletter
October 20, 2011**



Eli & Jake Coleman enjoy the Upper Elementary & Middle School Field Trip at Alexander Springs

**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." Topics discussed will include discipline strategies, chores, allowances and the limitation of television and computer games. The program will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 7 PM. Child care will be available.

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.

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@gmail.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.

To date, we have available:

Knight costume (no armor): puffy teal sleeve tunic and knickers

King costume: gold tunic with trim (size small)

Galileo costume: maroon silk robe

We have families looking for:

Boy's suit jacket (size 8 or so) – Teddy Roosevelt costume

Brown Mustache

Nurse attire – Clara Barton costume

Black pants, suit and vest, bow tie (size 7 or so)

White lab coat (size 10 or adult small)

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.

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.

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 have been distributed. A parent has donated the use of two buses for transporting our students and teachers to this event. The buses will leave school at 10:00 am. Children should bring their lunch as they will picnic outside of Bob Carr before going into the concert.

Veteran's Day

Just a reminder, we will not have school on **Friday, November 11** in observance of Veteran's Day.

Pine Needles Welcome

Now that fall weather has arrived, we are sure you will be working in your yard. Be sure to bag your pine needles (pine straw) for use in our school garden. We need to protect our lovely new plants and this is an excellent and economical way to accomplish the task.

Holiday Program Needs

Ms. Deborah is already hard at work planning our Holiday Program (December 16). In preparing the set and costumes, donations of the following would be appreciated: large cardboard appliance boxes, Styrofoam, and 2 X 4's and furring strips. In addition, she would love seamstresses to assist with the projects (easy sewing!).

Soccer Team

A group of Children's House students have organized a team for the YMCA 2011 Soccer season. We have listed their schedule for the season and encourage everyone to come out and cheer them on. Remaining October games are played at the DeLand YMCA (field #3): October 22 at 10:00 AM and October 29 at 11:00 AM. Three games are scheduled in November: Saturday, November 5, 12 PM at Deltona YMCA; Wednesday, November 9, 5:30 pm at DeLand YMCA, Field #3 and Saturday, November 19, 12 PM at DeLand YMCA, Field #3.

Strep Throat

As Strep Throat is highly contagious, we wanted to let you know we have had one reported in our primary classroom.

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.

Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child

Once again this year, Faith Lutheran Church will be participating in the Samaritan's Purse project called Operation Christmas Child. This project demonstrates God's love to hurting children to deliver gift-filled shoeboxes around the world. Brochures will be sent home with

CHMS children with instructions. More are available on the hall table. Deadline to return the box is **November 10th**...help us reach our goal of 60 boxes.

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 be sold in front of the school Friday, October 21st, in the morning and at 3 o'clock pick-up for the sale price of \$25 each!**

After October 21st, they will be \$30 until the Auction, \$35 at the door.

You can also purchase your tickets on-line at www.friendsofmontessori.org.

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.

Some great donations have come in, but **donations are still needed!!**

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 have been 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 meganer82@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.