

Children's House Montessori School
Newsletter
October 27, 2011

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. Middle School students will dress as literary characters.

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. This is always a memorable experience for everyone. **Drivers are needed.** 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 as well as our Middle School students.

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

Mosquito Season-Outside Protection

We are in the midst of an active mosquito season. Just a reminder, we suggest you send your child to school with mosquito repellent applied. This will make their outdoor time more enjoyable.

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.

Gift Idea for Toddler & Primary Students

Many of the pieces of child sized equipment that we use in our Montessori toddler and primary classrooms come from *Montessori Services*. Each year they offer parents the opportunity to purchase items for children to use at home from their ***For Small Hands*** catalog. Catalogs with the school information will be sent home with each toddler and primary student next week. Our school receives credit from your purchases. This promotion runs through December 31, 2011.

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!). She is also in need of a Santa Claus jacket. Please let the office or Ms. Deborah know if you have any of these items or are able to assist.

City of DeLand Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 3

Our steel drum band plans to once again participate in DeLand's Christmas Parade on **Saturday, December 3**. In order to be in the parade, they need a 20 foot trailer and someone with a truck to pull the band. Please see Ms. Deborah if you are able to help or have a lead on a trailer.

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. The final October games will be played at the DeLand YMCA (field #3 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.

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.

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.

Trunk or Treat Sunday, October 30 5:30 PM

Faith Lutheran Church will again be holding this event for safe trick or treating for families and children. They will also be serving free hotdogs, punch and cookies. CHMS families are welcome to decorate their trunks to participate and children are welcome to trick or treat.

Food for the Hungry

Our school is collecting non-perishable canned goods for families in need. The bin is under the table outside the office.

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 have been 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.

Sands Theater Company & Sands Youth Theater Christmas Show

The Sands Theatre presents *"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"* running **December 9-18**. This enjoyable holiday story is a tale of a couple struggling to put on a church Christmas pageant with some very mischievous children in the cast. The theater's phone number is 736-1500 for more information or to purchase tickets.

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.

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!

**Donations are still needed!!
Please bring your donated auction items to the front office!**

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

The deadline for ads is November 1st!

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

**Prior to the auction, tickets can be purchased for \$30 each at the FOM table set up in front
of school or at the front office. They will be \$35 at the door.**

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

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!! Thank You!!!

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, November 17th at 6:30 pm at
CHMS**. All families are members and are welcome to attend.