

Children's House Montessori School
Newsletter
September 29, 2011



Individual Black and White Photos of Students

Black and White school photos have begun. Katie Kaufman will return on **Friday, September 30** to finish taking individual black and white photographs and any remaining sibling photographs that have been requested. Photos will be available for on-line viewing soon. Only our Children's House families will be able to access the photos. However, if you are not comfortable with having our child's proofs posted in this way, please call Katie Kaufman at (386) 808-1606 to make other arrangements.

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.

Scholastic Book Orders

October book orders are being sent home on Friday. If you wish to purchase books this month, orders should be returned to the office by **Thursday, October 6**. Remember, if you are paying by check, please make the check payable to Scholastic Book Club.

Attire Reminders

If your young lady wears a dress to school, it is suggested she wear shorts or tights under her dresses. Our students are very active and often sit on the floor during the day. Also, sandals and flip flops are dangerous both in the school and out of doors at play time. Please remember to wear sensible footwear.

Lower Elementary - Gillespie Museum

Grade three students enjoyed their trip to the Gillespie Museum on September 28. **Grade two students** will visit Gillespie on **October 12** and **grade one students** will complete the lower elementary group when they go on **October 20**.

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.

**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 was distributed and has a place to indicate if you would like to help us as a driver/chaperone.

Upper Elementary & Middle School News

Our new classroom building will be ready for classes beginning Monday, October 17. To begin the process of setting up the rooms with furniture and materials, the students and parent volunteers will move their furnishings on Thursday, October 13 beginning at 12:00 noon. A sign up sheet is posted on the office door, if you would like to assist.

**Friday, October 7
DeLand YMCA Water Safety & Snorkeling Program**

On Friday, October 7 our Upper Elementary and Middle School students will be going to the YMCA to practice water safety skills and snorkeling. Details for this trip were sent home today.

**Friday, October 14
Alexander Springs**

Our Upper Elementary and Middle School students will visit Alexander Springs for snorkeling and hiking as part of their Florida Ecosystem studies. Details and permission slips for this trip are included in a packet of information regarding both October 7th and 14th trips. The packet was sent home today.

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 learn about the self-reliant Pioneer lifestyle and survival skills. More details will be sent home in a permission slip closer to the date. Fee for this trip will be \$5.00.

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.

Chess Club Tournament

Our Chess Club members have the opportunity to participate in an upcoming tournament. "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.

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 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!!

Moving into the New Building!!

Good news! Our beautiful new building will be ready to occupy by Thursday, **October 13, 2011**. On that day, **between noon and 6pm**, we will need adult volunteers to assist the staff and students in moving all of the materials and furniture from the current school building into the new classrooms. Please sign up in the school office. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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.