

**Children's House Montessori School
Newsletter
November 10, 2011**



Koa Barnard with Snow

**Veteran's Day
No School**

Just a reminder, we will not have school on **Friday, November 11** in observance of Veteran's Day. We hope to see many of you at the Golden Apple Gala Saturday evening.

Wednesday, November 23

The week of Thanksgiving our children will be preparing a "feast" of beef (or vegetarian) stew, cornbread muffins and pumpkin pie. On Monday, November 21 each child should bring a vegetable (potato, onion, corn, green beans, squash, mushrooms, etc.) to prepare as a contribution to the stew which will be cooked on Tuesday. The children will eat their feast on Wednesday morning and **everyone will be dismissed at 11:30** for the Thanksgiving break. Classes will resume on **Monday, November 28**.

**Scholastic Book Fair
November 30-December 2**

We will be holding the Scholastic Book Fair in the Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, November 30-Friday, December 2**. Remember, books make great holiday gifts! Parent volunteers are needed to assist as cashiers during drop off and pick up times. A sign-up sheet is posted on the office door.

Laura Bohn's Artwork on Display

Local artist and instructor, Laura Bohn, will have her artwork on display at the Museum of Florida Art beginning November 11 as part of the *Florida Biennial Show* which runs through March. Yes, you will be able to view it during our Golden Gala on November 12!

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 were 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: styrofoam, 2 X 4's and furring strips. In addition, she would love seamstresses to assist with the projects (easy sewing!) as well as help with set design and painting – see below. 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 time and talent to share.

Volunteers Work Session Scheduled

Looking for parents to volunteer Wednesday morning, November 16. Volunteers will help cut and paint materials for this year's Holiday Program. Please feel free to join them in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 AM. Stay as long as you can. The group plans to work until 11:30 AM. If you are planning to come, it would be helpful if you bring a good pair of cutting sheers. Any questions, please contact Lisa White (386) 232-4695.

Soccer Team

Our Children's House students playing YMCA Soccer this season have one remaining game: Saturday, November 19, 12 PM at DeLand YMCA, Field #3. Come out and cheer them on!

Chess Club Tournament

Our Chess Club members have another opportunity to participate in an upcoming tournament, Saturday, December 3. "December Scholastic" will be run by Steve Lampkin and take place at the Learning Rx Center in Ormond Beach. Please note the new start time is 12:00 PM to accommodate families with previously scheduled Saturday morning events. Entry fee is \$12. Please contact Maura Dinkla for more information. Flyers are on the hall table.

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. If you were planning to drop off a shoe box and forgot, we will still be accepting them on **Monday, November 14**.

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. Maia Schultheis will play the role of Beverly in this production. The theater's phone number is 736-1500 for more information or to purchase tickets.

Friends of Montessori



The Golden Apple Gala

November 12 • 7 PM • Museum of Florida Art

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A Silent Auction to benefit
Children's House Montessori School
Saturday, November 12, 2011
7pm
The Museum of Florida Art

It is here!!!

Join us!!

Enjoy a great night out, with ALL proceeds directly benefiting our school!!

We have gathered one-of-a-kind auction items to fit all price ranges!! Check out the separate email for a list of all of the auction items and plan your bidding!! Festivities include a phenomenal menu of hors d'oeuvres, desserts, cocktails, flavored coffees and live music.

Bring family and friends with you to the auction! The more people who participate, the more successful the auction will be.

Tickets for the auction are available until Nov. 12th for \$30 online at

<http://www.FriendsOfMontessori.org/>

Tickets will also be sold at the door for \$35.

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.