

**Children's House Montessori School
Newsletter
November 17, 2011**



Have you seen our garden lately?

Our Appreciation to Lowe's, Orange City

Recently Lowe's in Orange City has made two large donations of plants to our school. You'll notice a lot of beautiful color added to our garden area. Be sure to walk by and enjoy it. Our thanks to Lowe's for their generous donation.

Wednesday, November 23

Next week our Toddler – Lower Elementary children will be preparing a Thanksgiving "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. Upper Elementary and Middle School students will also be celebrating Thanksgiving with other activities like Indian games and Colonial dancing.

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 or call Midge to let her know what shift you would be available to work.

Lower Elementary Parent Education Elementary Math

Mimi Clark and Princess Koletsky will host a Parent Education on **Thursday, December 1 at 7:00 pm**. They will be discussing elementary math materials, including Geometry. Child care will be available.

Health Notice

We have had two cases of strep throat reported this week – one in primary and one in upper elementary. In addition, one case of Fifth Disease was reported in Lower Elementary. If you have any questions, more information is available in the office or on line.

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. Volunteers are needed to help preparing the set and costumes. Please contact Ms. Deborah if you are available to help.

Children's House Holiday Program Friday, December 16 at 10 AM

Our annual Children's House Montessori School Holiday Program will be **Friday, December 16** at 10AM in Elizabeth Hall at Stetson University. Arrival time that morning is 9:30AM at Stetson. A reception will follow the program and all children will be dismissed at 11:30 to begin the Holiday break. Classes will resume on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2012**.

There is no Toddler class on Friday, December 16. Toddler families are welcome to attend the program.

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.

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.

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The Golden Apple Gala

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Thanks to the support and generosity of our whole community, we have raised \$10,750 for Children's House!!

A special Thank You to our event sponsors, Creative Catering, Brian's BBQ, and City Slickers Café!!

Thank You again to all who donated and participated!!!!