

**Children's House Montessori School  
Newsletter  
November 2, 2011**



**Upper Elementary Celebrates Halloween**

**Halloween Parade and Carnival**

Thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with the Halloween activities. Many hands are needed to decorate, bake, supervise games, transport children to the Retirement Center and clean up. The children and staff appreciate everyone's efforts.

**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.

**Daylight Savings Time Ends  
November 6**

Just a reminder, Daylight Savings ends on Sunday. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.

**Orlando Philharmonic Young People's Concert – November 7**

Students in Kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> 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 in disposable containers as they will picnic outside of Bob Carr before going into the concert.

### **Lower Elementary**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in the lower elementary still need to bring denim book bags to and from school with reading books and cards inside. They should have a book to read every night. This is especially important for 1<sup>st</sup> graders and any 2<sup>nd</sup> graders with reading difficulties.

The Lower Elementary classroom is missing two copies of “**The Little Red Hen**”. One copy has a green cover and the other has a light yellow cover. These books are among the class favorites so we want to be sure to keep them in our room library.

### **Veteran’s Day**

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

### **Pine Needles Welcome**

Are you wondering what to do with all those pine needles you’ve raked?. Be sure to bag them (pine straw) for use in our school garden. We need to protect our new plants and this is an excellent and economical way to accomplish the task.

### **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: 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!) as well as help with set design and painting. 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.

### **Soccer Team**

Our Children’s House students that organized a team for the YMCA 2011 Soccer season have three games remaining: 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 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.

### 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

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

Festivities include a phenomenal menu of hors d'oeuvres, desserts, cocktails, flavored coffees and live music. There will be awesome and unique auction items, including **3 nights in Isla Mujeres, Mexico, a week's stay in the Keys, golf greens fees, tickets to Busch Gardens & Disney World, jewelry, tandem skydives, shrimping trip, restaurant gift certificates, massages, CDs, hotel stays, St. Johns River Cruises, sailing camp and BEAUTIFUL items made by our own CHMS students!** There are items to fit all budgets. In one evening, you could find thoughtful and unique holiday gifts for everyone, or bring home a one-of-a-kind art piece made by your child.

**Bring family and friends with you to the auction!** The more people who participate, the more successful the auction will be. Remind everyone that all the proceeds from the auction go directly back to our school. Tickets for the auction are available online. Email the link below to

friends and family - it's a great way for individuals to contribute, even if they are not able to attend the auction. <http://www.FriendsOfMontessori.org>/Tickets will also be sold in front of the school or at the front office for \$30 until the auction, \$35 at the door.

**Donations are still needed and are due Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>!!**

If you would like to assist with the auction, or if you have any questions, please contact Megan Cloudman at [meganer82@yahoo.com](mailto:meganer82@yahoo.com) or 407-304-9926.

**Join us!!**

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