

Children's House Montessori School
Newsletter
January 5, 2012

Mark Your Calendars
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

There will be **no school on Monday, January 16, 2012** in observation of Martin Luther King's birthday.

Kindergarten, Grade Three and Grade Five Transition Meetings

Parents of transitioning students are invited to meet with the teachers of lower elementary, upper elementary and middle school as outlined in the schedule below. Parents will have an opportunity to learn about the programs offered for our students.

Kindergarten Transition Meeting – **Thursday, January 12** at 7 pm

Grade 3 Transition Meeting – **Tuesday, January 17** at 7 pm

Middle School Transition Meeting (entering grade 6) – **Thursday, January 19** at 7 pm

Child care will be available each evening.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Due to Parent Teacher Conferences, **we will not have classes on Thursday & Friday, January 26 & 27.** Please sign up now for your conference. Sheets are posted on the front hallway bulletin board.

After School Enrichment Programs

After school art and music classes will resume the week of January 9. Registration sheets are available on the hall table. Your registration for the class is confirmed upon receipt of the registration sheet and payment.

Art class for Kindergarten – grade 2 will be held Mondays from 3:15 – 4:45 pm. Grade 3 and higher will continue to meet on Wednesdays from 3:15-4:45 pm. Fee for both classes is \$160 through the end of the school year. We have a new Pottery class available for students in grade 3 and higher. Diane Farley will teach this basic pottery class on Thursdays from 3:15 – 4:15 for a six-week session beginning January 19. The fee for this class is \$60.

Our after school music offerings continue with Steel Drums meeting on Tuesdays from 3:00 – 4:30 pm and Recorder class on Fridays from 3:00 – 4:15 pm. The fee for both of these classes is \$160.

Program DVD

Thanks to CHMS parent, Jerry Clearman for taping the "***How the Grinch Stole Christmas***" program on December 16. Jerry was busy editing the program over our holiday break and we are placing the order for our copies. We are ordering a few extra, so if you did not have the opportunity to order yours the day of the program, it is not too late. The cost of the DVD is \$10.

Request from Ms. Susi

Please save your old calendars for art class. Ms. Susi would welcome large calendars on any subject.

Helen Joseph to Attend Inauguration of Liberia's President

Helen Joseph, our Toddler teacher, will be visiting Liberia to attend the inauguration of her former mother-in-law, President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf. Due to years of civil unrest and resulting destruction of the infrastructure in that country, Helen's desire is to take a supply of children's

vitamins and Ibuprofen (non-liquid form) with her and would appreciate any donations of these products. She will be collecting these products until January 13.

Friends of Montessori

The 2nd Annual FOM Fun Run/Walk

The CHMS students and their families had so much fun at the Fun Run/Walk during the Capital Campaign that FOM has decided to make it a yearly event! The event will take place Wednesday April 18th. There will be many details coming soon. We are having a preliminary meeting Wednesday, January 11th at 8:30 am at CHMS to discuss submitting sponsorship requests for the event. Please feel free to join us if you have any sponsorship input or ideas. Or, if you would like to be on the race committee, please contact Pam Schrager at eastyp@earthlink.net. We hope to make this year's event as empowering and inspiring for our students as it was last year!!

The next Friends of Montessori board meeting is **Thursday, January 19th at 6:30 pm at CHMS**. All families are members and are welcome to attend.