

**Children's House Montessori School**  
**Newsletter**  
**February 2, 2012**



**Registration for 2012-13 School Year**

Enrollment for the 2012-13 school year has begun. Enrollment packets for presently enrolled students and their siblings are available on the hall table. To secure your place, the registration fee must be submitted with completed paperwork prior to the deadline of **March 5**. After this date we will begin contacting families on the waiting lists to fill any available openings.

**Step Up For Students Scholarship (2012-13 School Year)**

Current scholarship recipients should begin preparing now for renewal for next school year. Please log in to their site now to check your password and reset it if necessary. Then you will be set to apply beginning **Wednesday, February 8** when their renewal application season begins. They suggest renewing families submit their documents no later than March 31. Remember, you will need your prepared 2011 taxes as part of your application documents. The application fee is \$30. Status updates will be sent to your email address.

New scholarships are available for students entering kindergarten or first grade whose families meet the financial criteria for Florida's Free or Reduced Lunch Program. More details are available at their site: [stepupforstudents.org](http://stepupforstudents.org). New families will be able to apply beginning in early March. Go to their site now and set up for direct notification when they begin to accept new applications. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Mallett in our office.

**Valentine's Day Celebration**

We will celebrate Valentine's Day Tuesday, February 14. Children may bring Valentine cards for their classmates if they wish. Please be sure there are enough cards to give one to each classmate. Primary and Lower Elementary children should put their names on the back of the cards. They should not put classmate's names on the envelope. Upper Elementary and Middle School students should sign their cards and write names on the envelopes for their class mates.

The following is the breakdown of numbers of students in each class:

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| ◆ Toddler Class – 12      | ◆ Lower Elementary - 53 |
| ◆ Ms. Maria's Class – 29  | ◆ Upper Elementary - 32 |
| ◆ Ms. Teresa's Class – 29 | ◆ Middle School - 9     |

Lower Elementary students will be decorating shoe boxes for their cards. If you have extra shoeboxes, please drop them off in the office or the lower elementary classroom.

**Lower Elementary Field Trip-February 15  
Audubon Center for Birds of Prey**

Our lower elementary students will be going to Audubon Center for Birds of Prey on **Wednesday, February 15**. We will plan to leave the school at 9:00 am and will return to the school around 12:00 pm. The fee for this trip is \$4.00/person. We will need drivers to transport the children. If you are available to drive, please sign up on the permission slip that was sent home today. They students will be back at school for lunch.

**President's Day**

There will be no school on **Monday, February 21** in observance of President's Day.

**2011-2012 School Calendar**

Please note, to assist you with planning we have attached the calendar for the 2012-2013 school year.

**Proper Footwear**

Our children have begun practicing for the upcoming fun run/walk. For their safety, they should wear tennis shoes daily to school.

**Box Tops for Education**

Please bring in the box tops that you have been collecting prior to February 28. The end of February is the next deadline to submit. This will be the last submission this school year; however, please continue to collect year round as we will be able to submit again in the Fall. Don't worry if you haven't trimmed the coupons, just bring them in and we will get them ready to send in.



**Missing Item**

One small linen colored floor rug is missing from the primary room. It was used for the Holiday program at Stetson. If you assisted us with transporting items back to school, would you check to see if the rug is hiding in your trunk? Thank you.

**Holiday Program DVD Available**

The DVDs have arrived. The "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" DVD of our holiday production is now available. If you placed a pre-ordered, stop by the office to pick up your copy. The cost is \$10/DVD. We did order a few extra copies so you will still be able to purchase one if you act now!

**Children's House Federal Tax ID #: 59-1718951**

## Friends of Montessori

### DASH FOR THE FUTURE

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual FOM Fun Run/Walk  
April 18<sup>th</sup> at CHMS



#### **Detailed race information was sent home with your student!**

All students will be given free race t-shirts the morning of the race. Parents and supporters can order **“Support Crew” race t-shirts** for \$15 each, but please **place your order by Feb 15<sup>th</sup>!**

There are also Race Sponsorship opportunities that offer advertising for you or your business. The **deadline for Race Sponsorship is March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

T-Shirt Order and Race Sponsorship Forms were sent home with your student, but are also posted on the FOM bulletin board outside the front office.

If you have any questions or if you would like to help with the race, please contact Pam Schragger at [eastyp@earthlink.net](mailto:eastyp@earthlink.net).

**The next FOM Board Meeting** is February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at CHMS. All parents are members and are welcome to attend!