

**Children's House Montessori School
Newsletter
February 23, 2012**



Hayden & Max Enjoy the Garden

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.

Expansion of Toddler Program

We are pleased to announce that we will be expanding the toddler class environment for the coming school year. We will incorporate the adjoining classroom by creating an opening and installing a tile floor. This will allow us to offer a full day program for those parents who need that service. Further information can be found in the toddler enrollment packet.

Proper Footwear

Our children are practicing for the upcoming fun run/walk. For their safety, they should wear tennis shoes daily to school. If they do not have proper footwear, they will not be allowed to go on the practice runs.

Salad Items for Primary Students

The primary children enjoy salad with their pizza on Fridays. Donations of salad items such as carrots, celery, cranraisins, olives, radishes and scallions are always welcomed.

Heartfelt Thanks from Liberia

Ms. Helen would like to thank everyone who donated vitamins and Ibuprofen. She was amazed at the response and was able to give a large supply to the children at the MCF Academy in Liberia on her recent trip. A photo of the children is posted on the bulletin board at the school entrance.

Service Project

As part of a Mitzvah project Jake Coleman (a student in our Middle School), is arranging to teach a small group of young cancer patients how to fish. He is hoping to not only provide a great experience, but also leave them with some supplies for future fishing outings. If you are interested in helping him, he is in need of donations of sporting good certificates, fishing supplies, tackle boxes, etc. If you'd like to contribute, please contact Susan Coleman at (386) 846-5970.

DeLand YMCA Native American Pow-Wow

Our Upper and Middle School students are members of the YMCA's Earth Service Corps. The annual Native American Pow-Wow is a fundraiser for this group, so we would like to support the event. Parent and student volunteers are needed on Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm to help prepare and serve dinner to the dancers, vendors and musicians. Please sign up on the office door if you and your family are available to help.

The Pow-Wow is Friday, February 24 – Sunday, February 26. It includes music, artists, dancers, story tellers, children's crafts and native games, vendors and food.

MASA Saturday Program – February 25, Winter Park

Math, Arts and Science Achievement Program for high achieving and talented youth is hosting Saturday programs on Saturday, February 25 from 9:00 am – 12:00n. Program topics vary by age. For more information, go to masaflorida.org or call (407) 924-4522. MASA is sponsored by NASA's Florida Space Grant Consortium.

YMCA Soccer-Montessori Team

As part of the March-May YMCA soccer season, Jennifer and Tony Cyr will be coaching the Montessori Madness team (members in grades 3-7). If interested contact Jennifer at 386-717-8744. The YMCA has teams forming for ages 3 and older. If you'd like more information on registering, contact the YMCA.

Holiday Program DVDs

Just a reminder, some of you have ordered a DVD of our Montessori rendition of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and haven't stopped by to pick up your copy. They are available in the school office for \$10. We have a few extra if you would like to purchase one but had not previously ordered it.

Box Tops for Education

We will be submitting Box Tops on Monday, February 27. 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.

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Friends of Montessori

DASH FOR THE FUTURE

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



Detailed race information was sent home with your student!

There are still ***Race Sponsorship*** opportunities available!
Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity to **advertise your business and support the school!!**

Race Sponsorship forms were sent home with your student. They are also available at the front office, or by contacting Pam Schrager at eastyp@earthlink.net.

The deadline for Race Sponsorship is **March 1st**.

Student Sponsorship packets will be sent home soon with your student.
With your permission, students can ask for pledges of support for their run.
ALL proceeds will directly benefit the school and its programs!

The next FOM Board Meeting

March 15th at 6:30 pm at CHMS. All parents are members and are welcome to attend!

