

**Children's House Montessori School  
Newsletter  
February 9, 2012**



**Upper Elementary students working at their computers**

**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.

Beginning with the 2012-13 school year, we will offer an extended day Toddler Program. We will continue our 8:30 am – 11:30 am option and add an 8:30 am – 3:30 pm program as well as a 7:30 am – 5:30 pm program. Rate sheets are included in the Registration Packet.

**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. The 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.

### **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](http://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. The YMCA has teams forming for ages 3 and older. If you'd like more information on registering, contact the YMCA.

### **Proper Footwear**

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

### **Holiday Program DVDs-\$10**

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.

### **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.



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## 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>!**

**If you would like 2XL or larger “Support Crew” T-shirts, please just indicate the size on the order form, and include an extra \$5 per shirt that is 2XL or greater.**

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).