

**Children's House Montessori School
Newsletter
January 26, 2012**



Children's House hosted the Scholastic Chess Challenge on January 21

Parent Teacher Conferences

Due to Parent Teacher Conferences, **we will not have classes on Thursday & Friday, January 26 & 27.** If you were unable to sign up for a conference, please contact the office or your child's teacher if you'd like to schedule a meeting.

Registration for 2012-13 School Year

Enrollment for the 2012-13 school year will begin soon. Enrollment packets for presently enrolled students and their siblings will be available beginning January 30. 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 in early February 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. 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.

Proper Footwear

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

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!

Drive-Way/Parking Lot Rules

Just a reminder, please use caution as you enter our parking lot. The speed limit is 5 MPH and the correct traffic flow for entrance requires that cars keep to the right passing over the speed bump driving around to the school entrance. White arrows have been painted on the drive way to remind you as you approach the parking lot. Please pull into a parking place before allowing your child to exit the car. Do not allow young children to cross the parking lot alone as drivers may not be able to see them. Drivers must always be on the alert for darting children. These rules are in place for the safety of our children. If you are unclear on this procedure, please stop in the office.

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 last year that FOM has decided to make it a yearly event! The event will take place Wednesday April 18th, so save the date and join the morning's activities! Detailed race information will be sent home with your student Feb. 1. In preparation, the students who wish to, will start to train by running the course through our own fenced-in wooded area with their teachers.

We hope to make this year's event as empowering and inspiring for our students as it was last year!