

**Children's House Montessori School
Newsletter
March 1, 2012**



Upper Elementary and Middle School Science Olympics

Registration for 2012-13 School Year

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 **Monday, March 5**. After this date we will begin contacting families on the waiting lists to fill any available openings.

CHMS Farmer's Market – Thursday, March 8

Thursday, March 8 we will have a Farmer's Market at 8:00 am and 3:00 pm. You can get a jump start on your spring garden with annuals and seedlings. We will also have pots that the children have painted that will look lovely on your porch.

Upper Elementary – Gainesville Trip

The upper elementary class has a field trip to Gainesville on **Friday, March 9**. Under the leadership of Carrie Sekerak, they will have a guided hike through Paynes Prairie and visit the Florida Museum of Natural History. Permission slips should be turned in by **Wednesday, March 7**.

Kindergarten Students – Marine Science Center

Our kindergarten students will go to the Marine Science Center on **Thursday, March 15**. Permission slips will be sent home during the week of March 5. Please indicate on the form if you are able to drive.

**Third Year Canoe Trip
March 30**

Third year students will have their rite of passage canoe trip on **March 30**. Chaperones for this trip have already been arranged. More details will be sent home with the third year students.

Staff Change in our Outdoor Environment

Amanda Silva, our outdoor assistant and botany teacher, will be relocating to Virginia next week. Mandy and her two children, Riley and Mollie, have been valued members of our Children's House Community. We will miss them, but certainly wish them well as they rejoin Rafael who is in the military.

Kim Morgan a frequent substitute in our outdoor environment will be our new outdoor assistant.

Spring Break

Just a reminder, our spring break is **March 19-23**. We will have a full school day on **Friday, March 16**. Classes will resume on **Monday, March 26**.

Spring Break Camp Opportunity

Amalia Fernand, founder of Nature Explorers as well as a former CHMS assistant, is offering a spring break camp at our school. "Nature Around the World" will be held **March 19-23** from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. Fliers are available on the hall table with more information or contact Amalia directly at (231) 651-9466 or amaliaceleste@gmail.com.

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.

Thanks

Our chickens may be a little happier now that they don't have to share their food with the squirrels! Thank to Jody O'Dell and Oscar Aguirre for coming in last weekend and making the hen house "squirrel proof". We're pretty sure our corn and chicken feed bills will be decreased dramatically..

Planetarium Spring Star Party

Seminole State College will host a Spring Star Party this **Friday, March 2** beginning at 6:30 pm in the faculty and staff parking lot adjacent to building 8 and the planetarium, just off College Drive on the Sanford/Lake Mary campus. Visitors will have the opportunity to view all five naked eye planets: Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. There will be a variety of presentations starting at 7:30 pm. Families can bring along their own telescopes if they would like. The event is free for all visitors!

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Friends of Montessori



DASH FOR THE FUTURE

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

The students are having a great time training and supporting each other!

Student Sponsorship packets will be sent home Friday 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!