

Children's House Montessori School Newsletter

March 29, 2012



New Pottery Class Begins March 29

Our next six-week session for After School Pottery class will begin **Thursday, March 29**. Forms are available on the hall table to register for this class. Students in second grade and above are eligible to register for this class. Classes will be on Thursday from 3:15 to 4:15 pm. The fee is \$60.

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 were sent home with the third year students.

Water Bottle Service Project for the Fun Run

Upper and Middle school students may stay after school on Monday, April 2nd to help assemble water bottles for the Fun Run. Jennifer Cyr will be organizing this after school activity which will last from 3:15 – 4:15. Students that aren't picked up by 4:15 will go to after care.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

On **Thursday, April 5** all children will participate in our annual Easter Egg Hunt. **We will need donations of hard-boiled eggs during the week for the children to color.** To hard boil eggs, place them in a pan of water deep enough to cover the eggs and bring to a rolling boil. Remove pan from heat and cover for 20 minutes, then allow eggs to cool in tap water for an additional 20 minutes. Egg coloring by the children will take place on April 2, 3 & 4. Your child may bring a basket with their name on it to use on the hunt. We will have an 11:30 dismissal that day.

Easter Break

Just a reminder, we will have 11:30 am early dismissal on **Thursday, April 5** following the Easter Egg Hunt. There will be no school on **Friday, April 6** and **Monday, April 9**. Classes resume **Tuesday, April 10**.

Middle School to Sea Camp

Our middle school students have been looking forward to their class trip all year. They will have the opportunity to attend Sea Camp in Big Pine Key, Florida from April 11-13.

Upper Elementary Camping Trip

Our upper elementary students will go on a camping trip to Jonathan Dickinson State Park in Hobe Sound. They will leave **Wednesday, April 11** and return **Friday, April 13** in time for school dismissal. Permission slips have been sent home and should be returned to the office by Friday, April 6th.

Class Photos

On **Tuesday, April 17**, class photos will be taken beginning at 8:30 am. Please plan to arrive on time so that all students will be in the class photo.

Upper Elementary Students to Stetson – April 20

Our Upper Elementary class will walk to Stetson for a Fish Dissection Lesson at the Biology Lab under the direction Carrie Sekarak and Kirsten Work. They will be back at school for normal dismissal time.

Achievement Testing Grades 3-6

The Stanford Ten Achievement Test will be administered to third –seventh grade students **April 23-27**. Please do not plan any family outings for those dates as it is important for all students to be present when the test is given.

Great News - Step Up For Students Scholarship Expansion

The scholarship will now be available to all income-eligible students who are entering grades K-5, no matter where they attended school the previous year. Under the old rule, income-eligible students entering grades 2-12 had to attend a Florida public school the previous year. Under the new law, that requirement is limited to grades 6-12. The online application process should be updated to reflect this change on April 2. The website is www.stepupforstudents.org

Primary Students with Summer Birthdays

If your primary student has a summer birthday, please see his/her teacher to schedule a date in April or May to celebrate.

Recycling T-Shirts

Ms. Susi would love any old T-shirts you no longer need. Size, color and condition do not matter. Lower elementary will be recycling them for wearing projects.

Also, please save the metal tops to frozen juice cans. They will be used for a garden project.

News from the Garden

This week we planted three new mulberry trees that were purchased with profits from our last Farmer's Market. We are starting seeds, making garden signs and painting pots for the **next Farmer's Market** which will be **Thursday, April 19**. We will have a much bigger market. You will be able to purchase "Montessori" eggs and herbs as well.

School Parking Lot

We'd like to thank our parents for the caution they use in our parking lot. We'd like to remind parents of young children to please hold their child's hand when walking across the parking area.

End of Year Elementary Music Program

As with any growing program, adjustments are sometimes necessary along the way. Our elementary students have many activities in the period between spring break and the end of our school year. Due to the impact on music classes and rehearsal schedules, we will not be having the end of year elementary music program previously scheduled for May 29.

Chess Club News

Our Tuesday chess club group will be watching "Searching for Bobby Fisher" during their meeting time the first two Tuesdays following spring break. (Tuesdays March 27 and April 3).

The next Chess Tournament is at Children's House this **Saturday, March 31**. Fliers are available on the hall table as well as from Ms. Maura.

Montessori Madness Soccer Team

The CHMS students playing on the Montessori Madness soccer team will play their first game of the season on Saturday, March 31st at 9:00 am at the DeLand YMCA. Soccer players will be coming home with a packet of information and parents should be on the lookout!

Summer Enrichment Programs at Children's House

Registration forms are available for our summer programs. The forms have information about the program and the fees. Below is the list of the dates for each camp.

Chess Camp: June 4-8
Primary Camp: June 11-15; June 18-22; and June 25-29
International Folk Week: June 11-15
Art Camp: June 18-22
Math Camp: June 25-29 and July 2-6

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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 have been sent home with your student.

With your permission, **students can ask for pledges of support for their run!**

Our generous sponsors have covered all expenses! 100% of the funds raised by our CHMS students go DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL and its programs!



Cookbook and More

The FOM Board is creating a recipe book for all to purchase. It will include recipes, craft ideas, and games. We will include the submissions collected last year along with any new submissions we receive.

Submit your favorite family recipe, game or craft idea. Please e-mail them chmsrecipes@gmail.com. We would also love for your family artwork to adorn the borders of your page. Blank pages will be available in the front office. Have your child decorate the borders of the page and return it with your information on it to the front office. You may also send a request to the above e-mail for an electronic copy of the form. We look forward to receiving all of your wonderful submissions.

The next FOM Board Meeting

The next FOM Board Meeting is tonight, **April 19th at 6:30 pm** at CHMS. All parents are members and are welcome to attend!