

**Children's House Montessori School  
Newsletter  
April 12, 2012**



**Upper Elementary Camping Trip**

Our upper elementary students are off on a camping trip in Jonathan Dickinson State Park in Hobe Sound. They left Wednesday and will return **Friday, April 13 in time for school dismissal.**

**Middle School to Sea Camp**

Our middle school students left for a three-day trip to Big Pine Key, Florida this Wednesday. We look forward to hearing about their Sea Camp experience when they return.

**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.

**DASH FOR THE FUTURE**

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

**The race is next week!** For ways to help support the students and our school and how you may volunteer be sure to read our Friends of Montessori message at the end of this newsletter.

**Lower Elementary to Kelly Park**

Our Lower Elementary students will spend the day at Kelly Park on **Friday, April 20.** Permission slips will be sent home tomorrow.

**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 3-7**

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.

### **Kindergarten Class to Reptile Discovery Center**

Our Kindergarteners will visit the Reptile Discovery Center on **Thursday, April 26**. Information and permission slips will be sent home in mid-April.

### **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 has been updated to reflect this change. The website is [www.stepupforstudents.org](http://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.

### **Chess Club**

Steve Lampkin of The Learning Rx Center in Ormond Beach is hosting the next chess tournament on April 21. More information is available at Chess Club on Tuesday or from Maura Dinkla.

Next school year, we will need a new director of our CHMS chess club. Maura Dinkla would be happy to train anyone who thinks they would be interested in leading our chess group.

### **FACTS Tuition Management**

Parents planning to pay tuition in payments need to register with FACTS Tuition Management Company to arrange for your payments. The most efficient way to accomplish this is to enroll online. You may go to our website [www.delandmontessori.com](http://www.delandmontessori.com) and go to **Admissions** and then **Tuition and Fees** and click on the symbol for **FACTS**. You will be given two options for payment either a monthly invoice or automatic deduction. After you have registered we will enter in the tuition amount listed on your contract. You will then receive confirmation in the mail.

If you are currently enrolled with FACTS and all of your payment information is the same you do not need to re-enroll. We can do that for you and will send you a letter of confirmation.

**The deadline for enrollment is May 30, 2012.** Payments will begin in August.

If you have any questions, please call Dora Mallett at 736-3632.

### **Recycling Opportunities**

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.

As you are doing your spring planting, please recycle your one-gallon plastic pots. Also save the metal tops to frozen juice cans. Both items will be used for garden projects.

### **Farmer's Market**

The children are preparing for our next Farmer's Market. This one will be even bigger than our earlier market. We will set up before and after school on **Thursday, April 19**. They have been busy growing plants, painting pots and making garden signs. You will be able to purchase "Montessori" eggs and herbs as well.

### **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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### **Friends of Montessori**

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**The race is next week!** The students have been working hard, supporting each other, and finding pride in beating their personal goals. Help them to turn their hard work into financial support for the school by helping them get sponsors for their run. Our generous race sponsors have covered all costs, so all money raised by our students goes directly to the school and its programs!

We also need volunteers on race day to assist with things like handing out water to runners/walkers, recording their laps, and putting medals around their necks at the end. If you are available, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board outside the front office, or reply to Pam at [eastyp@earthlink.net](mailto:eastyp@earthlink.net).

#### **The next FOM Board Meeting**

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