

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



**Youth As Resources Grant**

**\$1,000 Awarded to CHMS Middle School & Grade 5 Students**

Under the leadership of Jennifer Cyr and Vicki Duckett, our grade 5-7 students recently received a grant from Stetson University. Their proposal for reaching out to those in need will have the students serving dinner three times at the Interfaith Kitchen as well as preparing 30 Thanksgiving baskets for needy families. Congratulations!

**Schedule Change**

As posted on our 2011-12 school calendar, our last day of school is **Wednesday, May 30**. We have changed our dismissal time that day to **11:30 AM**. There will be no aftercare program that day.

**Achievement Testing**

**Grades 3-7**

The Stanford Ten Achievement Test was administered this week to third –seventh grade students . **Our third year students will complete their testing session on Monday, April 30**. Please remember to arrive on time that morning, well rested.

**Tuesday, May 1 Health Screenings**

**Grades K, 1, 3 and 6**

Volusia County Schools Health Services team will be here on **Tuesday, May 1** to conduct health screenings. The following screening will be done by age group:

- Kindergarten: vision, hearing
- Grade 1 vision, hearing, height, weight
- Grade 3 vision, height, weight
- Grade 6 vision, hearing, height, weight, scoliosis

If you would prefer your child not participate in the screenings, please call the school office by Monday, April 30.

### **Toddler Class Pool Party – Friday, May 4**

The toddler class will enjoy a morning of splashing in a wading pool and other water activities on **Friday, May 4 from 9:30 – 11:30 am**. They should be prepared with a bathing suit, sunscreen, a hat, towels and dry clothes. One parent of each child should attend this event. Be sure to bring your cameras!

### **Kindergarten Beach Trip-Thursday, May 17**

The annual kindergarten beach trip will be here soon on **Thursday, May 17**. Each child must be accompanied by a parent or other adult. More information will be sent home soon.

### **Primary Water Day – Thursday, May 17**

While the kindergarten children are at the beach the remaining primary children will be enjoying a water fun day here at school. Children should wear a bathing suit under their clothes to school. They will play in the sprinklers during the morning session. Each child should bring a towel, sunscreen, water shoes and a change of clothing.

### **Art Show – Friday, May 18**

We would like to invite everyone to come and enjoy an exhibit of art projects completed by the children who attend our after school art classes (September – December and January – May). The exhibit will take place on **Friday, May 18** from 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you there.

### **Lower Elementary – Alexander Springs – Friday, May 25**

Our lower elementary class is planning their final field trip this school year on **Friday, May 25**. This will be a fun-filled water day. More information will be sent home.

### **Spring Scholastic Book Fair**

Our popular buy one, get one free spring book fair will be held **May 2, 3 and 4** before and after school each of the three days. This is a great opportunity to purchase books for summer reading. **Parent volunteers are needed to assist as cashiers during drop off and pick up times.** Please let the office know if you are available to help.

### **Reminder**

We enjoy receiving photos from our parents taken of students at social events, celebrations, field trips, etc. Please remember these photos should not be posted on Facebook as some of our parents have objected to having their children's photos on the internet. Facebook is a public domain and is a concern for some of our families. Thank you for respecting their wishes.

### **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.

### **CHMS Panheads Steel Drummers to Perform**

Serena Harrison has arranged for **The Panheads** to play at a fundraiser for twelve-year old Tommy Scheffer. Tommy needs a new athletic prosthesis for his leg. The event is at Hopkins Hall in Lake Helen on Friday, May 11 from 7-9:30 pm.

### **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.

### **Toddler Class Assistant Needed (Spanish Speaking)**

As you know next year we are expanding our toddler program and we need to add an additional staff member. The prescribed way for children of this age to learn a second language is by having someone speak to them only in their native tongue. We have advertised this position and are turning to our Children's House community for referrals. If you know of someone who might be interested please have them contact Mrs. Mallett in the school office.

### **Amalia Fernand, The Traveling Educator**

#### ***The Common Language of Environment Education***

Today, **Thursday, April 26** Amalia Fernand will present a three-part program. Following school dismissal from 3:15 – 5:30 pm, she will present a program to kids of all ages entitled "Central American Fun After School Program." The children will learn about Central American culture and ecology through various activities. Fee for this program is \$12.00. Following that, she is preparing a traditional Central American dinner of cheese and chicken quesadilla's, beans and rice, plantains, fruit and more! Cost for the dinner is \$5.00pp (combine with program above for \$15). After dinner she will offer a free slideshow presentation on the common language of environmental education. The evening program is open to everyone.

### **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

In addition, Casa Montessori will once again offer a summer program. Information regarding their summer program is available on the hall table. Their camp runs from June 4 - July 26 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

## Friends of Montessori

### DASH FOR THE FUTURE

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



### **Congratulations to all of the CHMS Students!!**

Thanks to their hard work, the Dash for the Future was a huge success!!

A special thank you to our generous sponsors, all of our wonderful parent volunteers and the Middle School students who volunteers before and after their race!

**Student Sponsorship Donations (especially for the students collecting Per Lap Donations after the race) can be turned in at the front office anytime in the next week.**

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

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