

# Children's House Montessori School Newsletter

April 5, 2012



## Easter Break

Remember following 11:30 am dismissal on **Thursday, April 5** we have a short break. 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 should have been turned in to the office today.

## 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.

## 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 when we return from Easter break.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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 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.

## 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

### DASH FOR THE FUTURE

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



The race is less than 2 weeks away! 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 tonight, **April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm** at CHMS. All parents are members and are welcome to attend!