

Children's House Montessori School
Newsletter
May 10, 2012



Art Show Reception – 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.

Kindergarten Beach Trip-Thursday, May 17

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

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.

Primary Music Demonstration

Music demonstrations for all primary students will take place on May 21, 22 & 23 at 8:45 or 9:45 AM. Notices were sent home with each child's scheduled date and time and a full schedule of classes is posted on the office door. Primary Parents are invited to attend their child's music class demonstration. Our young ladies are asked to wear shorts or leggings under their dresses for the performance.

Lower Elementary to Alexander Springs – May 25

Our lower elementary students will enjoy a water day at Alexander Springs on Friday, May 25. A permission slip and details will be sent home next week.

Primary Snacks Needed

As we have rotated through our primary families for snack week, **beginning May 14 through the end of the year**, we are hopeful several of our primary families will contribute a few items from the snack list each week. We are asking all fruits and vegetables are prepared for serving before bringing them in. Thank you.

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.

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 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.

The Little Studio Dance Recital

The Little Studio will have their spring dance recital this weekend. The students will perform "A Day in the Life of a Doorbell" on Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12 at 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00 PM. The box office number is (386) 747-3148.

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 (Mornings)
Summer of Fun Afternoon Camp: June 4-8 (Afternoons)
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

Summer Camp Information (not held at CHMS)

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.

Museum of Florida Art has a variety of offerings for ages 4 – 16 beginning June 18. A flyer with the programs, dates and fees is on our hall table.

Flyers are available for **Write Away!** This is a writing camp for students who have just completed grades 4 thru 7. The nine-day class will be held July 2, 3, 5 & 6 and the following week July 9-13 from 9 am – 3 pm. Tuition is \$300. Class size is limited. Camp will be held at First Presbyterian School.

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church is partnering with Emmaus Lutheran Church to offer Vacation Bible School the week of July 30 – August 3. The program is for kindergarten through 5th grade. VBS will be held at Good Samaritan Lutheran Retirement Center and will run from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm. This year's theme is SonRise National Parks. Information is available on the hall table.

Summer Tutoring Available

Travis Williamson, educational therapist and Montessori teacher, is offering one-on-one and small group lessons for students during the summer months to strengthen skills, enrich learning and prevent summer attrition. Work can be done on a range of levels in reading, writing, spelling or math, focused on the needs of the individual child. Travis has a BS in Early Childhood Education, a MEd in Montessori Curriculum and Instruction, an AMI Elementary 6-9 Diploma, an AMS 6-12 Diploma and holds an educational therapy license from the National Institute of Learning Development. She has more than 30 years classroom experience. To arrange weekly or biweekly schedules between June 25 and July 27, call (386) 736-6368 or email atwilliamson@cfl.rr.com.

Friends of Montessori

DASH FOR THE FUTURE

The 2nd Annual FOM Fun Run/Walk



The **CHMS Students** raised **\$5583** in the **Dash for the Future!!!**
We are so **proud** of their **hard work!!**
Great job!!!

The end of the year is approaching and we would like to **show our staff how much we appreciate everything they do for our children.** Help us say **THANKS** by dropping off a dish in the am for our staff to enjoy, on Wednesday, May 16th. A separate detailed email has been sent out. You can also contact Marla with questions at 352-246-6503.

The next **FOM Meeting** is Thursday, May 17th, at 6³⁰ pm at CHMS. All parents are members and are encouraged to attend.