

Children's House Montessori School
Newsletter
May 24, 2012

Upper & Lower Elementary to Alexander Springs
Friday, May 25

Our upper and lower elementary students will enjoy a water day at Alexander Springs on **Friday, May 25**. Parents will drive the lower elementary students as indicated on their permission slip. Upper Elementary will go to Alexander Springs on the YMCA bus.

Calendar Reminders

Just a reminder, there is no school on **Monday, May 28** in observance of Memorial Day. Our final day of school will be **Wednesday, May 30** with early dismissal at 11:30 am. There will be no aftercare that day.

All after school art, music and chess programs have had their last session for this school year. Children not picked up by 3:15 will be signed in to Aftercare. As previously announced, there is no Elementary End of the Year Music Program this year.

Middle School Schedule

Please note, the middle school students will not be walking to Stetson this Friday, May 25. The Stetson instructor will be coming to CHMS for the lesson on Nutrition, Drugs and Alcohol.

Primary Snacks Needed

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

Items from our Lending Library

If you have borrowed a book or DVD from Children's House, we would ask that you return it by the end of the school year. We want to be certain we have enough copies to lend to our parents again next year. Also, take a look around your house and car. Do you see any other item that might belong to school...library book, puzzle piece, etc. If so, please drop them in the child's classroom or the office. Thank you.

***Panheads* to Perform**

Ms. Deborah's Steel Drummers, the ***Panheads***, will perform during Fourth Friday DeLand Art Walk on **Friday, May 25**. They will be playing at Artisan's Alley from 6:00 – 9:00 pm.

Artwork Available for Pick Up

After school art students should pick up their artwork from the Fellowship Hall. We all enjoyed the exhibit this week and thank each of our students for their contribution.

Garden Request from Ms. Susi

Please save the lids from frozen concentrated juice cans. They will be used in the garden. Drop off your lids in the office or with Ms. Susi.

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.

Chess Tournament Scholastic Chess Challenge – June 9

Steve Lampkin will hold the **Scholastic Chess Challenge at CHMS** on **Saturday, June 9** from 11:00 am- 5:00 pm. Entry fee for this tournament is \$12.00. Registration forms are available on the hall table. While this tournament is immediately at the end of the summer chess camp, it is not necessary to attend the camp to participate in this tournament.

Summer Enrichment Programs at Children's House Make Your Summer Plans Now

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. **If you are planning to register for any of our summer programs, it would assist us in our planning if you would turn your forms in before the end of the school year.** Payment can be made at time of registration or on Monday of your camp week.

Chess Camp: June 4-8 (Mornings)
Summer of Fun 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
Science Camp: June 25-29 and July 2-6 (Afternoons)

Please note, we now have a Science Camp offering in the afternoons during the two weeks of Math Camp. This camp will be led by Dean Tate (parent of two boys at CHMS and a science teacher at DeLand High School). Dean plans to offer lessons and hands on experiments for students in grades 1 through 6. Children may enroll in this program to round out a full day if they are in Math Camp or can arrive at 12:00 for the afternoon. Flyers and registration sheets will be available on the hall table. You may email Dean at adtatejr@gmail.com.

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.

Sands Youth Theater Company has summer camps for children ages 5 – 14. Flyers with more information are on the 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.

Late Summer Camp
Earth Service Camp at the YMCA - August 20-24

Once again this summer, the Y will have a camp available during the last week of our summer break. Earth Service Camp is August 20-24 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm at cost of \$120. It is open for students in kindergarten through grade 6. For more information, contact Jennifer Cyr or the YMCA in DeLand.

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.

Final Newsletter for this School Year

Everyone at Children's House Montessori School would like to thank you for your support this past year. It has been a wonderful year and we wish everyone a safe and happy summer. The office will be open most of the summer if you need assistance. Returning students will receive information about orientation and fall events in early August.

Friends of Montessori

Thank you to all of the CHMS families that have worked so hard this past year to help Friends of Montessori support the school. We appreciate your efforts a great deal, and look forward to another great year after the summer break!