

**Children's House Montessori School**  
**Newsletter**  
**May 3, 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.

**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!

**Spring Scholastic Book Fair**  
**May 2- 4**

Our popular buy one, get one free spring book fair is underway. The fair will run through Friday, May 4 at 4:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to purchase books for summer reading.

**Upper Elementary - Whitney Lab and Washington Oaks Beach State Park**  
**May 9, 2012**

Our upper elementary students will be going to the Palm Coast area on **Wednesday, May 9**. The trip will be part of their ongoing study of the Florida ecosystems. Permission slip and fee of \$14 should be turned into the office by Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

The annual kindergarten beach trip will be here soon. On **Thursday, May 17** our kindergarteners 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Friends of Montessori**

### **DASH FOR THE FUTURE** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual FOM Fun Run/Walk



**Please turn in any last minute race donations!!  
We will announce the total funds raised next week!!**

**The next FOM meeting is Thursday, May 17th, 6:30 pm at CHMS.  
All parents are members and are welcome to attend!**