Community Update December 2013

The Montessori School Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER
December 10th 6pm
Community Meeting
childcare with reservation to office

December 18th
Reenrollment Intentions due
(see article)

December 19th
Community Sing @ 9:00AM
followed by
Early Dismissal for Winter Break
11:50 for CH & Toddler
12:00 for Elementary

January 6th
School resumes

January 14th
Substitute Training 9am-11am
Please RSVP to office.

January 14th
Parent Discussion: What to expect in Children’s House.
Parents of Toddlers are welcome to explore the next big step for their child!
Perfect for families of our oldest toddlers, but great for all toddler parent.

2014-2015 School Year

Community Meetings
The next community meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 10 at 6PM. There are no items on this month’s agenda.

If you have any items you wish to discuss at one of our community meetings, please let us know by the 4th of the upcoming month by contacting the office.

2014/15 Financial Aid Information

The Financial Aid program was created to assist families with tuition in the form of need-based grants. Our school is committed to supporting those families who cannot meet the full expense of current tuition rates. The Financial Aid Committee is dedicated to distributing these funds to as many eligible families as possible who desire an authentic Montessori education for their children. The distribution is determined yearly, based on the number of applicants and the amount of money that the school has allocated for aid. The actual amount distributed per family may change year to year based on the need of the applicants and the budgetary restraints of the School. Award of aid one year does not guarantee future aid, yet previous recipients are given priority.
The financial aid allocation is decided by the Financial Aid Committee and the Head of School. The parents’ financial aid statement and results are considered private and confidential.
**Intentions**
This year we are “going digital” in requesting your intentions for 2014-2015 and will be emailing you a brief survey regarding reenrollment. This information will assist in planning for returning students and identify potential openings for new students. We hope you find this process easy, and we thank you for your prompt response.

**January 2014 Tuition Payment Reminders**
Please note that tuition payments are due on the first of the month for families who chose Options B or C. Please mail your payments to the school attention Liz Meadows, Business Office as our offices will be closed until January 2nd, 2014.
Also, remember to take the Multi Child Discount if applicable. If you are uncertain of the tuition amount or the discount please refer to our website.

**Inclement Weather Reminder**
Remember that TMS does not follow WSFCS school closing decisions. Be sure to check our website, the school voice mail, WXII, or your email, as all information will be sent via those avenues!

**Scholastic Corner**
Read Every Day. Lead a Better Life.

Missing your scholastic order? Please contact the office if you have placed a scholastic order and have not received it.
We received two orders with no names.

Thanks.
Jessica Lay
(William’s mom-Upper El)

**Note from the Library**
The last Children’s House library visit of the year will be next Wednesday, December 11. Because Winter Break begins mid-way the following week, we are asking that all borrowed items be returned by Monday, Dec. 16. CH students should continue to return their books to the bags on their classroom doors.

Thanks to all parents, children, and teachers for your cooperation and support in maintaining an enjoyable CH library experience. Best wishes for a fabulously fun and rejuvenating Winter Break!

Marybeth Oas
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**Summer Ventures Survey**
If you have not done so already, please take 5 minutes to complete our summer ventures survey. The anonymous survey will assist us in the development of an exciting and memorable camp experience for your child/children. Please contact the office if you have not received the information by The Montessori School. The information is used only to determine your families’ need for assistance in offsetting the cost of tuition. Please click on link below or contact Liz Meadows for more information.

**Deadline for submitting applications is February 10, 2014. Click here for more info**

**January 2014 Parent Discussion Opportunities**
**January 14th, 2014 at 6PM**
The Transition Series: The Children’s House Experience
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**January 23rd, 2014 at 6PM**
The Transition Series: The Lower thru Upper Elementary Experience
This session is geared for families to learn more about our Elementary program. Meet our Elementary faculty and explore our environments.

*Note: The final transition series: Annual Alumni Testimony Night will be on January 30th, 2014.**

Childcare is available for all the parent discussion opportunities. Please contact the office to RSVP.

**Welcome Future Montessori Student!**
Nile Rowley born 5lbs 3 ounces on November 26th, 2013 to big sister Naomi in CH5 and proud parents of Miiko and Timothy Rowley.

We can’t wait to Nile!

**Article Headline**
TMS would like to give special thanks to Julie Lanford for sharing her time and expertise with our elementary students on the topic of nutrition. Julie, mom of Kylee in CH3, is a registered dietitian/nutritionist with cancer Services Inc. Julie shared with us information about how our bodies utilize nutrients from the food we eat and how different types of food contribute to the bodies overall health. Thank you Julie for sharing your time and skills with
SPRING 2014
SUNRISE/SUNSET ENROLLMENT
We currently have limited spaces available in our Children’s House and Elementary Sunrise programs. If you are interested in enrolling your child into our program, please email Trish, our admissions director.

To the many parents who magically make things happen - the cardboard recycling gets taken from the entry, the lunches get put in the refrigerators and back out to the classrooms, the flower pots at our main entrance get watered diligently! Thank you to all of you!! Happy Holidays.

Quote of the Month
Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul. ~John Muir