

April 2018



# Around the House



## Thank you.....

- ... all volunteers!!
- ...Batchelder Music
- ...PTO for all you do
- ...the new School Board members



### Montessori Tidbit

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 “We especially need imagination in science. It is not all mathematics, nor all logic, but it is somewhat beauty and poetry.”

-Maria Montessori

## Inside the House

Spring has Sprung! Our year is going by so quickly. It is wonderful to watch the students working, they have grown so much this year.

We hope you can join us on April 21<sup>st</sup> ! Come to help outside at school from 9-12:00 with other CHM families. Bring rakes, garden gloves, chain saws, leaf & lawn bags too. If you haven't had time to volunteer in school yet, please let us know and we can send home a small project for your helping hands to complete for the teachers.

Our classes are almost full, stop by the office with your registration form soon! Thank you ☺

Sincerely, Gayle Simons, Director

Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

Open House  
1:30-3:30

Invite your neighbors & friends  
To visit us!

**CHM  
SummerCamps  
2018**

*6 Weeks of Fun & Discovery*  
Registration closes April  
30<sup>th</sup>

THANK YOU PTO and CHM BOD!

All staff thoroughly enjoyed attending the American Montessori Conference in Denver last week. We heard a variety of presentations on many Montessori methods and materials. We learned more about our existing curriculum and how we can enhance it to benefit our students. The teachers loved exploring the materials fair and shopping for new and exciting works for our school. This conference offered our team the chance to learn and bond with each other as well. We appreciate the time together to connect with other Montessorians.

## SAVE YOUR RUMMAGE FOR US!

The PTO is having a Rummage Sale on Sat May 5<sup>th</sup>. You may bring your items to the office at any time. We would appreciate your help by marking your own items.

Thank you! PTO

## From the Primary Classrooms

The preschoolers have finished their study of the five senses. We learned what plants need to grow. Then we planted marigold seeds. The children have enjoyed watering their plants and watching them grow! These will be taken home on Earth Day. We have welcomed baby caterpillars into the environment. The children will learn about the butterfly life cycle and watch them change and grow. The highlight will be our butterfly release on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at our Art Show.

The kindergarten students are working on place value to 1,000's place in Math lessons. They are studying maps and animal habitats. In word study they are learning about digraphs: wh,sh,th,ch. The students will be writing their own non-fiction book about a North American animal of their choosing. We will be sharing these with you this spring. We look forward to several field trips as well; the Rushmore Candy Company, the SDSM&T for the Cultural Expo, and Wild Idea Buffalo Company.

Thank you for sharing your child with us! They are learning and growing each day!

Sincerely, Mrs. Verchio, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Butler, and Ms. Parastou

## From the Elementary Classroom

Hello! Our class is busy with many different projects. We have a Technology project to present to the kindergarteners on April 6<sup>th</sup>. We have a free choice project too. Some topics are dinosaurs, wild cats, the human body and golf. Our Science Fair Projects are due April 26<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to presenting them to our parents. In Math we are reviewing telling time, counting money, adding and subtracting to 1,000's place, some are working on arrays and geometry. We like the Weekly Reader, it has great information and articles for us to read. We went to Wind Cave for a great field trip. We also have a trip scheduled to the School Of Mines called the Cultural Fair on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Simons is very thankful that we helped with snow shoveling too!

It is a busy month!

Sincerely, Ben Loverich, Cante Nunpa Strong, and Henry Olivier

## Upcoming Events

**2<sup>nd</sup>- No School Spring Break**

**3<sup>rd</sup>-Classes Resume**

**5<sup>th</sup>- Kdg & Elem to Cultural Fair**

**5<sup>Th</sup>- PTO Dinner Out @ Wings & Rings**

**7<sup>th</sup> - Open House 1:30-3:30**

**10<sup>th</sup>- PTO Meeting at 6:00**

**12<sup>th</sup>- BOD Meeting at 5:30**

**12<sup>th</sup>- Last book order due**

**21<sup>st</sup>- School Clean Up Day from 9-12:00**

**24<sup>th</sup> - Volunteer Appreciation Day!**

**26<sup>th</sup>- Elementary Science Fair**

In an effort to use the least amount of paper as possible and save the school administrative costs, we are posting all forms online. CHM is moving to make this site more interactive for the benefit of the school, families and perspective families. All necessary forms are in a pdf format enabling them to be downloaded whenever needed. You can even read all of the *Around the House* issues from this year.



## Art Show May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Save the date for  
this exciting event!

8:15 & 8:30 classes  
will begin at 10:15

12:00 & elementary  
will begin at 2:15