

AROUND THE HOUSE



OUR COMMUNITY

I am halfway through my first term as director. As I reflected on my time, the first story that popped into my mind was of the wife who sent her husband to the store with a numbered list of items to purchase. She numbered each item to make the task seem more manageable.

Her husband came home from the store with what he thought she wanted: one bag of sugar, two bags of flour, three gallons of milk... all the way to twenty 15-pound bags of dog food. I realized that I have made some assumptions that may have left you wondering why I wanted the equivalent of twenty 15-pound bags of dog food. When I am immersed in the day-to-day operations, it is easy to forget what is important to communicate. But as I make mistakes, I grow (and take copious notes about what to do for next year!).

I look forward to spending an evening with you and your families at the Holiday Party (all are welcome) and then stepping away for some time with my own family over the Winter Break.

Thank you for your support! Danielle Giuseffi, Director
~Office Hours: Monday-Thursday; 7:30 to 11:30~

THANK YOU!

... the PTO for all their support!
...the School Board for all they do for our school
...the Development Committee for their vision
...Peter Hasby for shoveling and shoveling and shoveling our sidewalk
...the Ryder family for extra raking
...the Jones family for the alfalfa hay for the garden
...Stacie Lande for continued support in the elementary classroom
...Rachelle White for including the CHM PTO in her events
...to those who brought ingredients and supplies for the Harvest Feast
...Shanna Miller Frybarger and Julian Jones for helping the students chop vegetables to prepare for the Harvest Feast
...Lori Groven, Shanna Miller Frybarger, Julia Atterberry, Sara Yanez, Stephanie Lien D'urso, and Jessica Olson for helping to serve the Harvest Feast
...Jenny Kilcoin for wonderful art projects for our primary students.
...Peter Strong for arranging artists through Racing Magpie for our elementary students

MONTESSORI MINUTE

The holiday season naturally induces feelings of goodwill and peace. Maria Montessori knew that peaceful living should be a core part of curriculum. She recognized that the child must find inner peace before being able to be peaceful with others. This comes with learning to identify and name personal feelings (e.g., "I feel upset when..."). Peace in a Montessori classroom does not mean a classroom without conflict. Conflict is a welcomed opportunity for students to practice the skills needed to resolve it.

At home, you can be a role model for peaceful living by explaining how and why peace is important. You can ensure the conversations and content (TV shows, movies, video games, books) you share promote peace. You can talk as a family about your child's place in time, culture and relationship to others.

Children can collaborate and accept each other. Children can understand that human beings are fundamentally the same and that externalities do not define a person. Wishing you and your families peace & harmony this holiday season!

"Peace is what every human being is craving for, and it can be brought about by humanity through the child." – Maria Montessori

FROM THE PRIMARY CLASSROOMS

8:15 /8:30 /KINDERGARTEN

Preschool students are finishing their animal classification study. The children have really enjoyed music with Ms. Lena from the Black Hills Studios of the Arts. We have been practicing for our Holiday Program too. We will send home slippers over the holiday break. Please check them over for size and their condition. Your child may need their slippers replaced. Thank you!

During December, Kindergarteners will be learning about holiday traditions around the world along with understanding the difference between wants and needs. The students are doing a great job consistently learning their new sight words and learning to fluently read their books. Thank you for helping your child succeed! Keep up the great work of reviewing sight words and reading sight word books at home.

Sincerely, Mrs. Butler, Miss Parastou, Mrs. Verchio, & Mrs. Gibson

Dec 7th - CHM Community Potluck @ 2:00 p.m. (3999 Fairway Hills Drive)

Dec 12th – Holiday Party

Dec 17th – PTO Meeting

Dec 19th – Pajama Party

Dec 19th – CHM Board Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

Winter Break – NO SCHOOL – December 23rd to January 3rd; Classes Resume Monday January 6th

FROM THE ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM



The elementary classroom is bursting with learning! First graders are building a lot of new words and using them to become better readers and writers. They are also learning the addition snake game, addition and subtraction strip boards to begin their memorization of math facts.

Second grade has begun learning the parts of speech: nouns, verbs and articles. They are also working with a game to add and subtract with 4-digit numbers!

Upper elementary – 4th and 5th grade – have been busy learning to crochet and knit. They are also creating a “car” that will be run using a motor from a small appliance. They are using their creativity, science and math skills. They have also been using the Bank Game to begin learning how to divide 3- and 4-digit numbers!

The students are writing a story of “their own” and then typing their final copy on the computer! We are excited for the upcoming holiday program and have been practicing our songs to sing to our families.

Sincerely, Mrs. Pena

A FEW NOTES

Please bring one dozen cookies (NO NUTS please) to the office on December 11th. We will serve the cookies to share at the Holiday Party.

Also, the students will have a Winter Pajama Party on Thursday, December 19th. The students can wear their pajamas at school. We will watch a holiday movie and enjoy chocolate milk and popcorn. Those families assigned to the Winter Party will get a note sent home in their folder.