

March 2018



# Around the House



## Inside the House

Greetings CHM Families! It's an exciting time at school as we prepare for spring activities. We look forward to having parent teacher conferences March 5-9<sup>th</sup>. Please give us a call if you cannot attend your specific time. Preschool music has started up again. ☺ The teachers are eagerly anticipating the American Montessori Society Conference in Denver March 22 & 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please note the early dismissal time on March 21 (11:30) this will allow us travel time. There will be no 12:00 preschool on that day as well. This is an amazing opportunity for all of us to learn and grow together! We look forward to sharing with all soon. Many thanks to our PTO and BOD for sponsoring this trip!

Summer Camp registrations are beginning to come in, please choose the weeks you plan to attend and return the form to the office soon ☺ Mrs. Pena and Ms. Parastou are planning may wonderful activities!

Sincerely, Gayle Simons, Director

### CHM Open House

Sat April 7<sup>th</sup>  
1:30-3:30

Share with neighbors & friends who may be interested in joining us!

### A Big Thanks from CHM to:

- **The volunteers who came in this past month and helped out with activities & recess duty**
- **Miss Eva for terrific art lessons and bringing a beautiful owl to school**
- **PTO for all you do!**
- **Playground Planning Committee**
- **BOD for dedication to CHM**
- **All the parents who picked up a shovel to clear off our sidewalks**

Stop in the office and pick up your \$5 Safeway Community Giving Card. This is a reloadable gift card you use at check-out, and CHM gets 5% cash back. You can use it on groceries, gas or the pharmacy. It's an easy way to help out school!



If you haven't turned in your **registration** for next year, there is still room available in each class; however, the spots are filling up quickly. We encourage you to fill out the registration paper work and bring it in along with the necessary deposit. We hope to see everyone next year!! Thank you!

### **PTO Rummage Sale May 5<sup>th</sup>**

We'd love your rummage! Think of CHM as you clean out. Please bring your items to the office anytime ☺ We'll even store them until the sale!

#### SHOP AND HELP CHM

Shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and choose CHM under charitable organizations They are tripling their donations to non-profits from March 12-31<sup>st</sup>



## VISIT

[www.chkids.net](http://www.chkids.net)

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.

*Thank you for your time given to parent teacher conferences!*

## From the Primary Classrooms

Already March! Wow! We have been working so hard, and you know what they say, time flies if you are having fun! We have Music with Miss Lena from Batchelder's now, which is one of our favorite things. We are learning more about our 5 senses each day. Our Science table has much to explore! All the children will be planting marigold seeds for Earth Day too. Miss Eva teaches a monthly Art lesson and she brought a beautiful raptor to CHM! Thank you for packing your child's backpack with jackets, mittens & hats to dress for our ever changing spring weather. Our playground can be muddy, boots are a very good idea!

In math, Kindergartners will be learning about less than, greater than and their symbols. They will also continue constructing simple addition sentences but will begin creating simple subtraction sentences. In their writing journals, Kindergartners will begin learning how to construct a question with who, what, why, where, when or how and using a question mark. To provide additional practice in writing questions, the Kindergartners will be writing questions that they would like to ask the Rushmore Taffy candy makers in Keystone. This field trip will take place Monday, March 26. In addition, they will have a Wind Cave field trip Tuesday, March 27. Further info will be sent home later in the month pertaining to both field trips.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Verchio, Mrs. Gibson, Ms. Parastou & Mrs. Butler

## From the Elementary Classroom

Hey there! We wrote a narrative on a South Dakota animal using the internet. Here are our choices; mule deer, porcupine, bobcat, peregrine falcon and rainbow trout. Our work using the dictionary is to think of an animal beginning with each letter of the alphabet, look up the name, write the meaning and then draw a picture of the animal. In Math class we are learning more about geometry and fractions. One exciting geometry activity is to wear a blind fold, feel 3D shapes and say their names. We are learning about equivalent fractions like  $1/2=2/4=4/8$ . We use Montessori materials, called Fraction Insets to understand this. We will have 1 more tennis lesson. We play tennis baseball and we try to hit targets with our tennis balls. It is very, very fun! Last Friday we went snowshoeing in Custer State Park. It was awesome! We are going to Wind Cave in March for a presentation called Animals in Nature.

Good bye! Written by Cante Nunpa Strong and Henry Olivier

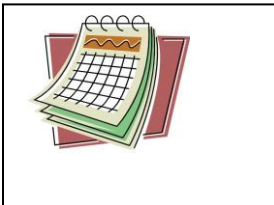
### NEWS FROM OUR BOD:

The Board of Directors would like to welcome and introduce one of our newest Board members, John Johnson. John relocated to Rapid City in 2016 and works at Black Hills Corp as an internal auditor. His son, Henry, just turned 5 and started at CHM this fall. John enjoys running, hiking, and mountain biking in the Black Hills.

The playground and Masterplanning projects continue to be ongoing. With winter clearly still with us, the water drainage issues are very evident and a huge priority that we are focusing on addressing immediately both from a short and long term perspectives. In the meantime, please be careful and cautious for slippery spots!

We continue to welcome your input or feedback. Please feel free to get in touch with any of your school board members! They are: Lynne Loverich, Ryan Ryder, Scott Shawda, Heidi Mehlhoff, John Johnson, and Erin Shyne Satterness

## Upcoming Events



03/5- 3/9 Preschool conferences  
03/8 Playground planning committee meeting @  
5:30 pm  
3/13 PTO Meeting @6 pm  
3/15 BOD Meeting @ 5:30 pm  
03/21 All dismiss at 11:30  
03/22-3/23 No school- Teachers attending AMS Conf in  
Denver  
3/30 No School- Spring Break  
4/2 No School- Spring Break  
4/3 Classes resume