

# AROUND THE HOUSE



## OUR COMMUNITY

It is great to see so many returning families to Children's House. I hope you will join me in continuing to make our new families feel welcome.

Our Community Week will kick

off at the School Clean Up on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. In addition, we will be providing further opportunities for your family to connect with CHM October 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>.

October is also parent-teacher conference time. Your child's teacher will be contacting you regarding a time. Communication between parent & teachers is key for our students! Feel free to stop by the office or e-mail me with any questions or concerns.

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

## THANK YOU!

--Linda Claussen for school pictures

... the PTO for all their support!

...the School Board for all they do for our school

...Julia Atterberry, Shanna Miller Frybarger and Stacie Lande for helping with school pictures

...Stacie Lande for helping with elementary recess

.... Mari Hasby, Brittany Malott, Sara Yanez Vargas and Rachelle White for helping with our Peaceful Person posters

...the Jones family for their help with the garden and all of the families who lent a hand this summer!

## MONTESSORI MINUTE

Does this sound familiar? You ask your child what she did at school today only to be met with a one-word response: "Nothing." This answer may make you wonder what actually goes on inside of Children's House!

We do not provide a report of the works your child engages with for an important reason. While the report would indicate what your child *did*, it would never scratch the surface of sharing what your child *learned*. As your child moves through the prepared environment, she is not only learning through hands-on exploration but also by observing works that her friends selected. She is not just building the pink tower but passively learning the abstract connection between large and small. She is learning that everything has an order and a place. She is boosting her self-efficacy and understanding what it means to be a friend. So while your child articulates "nothing" to you, she really means "everything." Try asking these conversation starters instead: "Did anything make you laugh today?" "How were you kind to someone?" "Was someone kind to you?" "Did anything surprise you?" Share your day with your child, too!

"Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment." – Maria Montessori



## FROM THE PRIMARY CLASSROOMS

### 8:15 /8:30 /KINDERGARTEN

September flew by! The children have settled into a good routine. We have moved from group snack to individual snack, complete with the children washing their own dishes.

In September, the primary students learned the difference between living and non-living. We finished the month studying trees and apples. In October, we will learn about community helpers, pumpkins and begin our animal classification study: vertebrates, fish and amphibians.

Kindergarten has gotten off to a great start this year. Kindergartners have been working hard and have been diligent about completing their lesson plans. They have been working with the practical life and sensorial materials, as well as with math and writing journals. For October, the children will be taking a field trip to the Rapid City Public Library to kick off their reading unit. Further information will be provided later this month for the field trip and the expectations for their weekly reading bag and sight words.

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

## FROM THE ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM

School is exciting! We had an ice cream social that was fun and sugary. One sunny day we walked to Mary Hall Park. That was a blast! The last few weeks upper elementary has been learning multiplication and division. Another sunny day, our class went to the Outdoor Campus, built forts and caught sea monkeys in the creek.

One day we went to Center Lake and went hiking on the Grace Coolidge Trail and played in the sand. We did a bingo game with our class. We looked at a question on the chart and asked each other if they did that thing. It was fun.

This month was pretty fun!

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Oct 5<sup>th</sup>- School Clean Up,  
9:00 to 12:00

Oct 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>- Community  
Week

Oct 10<sup>th</sup>- PTO Meeting @  
5:30 PM

Oct 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> - No School

Oct 17<sup>th</sup>- PTO Fall Festival  
@5:30 PM

Oct 24<sup>th</sup>- Parent  
Conferences; No School

Oct 25<sup>th</sup>- No School



**Please join us on Sat, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-12:00.**

**Bring the family for a fun morning of working together at school! By volunteering your time, we ensure your tuition dollars remain dedicated to the classrooms. Please bring rakes, leaf/lawn bags & wear yard gloves.**

**\*We could use a few pick-up trucks for hauling away yard waste.**

**\*\*Donuts and apple cider will be provided.**