

Welcome to Children's House Montessori School

We are thrilled that you have chosen our school for your child. We look forward to an amazingly enriching year and we welcome your suggestions, expect your participation and encourage your support. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make this a wonderful year for your child and an insightful year for you as you and your child discover the wonders of a Montessori education.

Around the House

September
2011

THANK YOU – WE ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL!

THANK YOU to all who have volunteered in any capacity. In order to avoid overlooking anyone, I will tell you what volunteers **HAVE** done so far this school year – stained the porches and jungle gym, helped on the playground, cleaned up the yard, worked on the computers, built a library and presentation table in the elementary building, accepted positions on the School Board & PTO Board, attended the PTO meeting signed up for the ice-cream social, hauled out yard waste, taken care of Hop, the bunny and worked in the garden – just to name a few of the things!

We have a few projects that did NOT get done earlier SO, if you are inclined, we are still in need of having the windows washed in both buildings. If you are interested in helping with window washing, please let a teacher know and we'll set a time plus provide all the supplies needed!

*"It is true we cannot make a genius.
We can only give a child the chance
to fulfill his potential possibilities."*

Dr. Maria Montessori

From the Desk of the Director

We are off to a wonderful start! The children have settled in beautifully and they're already engaged in numerous practical life activities, sensorial materials and, for the older or returning students, math and language activities. They are eager to be in class and they are all such willing learners. We want to thank all of you for graciously, albeit with difficulty for some, relinquishing your child to us. We know you are adjusting to your time without your students as much as we are adjusting to our time with your students. Life is good inside CHM!

It has been such a pleasure to come in to work and watch these teachers so excited about each day and thrilled to be sharing their knowledge and expertise with your children. I feel fortunate to be associated with the best!

Please remember to bring your comments, concerns AND compliments to me. I would like to help you solve any problems and share your enthusiasm with the teachers and the Board.

During September, I will typically be in the office from 8:00-3:00. Beginning in October, my hours will be:

Monday & Wednesday – 8:00-12:00

Tuesday & Thursday – 11:00-3:00

On Fridays I may or may not be in the office but you can always schedule an appointment or the staff can pass along a message which I will return promptly.

Janell Jewett

Please remember to park in designated parking spaces. Even though it's congested at certain times of the day, using designated parking spaces ensures we are complying with the guidelines set down by the City but more importantly, it provides the maximum safety for everyone. With the extended parking lot area on the north end of the lot, you can park 3 cars deep in front of the staff cars and the school bus-just use extra caution when backing up. You can always park on West Main Street, west of the sign, if you don't want to worry about finding a space in the parking lot. Please do not allow your child to walk through the parking lot unattended.

8:15 Class

Mrs. Nylander & Mrs. Barsch

Every student in our class has been working on our school rules and caring for our environment. Understanding the rules helps us to have a smooth and productive school year! We have been focusing on the practical life activities that will help the children to become self-sufficient during our snack time, therefore in our practical life room we are working how to pour water without spilling! The children have also been working on different dimensional materials.

The kindergartners are learning how to look at and read their own personal lesson plans. The goal is to help them read and implement their lessons each week. We will start having work time in the elementary building one to two times a week beginning with physical education on Thursday's with the elementary students.

8:30 Class

Mrs. Pappel & Mrs. Bollock

What fun we are having and it's only week two! The children love reciting our Peaceful Classroom Rules:

- Our hands are for helping and working,
- Our feet are for walking inside and running outside in the grass
- Our mouths are for words that are quiet and kind.

We have been busy working on practical life works in the kitchen...play dough has been a big hit so has "punching" (that is punching out pictures with a giant push pin) and we have love painting!

Thank you for sharing your child with us. They teach us something new every day.

Elementary Mrs. Pokorski

We will be exploring the base ten system of numbers throughout math. We will discuss the difference between the place of a number and that number's value. In writing we are putting together sentences, making words, journaling, and perfecting our handwriting.

The Great Lessons have captivated our attention as the stories tell us about how the universe was formed.

Every day we continue to work on manners, routines, procedures and just getting the flow of the classroom.

Each teacher has an email address where you can contact them about questions or provide information you'd like to share. Please continue to use the hard copy "**Change of Status**" sheets for pertinent information regarding day-to-day changes.

Mrs. Pappel – cindypappel@chkids.net

Mrs. Bollock – pandibollock@chkids.net

Mrs. Nylander – andreananylander@chkids.net

Mrs. Barsch – christinabarsch@chkids.net

Mrs. Pokorski – stacipokorski@chkids.net

Janell Jewett – director@chkids.net

Wish List

Copy card from the UPS Store
(3¢ copies during October)

Small digital point & shoot camera
(so we can have one in each building)

Bulbs

Please bring any kind of fall bulb to school by October 14th and the students will plant them throughout the campus the first nice day

Cans

The Primary kids will be crushing cans as a practical life activity. Please **rinse out your cans** and bring them, with the tabs left on, to school any time.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

September 22nd – Ice-cream Social for Families
5:00-7:00 (rescheduled event)

September 22nd –School Pictures
Primary & Siblings – AM
Elementary – PM

October 1st – Family Hike
(tentative date/details to follow)

October 10th – **NO SCHOOL** – Native American Day

October 11th – **NO STUDENTS** – Professional Development

October 13th – PTO Meeting
6:00 pm (babysitting available)

October 20th – Board of Director's Meeting
6:00 pm (call if you need babysitting)

October 21st – **Mathoween**
6:00-7:30



Tentative Dates for Pumpkin Sales

October 12th & 13th

When purchasing your pumpkins from the CHM Market, you can keep one at school for the **Mathoween** Event on **October 21st**! Watch for details

Remember to pick up your student **on time**. If you are picking them up in the building, you are late! 😊