

The Friday Flyer

Charles Towne Montessori School

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Calendar

October 16- Parent Association Meeting.

October 24, 25, 26th- Parent Teacher Conferences. School Open on the 24th, Supplemental Care offered 25th, 26th.

November 1- Holiday Poinsettia Fundraiser Begins.

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A Montessori Moment

Practical Life Activities

The exercises of the Practical Life curriculum are designed to foster independence, self-confidence, self-esteem, and self-control, characteristics that play a critical role in subsequent intellectual growth.

Understanding the classroom logistics is the first step toward self-reliance. Knowing how to carry things, how to move the furniture around, how to walk around activities in progress on the floor, how to turn on and off faucets, how to put on aprons, how to sit down carefully at a table, how to get up carefully from a table, how to open and shut the doors and windows, how to fold towels, how to open and shut containers used in the exercises, and how to safely use sharp objects are some prerequisites for acquiring independence in the classroom. These isolated skills become integral parts of lessons and activities of the Practical Life curriculum and other curriculum areas.

Source: Stephenson, D. 1995. *The Pink What? A Quick Reference Guide To Montessori Materials.*

Thanks for coming!

A warm thank you to all parents who were able to attend both the Parent Education Night and the Father's Day/Family Visit. Both events were a great success and we hope you enjoyed them. Our faculty and staff take great pride in sharing Montessori Principles with you. If you were not able to attend, you can find School Directories in the Office.

We remain very busy here at CTMS and teachers are currently preparing for Parent/Teacher Conferences that come up toward the end of the month. Supplemental Care will be offered on the 25th and 26th and Sign Up sheets will be available soon.

Look for more information on the Poinsettia Sale and other upcoming events next week.

Office Notes

Your child's health and safety at CTMS

The world's realities remind all of us that we must be vigilant when it comes to protecting the safety and welfare of our children. We want to assure you that this is a top priority here at CTMS. As you've noticed, a great deal of improvements have been happening on our campus almost daily since the summer and are now nearing completion. We have been required to adhere to strict timelines in order to meet both State and Federal guidelines. These guidelines have necessitated some of the work being done during school hours. Anyone providing a service for CTMS is presently under contract and is in good standing with the business community.

We are currently looking for a permanent handyman at CTMS



Megan French from Ms. Erin's Primary Environment

Fundraising

Sally Foster Fundraiser

We should expect delivery toward the end of October.

Parent Association (PA)

Publix joins the Scrip Program!

Check out the bulletin board outside the office which highlights our ongoing fundraiser, the Scrip program. Scrip provides a way for family and friends to support the school by making their everyday purchases. You can use your Scrip cards to shop at Bed Bath and Beyond, Harris Teeter, Piggly Wiggly, bp gas stations and now at **Publix** too! Want to know more? Contact Hilary Wilgus.

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Bob VanDolah from the Department of Natural Resources for loaning an LCD projector for Parent Education Night.

Our Parent Association for helping host our Parent Education Night.

Priscilla Richards and Shorey German for providing childcare at Parent Education Night

Book Club

We'd like to gauge interest on starting a Book Club this fall, beginning with Angeline Lillard's book *Montessori, The Science Behind the Genius*. Please email Lisa at lisactms@hotmail.com if you're interested.

who will be required to have a background check, including a SLED review etc. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call the Office anytime.

We are Growing!

This spring, CTMS will welcome two of our own new "baby chicks." We are happy to tell you that both Mary Margaret and Erin are expecting additions to their families. As they are making preparations for their new arrivals, CTMS also has plans underway to ensure that our children in these environments experience the smoothest transition possible, and that we maintain the highest quality classroom experience you've come to expect from CTMS. We will make every effort to keep you abreast of plans as we move toward early spring. Please join us in celebrating these great expectations!