

The Friday Flyer

Charles Towne Montessori School

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Calendar

October 16— Parent Association Meeting, 6:30 pm, CTMS

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

Building a Trusting Relationship

Maria Montessori called this trusting relationship *confident expectation*. We direct our efforts to assisting in the building of a child's competence as a means to fostering the hope that is so essential to both the child's present and future life.

In our classrooms, it is difficult to meet all needs immediately, so children must wait. This encourages them to find new ways to cope with their problems and feelings or it causes them to despair that their needs will not be met.

We need to be sensitive to the fact that for the young child, waiting is a strain. We need to acknowledge children's efforts frequently, expressing in a concrete way when they can expect that their needs will be met. We can say, "I know you are waiting. After I wash my hands and dry them, I can help you." or "You can get the material out first, I will come as soon as I..."

The youngest infants also may benefit from this acknowledgement communication. In this way, we remain available to meet children's needs and encourage them to maintain a hopeful outlook.

We must continue to evaluate new aspects of our role as caregivers and to remain conscious that our practices must support children's emotional needs as we assist them in their effort to sustain hope.

Source: Excerpted from Werner, M., *Fostering Hope, Infants and Toddlers*, February 1999, Vol 2, No. 4.

Understanding Your Child's Progress

It's hard to believe that it's time for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Conferences are an important time to meet with your teacher to discuss your child's progress in his/her environment and to learn more about how to support their growth at home. As a service to you, supplemental care is offered on October 25th and 26th. (school is open on the 24th.) Please carefully consider your childcare needs when signing up for Supplemental Care because your account will be charged.

Observations have begun!

Wondering what your child is doing in his/her environment? Schedule an observation. Observations are important because they provide a more complete picture of your child's daily experience in the Montessori community. Observations are typically scheduled mid-week from 9:00-9:30 am. Call the Office to schedule.



Ben Prenner and Christopher Easterbrook enjoy the "Alligator Song" in Miss Rhonda's environment

Trick-or-Treat for Unicef; The Original Kids Helping Kids

Donation boxes are in the Office. For more information, visit unicefusa.org/trickortreat.

Office Notes

We're Growing!

CTMS Open House

On Saturday, November 3, we'll welcome interested families from the community to visit CTMS. They will have the opportunity to observe some of our environments in action.

If you know an interested family, please invite them. Check with the Office or lisactms@hotmail.com on how you can help us grow

Book Club Getting Started!

There's still time to join in the read! Our first meeting will take place at Mr. Edward Jackson's home at 941 Pine Hollow Drive in Mount Pleasant on Tuesday, November 6th at 7:00 pm. Angeline Lillard's book *Montessori, The Science Behind the Genius* is available at Barnes and Noble and Amazon.com. Please email Lisa at lisactms@hotmail.com with questions.

Spring Auction

Our CTMS Spring Auction is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Both Fundraising and Events Committees have begun work on the Auction and are currently looking for an elegant setting in the downtown or West Ashley areas for a March event, preferably on a Friday or Saturday evening. If you have any suggestions, please contact Lisa at lisactms@hotmail.com

Security Gate

You may have noticed we are having some technical difficulties with our security gate. We are currently working with both Sonitrol and the Fire Marshall to correct the problem. Please call the Office with any questions. Thank you for your understanding.

Fundraising

Poinsettia Sale

Just in time for your holiday decorating! Low Country Greenhouses offers beautiful, large bloom poinsettias that will really put you in the holiday spirit.

Sally Foster Fundraiser

Expect delivery toward the end of October.

Parent Association (PA)

Publix joins the Scrip Program!

No forms or computer orders are needed for grocery cards and there is no wait. If you need to go shopping, simply make out a check to CTMS in increments of \$50, write your grocery store on the comment line and drop it in the Scrip box. Contact Hilary Wilgus for further information.

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For Your Review

A copy of the Strategic Plan, Budget and 2006 Tax records are available in the Office.

Flyer Trivia

Question: What do the following people have in common?

Larry Page, Co-Founder of Google

Sergey Brin, Co-Founder of Google

Jeffrey Bezos, Founder of Amazon.com

Katharine Graham, Owner/Editor of the Washington Post

Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis, Editor, Former First Lady

Anne Frank, Author of *Diary of Anne Frank*

Prince William and Prince Harry, English royal family

T. Berry Brazelton, Pediatrician and Author

Julia Child, Chef and Author

Answer: All of the above people were Montessori educated.