

The Friday Flyer

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Calendar

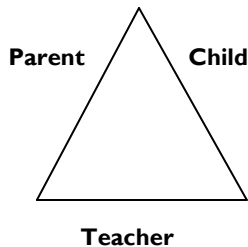
October 24, 25, 26th— Parent Teacher Conferences. School Open on the 24th, Supplemental Care offered 25th, 26th.

November 1— Holiday Poinsettia Fundraiser Begins. Due Nov. 12

November 15— Circle of Safety. More information coming soon.

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A Montessori Moment The Power of Three



Parent

The child's parents are not his makers, but his guardians.¹

Child

"...a man is not what he is because of the teachers he has had, but because of what he has done."²

Teacher

"It is necessary for the teacher to guide the child without letting him feel her presence too much, so that she may be always ready to supply the desired help, but may never be the obstacle between the child and his experience."³

Source: Cherin, C. The Power of Three, AMI/USA PARENTING for a NEW WORLD, April, 1995, Vol, IV, No. 2.

- 1 Dr. Maria Montessori, *The Secret of Childhood*.
- 2 Dr. Maria Montessori, *The Montessori Method*.
- 3 Dr. Maria Montessori, *Dr. Montessori's Own Handbook*.

Why don't we just send report cards?

Why go to all the trouble of Parent/Teacher Conferences? Liz Frazer from Arbor Montessori School shares the following thoughts on Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Benefits

Conferences give teachers and parents the benefit of another's perspective.

Meeting face to face encourages dialogue.

Conferences build relationships between parents and teachers.

Making the Most of Your Conference

Approach the conference positively

Listen to and observe your child

Discuss your child's progress with your spouse, caregiver, or other significant adult before the conference.

Bring up questions and concerns at the conference.

After the Conference is Over

Keep the lines of communication open.



Mr. O'Loughlin, Haley Jameson, and Ryan Strauchon discuss their work.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Teachers will assign conferences for those who have not signed up. **Supplemental Care is full.**

Observations have begun!

Wondering what your child is doing in his/her environment? Schedule an observation. Observations are typically scheduled mid-week from 9:00-9:30 am. Call the Office to schedule.

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

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

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

Book Club

Mr. Edward Jackson's will host the first meeting at his home at 941 Pine Hollow Drive in Mount Pleasant on Tuesday, November 6th at 7:00 pm. We will discuss Chapters 1 and 2.

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

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.

Parents Association (PA)

Box Tops for Kids Due October 31

Please drop them off in the Office.

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 2006 Tax records and Board meeting minutes are available in the Office.

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.