

# The Friday Flyer

## Charles Towne Montessori School

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### Calendar

**November 1-** Holiday Poinsettia Fundraiser Begins. Orders due November 12.

**November 3-** Open House, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

**November 6-** Book Club, 7:00 pm, Chapters 1 & 2.

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### A Montessori Moment

#### **A Montessori Dictionary**

**Development of the will:** The ability to will, or choose to do something with conscious intent, develops gradually during the first phase of life and is strengthened through practice. The Montessori environment offers many opportunities for the child to choose. Willpower, or self-control, results from the many little choices of daily life in a Montessori school.

**Discipline from within:** Self-discipline. The discipline in a well-run Montessori classroom is not a result of the teacher's control or of rewards or punishments. Its source comes from within each individual child, who can control his or her own actions and make positive choices regarding personal behavior. Self-discipline is directly related to development of the will.

Source: Haines, A., A Montessori Dictionary, AMI/USA PARENTING for a NEW WORLD, March 2003, Vol. XII, No. 1

#### **Lessons in Everyday Life**

It is important to realize that everything we do and say, every movement, every word we speak and our behavior toward any person are "formal presentations" to infants and toddlers. Their unconscious absorbent minds capture and internalize everything in their environment.

Source: Unknown

### Making Plans...

As Parent/Teacher Conferences wrap up, we start to think about upcoming events which take us through the holidays. The Thanksgiving Feast, Elf Shop and Holiday Program are all opportunities for giving, sharing and coming together as a community. Additionally, during these days, we start to think about the direction of Charles Towne Montessori, our Strategic Plan and how we can continue to strengthen and build the school.

Our Committees are hard at work on finalizing plans for our Open House on Saturday November 3. Planning for the Thanksgiving Feast and Spring Auction are also moving forward. As always, we appreciate everyone's enthusiasm and hard work! Give us a call if you're interested in contributing in any way.

### Thanksgiving Feast

Look for more information in The Flyer next week. **School closes after the Feast on Tuesday, November 20, 12:00 pm, and remains closed until Monday, November 26.**

### Office Notes

#### **Elf Shop**

The Elf Shop is both a holiday giving experience for our children as well as a fundraiser that supports teacher enrichment and appreciation. Additional, detailed information on the Elf Shop is coming soon.

#### **We're Growing!**

#### **CTMS Open House**

On Saturday, November 3, 10 am-12 pm, we'll welcome interested families from the community to visit Charles Towne Montessori. If you know an interested family, please invite them.



Joshua Dickson and Kai Lemeuix

#### **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.

#### **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

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

Donation boxes are in the Office. For more information, visit unicef-usa.org/trickortreat.

#### **Book Club Getting Started!**

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. We'll begin Angeline Lillard's book Montessori, The Science Behind the Genius, Chapters 1 & 2.

### 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

Orders are here and can be picked up in the Studio. Please make sure you have all boxes for your order.

#### Parent Association (PA)

#### **Box Tops for Education are due October 31**

Drop them off in the Office.

#### **Public 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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