

The Friday Flyer

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Calendar

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

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

November 15— Circle of Safety.

November 20— Thanksgiving Feast. School closes at 12:00 pm and re-opens Monday, Nov. 26.

November 29— Elementary 101, 6:30 pm

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A Montessori Moment

This “Moment” is the first in a series on Montessori Elementary

Dr. Montessori, who began her work with children as a Doctor of Medicine, wanted adults to understand that the child in the process of development went through four different stages. These stages were each of about six years' length and take the child from birth to six, then from six to twelve, from twelve to eighteen, and from eighteen to twenty-four, which she counted as maturity. Dr. Montessori pointed out that during each of these four stages, the child showed different psychological characteristics, which meant that he needed the adult to help him in a different way. The child in the first plane, during the years from birth to six is forming himself to begin with, to know and recognize himself as an individual person— that is why we have to help him individually.

The next stage, the years from six to twelve, shows different characteristics which require the adult to give help in a different way. The child now needs to be able to learn to live and work in a wider society than that of his immediate family and small class in the Primary Environment. The child at this second plane of development is not now content to be kept closely attached to his family. Dr. Montessori tells us that he now wants to explore the life of the wider society outside the family and classroom.

Source: Stephenson, M., *The Child from Six to Twelve in Home and Elementary Class*, AMI/USA PARENTING for a NEW WORLD, April 1993, Vol. II, No.2

Charles Towne Montessori School

Open House!

Early November has arrived and is a harbinger of many celebrations coming up in the next few weeks. Tomorrow morning we open our gates to both new and prospective families. You may have noticed that our campus has undergone some refreshing through the efforts of Katherine Mengendoht, Chris Lathbury, George Riekerk and Carman Bevis. Warmest thanks to all!

This year the Thanksgiving Feast will be held in the classrooms. Each family will be asked to contribute a prepared dish to their classroom feast. A sign up sheet of requested dishes will be posted in the Office by the end of the week of November 5th. Families with multiple children can choose to eat in one classroom for the feast or can visit both. Please make sure your dish is fully prepared as we have limited capacity for re-heating and refrigeration. Additionally, we will need assistance in each environment for set up and clean-up, making sure that all is in order for our children's return on Monday.

School closes after the Feast on Tuesday, November 20, 12:00 pm, and remains closed until Monday, November 26.

Office Notes

Circle of Safety ID Cards

Close to a million children are reported missing each year. A survey released from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and ADVO Inc. found that not enough parents know the height, weight and eye color of their children. The **Circle of Safety** card will provide law enforcement officials with up to date information about your child. Look for an order form coming home next week. Circle of Safety will be here on Thursday November 15th. Please have your order and payment completed and turned in to your teacher on or before the 15th.



Paulina Meyer transformed into Marie Antoinette and gave a report on her life for the Elementary Historical Halloween Pageant.

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.

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.

Yearbook Talent Needed!

Interested in being a part of Charles Towne Montessori School history? Miss Rhonda is looking for creative assistance on this year's yearbook. Please contact Rhonda directly at 345-1963 or email ctmsyearbook@aol.com

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

Order forms went home November 1, and are due November 12. Low Country Greenhouses offers beautiful, large bloom poinsettias that will really put you in the holiday spirit.

Sally Foster Fundraiser

A “correction order” will be submitted to Sally Foster within the next week. Please contact the Office immediately if you are have missing or incorrect items.

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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