

The Friday Flyer

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Calendar

November 15- Circle of Safety here at CTMS.

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

November 27- Parent Association meeting, 6:30 pm

November 29- Elementary 101, 6:30 pm

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A Montessori Moment

This "Moment" is the second in a series on Montessori Elementary

At the second stage of development (around 6-12 years) the mind of the child is working in a different way. He had made a language for himself in the earlier stage and needed names for all the things he found in his environment. That is why the small child asks, "What is that?" - and to help him increase his vocabulary we give him names of birds and flowers and people and places and of whatever interests him. But at the second plane, the child is not so interested in names as in reasons. He asks now, "Why?" and it is "why," about everything he meets and learns about. And so we have to be prepared for this new form of mind, reasoning and questioning about all that is around him. Montessori says that often adults get tired of the child's questions and so often force him to be silent and just to learn what the adult gives him to learn and tells him to stop questioning. This is why so often the child between six and twelve, gives up trying to learn and becomes bored and frustrated with school and adults.

Now we can give him reasons for our asking him to obey to follow the rules we set, to stop doing something he should not be involved in. This is why we can help him understand what is unacceptable behaviour and why he can understand, if we now take the time and make the effort to help him in this new way.

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

Making Plans!

Last Saturday we welcomed both new and prospective families to our school. The event was beautifully done through the efforts of Grea Durkee, Nancy Jackson, Lauren Mullins, Mary Thibodeau, Carola Neumann, Cindi Futch and Susie Prenner. The next Open House is scheduled for the end of January and details will be available as the new year approaches.

Book Club got off to a great start this week with discussion on Angeline Lillard's book, Montessori, The Science Behind the Genius. This is a great opportunity not only to learn more about Montessori principles but also to share ideas and get to know other parents and teachers. No time to read the book? No problem, join us anyway! Check here for the next Book Club date.

This year the Thanksgiving Feast will be held in combined classrooms, i.e. families from Miss Mary Margaret and Miss Jennifer will share, Miss Erin and Mr. O'Loughlin will share, and families from Miss Rhonda's, Miss Audrey's and Miss Kim's environments will share. Each family will be asked to contribute a prepared side dish. Families with multiple children can choose a combined environment. 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. Further detailed information is coming.

Office Notes

Time to stock the Elf Shop!

The purpose of the Elf Shop is to give our children an opportunity to shop for family members independently right here at school during the week of December 17. The children learn the importance of giving and sharing, while experiencing the pride of thankfulness and appreciation.

We would appreciate your assistance in stocking the shop and ask that each family donate a minimum of 10 items. Items need not be expensive. The Dollar Store, Target, Kmart and others often have "dollar aisles." Donations can be brought to the Office.



Satra Muhammad from the Elementary Program completes her work with the geometry box.

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.

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

Circle of Safety ID Cards

The **Circle of Safety** card will provide law enforcement officials with up to date information about your child. Didn't get an order form? Call the Office. 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.

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.

Board Meeting, Thursday, November 17, 5:30 pm. All interested families are welcome to attend.

Parent Association (PA)

Next Meeting November 27th, 6:30 pm

Planning your family Thanksgiving Feast?

Place a Scrip order for your holiday shopping and support CTMS! Place your order by Thursday 11/15 and your cards will be delivered at our Thanksgiving Feast 11/20. Contact Hilary Wilgus for further information.

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