

Calendar

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 third in a series on Montessori Elementary. (Full article available in the Office.)

The work the Elementary child does in the classroom changes (from Primary) -the lessons are different- the materials are different. They are all to help the child begin to understand how the universe and his world were created- how the plants and trees and flowers came, as it were, to decorate that world for us- how the animals came to live their own lives and to help provide for some of our needs- and how, when all the earth was ready, human beings came to begin their own lives.

All this story interests the child- answers some of his questions and gives rise to more. The teacher helps to answer some questions but also leads the child to find other answers for himself. That is why he has questions for his parents- and why we need to know that these questions of his are not a new way he has found, now that he is older, to bother us when we are trying to read the newspaper or to watch television, or have a nap, but are a sign that his normal development as a human being is progressing. We should be glad that he is questioning- his questions are, in the end, more important than our newspaper or television. If we want to help our child, we have to give him our time and understanding to help answer his questions. And if we do not know the answer, that is not a problem- we and the child go together to see where we can find the answer. With the little child, we had taken him walking outside, to help him learn walking on inclines and hills, to help him learn balance and grace of movement. Now with this older child we go out with him for another reason, to explore with him where answers may be found to his questions and to share his interests with him. Because of his interests in and need for finding out about this wider society of the world, the child may appear to become less loving towards his own family- to be rude and off-hand with us. This is not really so, it is in appearance only, and while he satisfies his interest in the world.

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

The Friday Flyer

Charles Towne Montessori School

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Happy Thanksgiving to all!

We're looking forward to welcoming you and your family to our annual Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday November 20th from 11:00 am-12:00 pm. School closes at 12:00 pm and re-opens Monday morning November 26th. As we make final preparations, please remember:

Set up volunteers please arrive in the Office at **10:00 am** if possible.

Please bring your prepared dish to the classroom environment at 10:45 am. If possible, bring it warm and ready! If you need to bring your dish to the Office during carpool, make sure it is labeled (your name and teacher name) and in a microwave safe container if needed.

Please remember we are a peanut-free facility due to children's allergies.



Grace Anne Gasperson works with the division materials.

Elementary 101

Montessori education does not end with the Primary class. The program that Dr. Montessori laid out for 6 to 12 year olds has advantages over both public and private schools that use traditional methods. It provides an environment where intellectual abilities and self-esteem go hand in hand.

Want to know more? Set a time to observe the elementary class. You may also want to read a copy of "What is Montessori Elementary?" and a more detailed analysis of the elementary academic program available in the Office.

Fundraising

By choosing to purchase **Scrip** cards for everyday shopping, our families have contributed the following amounts to support CTMS:

Publix: \$271

Bi-Lo: \$103

Additionally, we received \$110 from BoxTops for Kids.

Poinsettia Sale

Poinsettias will be delivered on or near Monday November 26th.

Sally Foster Fundraiser

A "correction order" has been submitted to Sally Foster. You will be notified when the corrected order arrives.

Parent Association (PA)

Next Meeting November 27th, 6:30 pm.

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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.

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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.

Welcome to our new families!

Logan Holsemback, Easton Khouri and Willa Jones have joined Miss Audrey's class.

Maris Jones has joined Miss Kim's class.

No Observations Thanksgiving week