

MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF HOLMES RUN & CHILDREN'S HOUSE

# School News

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## Coming Up...

### September

- Sun 13 Opening Celebration Picnic, 5-7 pm, at the US. Bring the whole family and food to share!
- Tue 15 Parent Orientation for CH and US at MSHR Upper School (7pm)
- Thu 17 Coffee Workshop 9am - 12pm, US
- Sat 19 Coffee Workshop, 9am - 12pm, CH
- Tue 22 Picture Day, US
- Wed 23 Picture Day, CH

### October

- Mon 12 Columbus Day - SCHOOL CLOSED/NO CHILDCARE
- Tue 13 Parent Night at US (7-8pm)
- Wed 14 Parent Night at CH (6-7pm) Carla's class
- Thu 15 Parent Night at CH (6-7pm) Stevie's and Sara's classes

### *A note from Judy:*

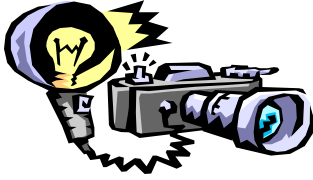


Welcome new and returning students! We are all happy to be back in school, making new friends and catching up with old ones after a busy summer. We will continue to post our newsletter on our website. If you used to receive the newsletter through email and would like to continue with that, you do not need to do anything. If you receive a paper copy but prefer to receive the newsletter through email, then please email or call the office with that request.

Don't miss our **Opening Celebration Picnic** on Sunday, 5-7pm on the playground at the Upper School. The picnic is for the entire school! Make new friends, visit with old friends, and meet teachers and staff. Bring a main course for your family and a dish to share.

We hope that many of you will attend the Parent Orientation on Tuesday evening. At the Orientation, we will talk about upcoming events, fundraisings, and other important information pertaining to the upcoming school year. We also sign up for many co-op opportunities and touch base on class routines.

## ALL SCHOOL NEWS



### Picture Day:

Tuesday, Sept. 22 – Upper School

Wednesday, Sept. 23 – Children's House

**Coffee Workshop:** We have our first Coffee Workshops next week!

Thursday, Sept. 17 at the US: 9am – noon.

Saturday, Sept. 19 at the CH: 9am – noon.

*For the US, we are in need of a Parent Coordinator for the workshops.* The coordinator assigns tasks during workshop, monitors progress, organizes completed work and communicates with staff for supplies, explains tasks, etc. This is a monthly commitment and it will give you 30 co-op hours!

### REVISED SCHOOL CALENDAR!

If you have not received the revised school calendar yet, please make sure to pick one up from your child's school site. **Please make a note to your calendar that the school will be closed on Memorial Day, May 31, 2010.**

## FLU UPDATE

Attached to this newsletter is a flu letter. We will keep you informed as to any changes/updates.

## UPPER SCHOOL NEWS



**First-Years are hungry for everything!** Learning can take a lot of energy and some first-year students are flagging by mid-morning. It's ok to pack a quick and healthy brain-boosting snack that can be eaten without utensils.

### P.E.

Monday will be the first P.E. day for Lower Elementary students; Upper Elementary will have P.E. on Fridays. On those days, students should pack a water bottle and a disposable bag lunch. Weather permitting; we will be going to Luria Park for P.E.

**Dressing for School:** Please be aware that we run every day on the playground, and students should be wearing shoes and clothes appropriate for this activity. .

Dressing appropriately for the classroom and for safe outdoor play means:

- Clothes should not be overly tight; pants or shorts that fit properly around the waist so skin and/or underwear does not show when sitting or bending.
- Tops should cover the midriff at all times.
- Pants should not drag on the ground.
- Skirts should not be shorter than 4 inches above knee.
- Clothing should not have rips or tears.
- No flip-flops, open-toed sandals, or crocs.
- No short shorts, or shorts with printing across the rear.
- No negative, provocative, or inappropriate messages on clothing.



**Drop-In Club Sign-Up:** Although you may not need afterclub every day, you may find it helpful to be able to leave your child in the program for sudden schedule changes or emergencies. You can sign your child up for drop-in afterclub, and pay only \$8.00 an hour with little notice. Once you pay the \$10.00 registration fee, your child's name will be added to the list, and you can call us and let us know at any time you need this service. After 3:15 pm, parents who have not signed up for this program will be charged the standard late fee of \$5.00 for any part of the first 5 minutes and a dollar a minute after that.

**If your child is leaving early or going home with another family,** please leave a note for your child's teacher. We are happy to deliver a verbal message when it's a last-minute emergency, but when you know in advance, please put it in writing. Thank you for your cooperation.

## CHILDREN'S HOUSE NEWS

*We are here to offer to this life, which came into the world by itself, the means necessary for its development, and having done that we must await this development with respect.*

*~ Maria Montessori*

It's been a great start to the new year . . . so nice to see old friends and to meet new ones! Returning students are rediscovering their favorite works and new students are excited to discover the rich Montessori curriculum.

Here are a few reminders:

- Please do not park in the **bus parking area** near the gate.
- State law requires drivers to stop when school **bus lights are flashing**.



- **Label** your child's **clothing**, especially jackets. This helps distinguish between similar-looking clothing.  
\*A child is **missing** a denim jacket. Please check to see if it mistakenly came to your home.
- **The school, playground and parking lot close at 6pm.** Families who wish to have some playtime after pickup should use the playground at Roundtree Park, next to the school.

This is the way we've always taught the children to cover their cough and now it is the CDC recommendation if no tissue is available. We are diligent in teaching hand washing, too. Your support of these habits at home will help us keep the flu and other bugs from taking over this fall. At school we require hand washing before and after eating, after toileting, coughing and nose blowing, or when fingers go in the mouth or nose. Thanks for your help!



We look forward to seeing everyone at the **picnic on Sunday** and again at the **Parent Orientation** on Tuesday evening. The Upper School is approximately 1 mile from the Children's House. From our parking lot turn left onto Annandale Road, right onto Gallows Road, and right into the parking lot of the Friendship United Methodist Church, 3527 Gallows Road.