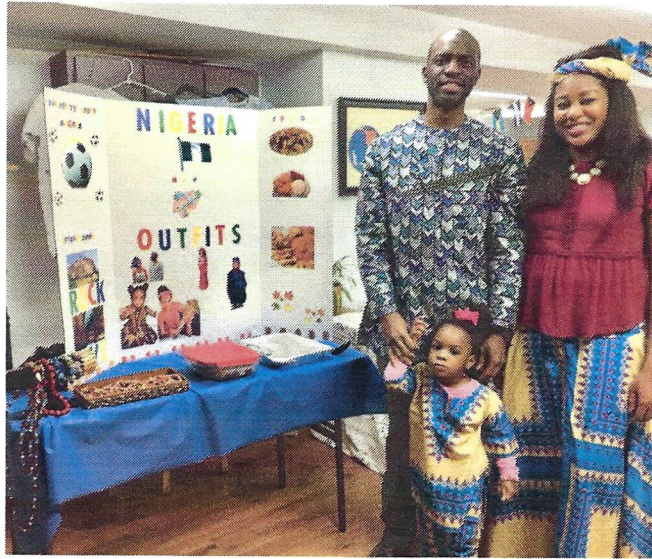


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December, 2017

Montessori Children's House E-Update



Thank you to all families that participated in the Cultural Fair. It was a wonderful event! Check out our Facebook Page for more photos from that evening:
<https://www.facebook.com/mchnorthbarrington/>

Dear Anna,

We hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving celebrations and time shared with family and friends. We all certainly have much to be thankful for throughout the year.

December is now upon us and it seems these last few weeks of the year always go faster than any other! This is a busy time in many of our lives. The young child's need for consistency and predictability is essential during these weeks. While 3 or 4 weeks to the holidays seems as if it is not enough time for the adults, for a child it is an extremely long time. You may find your child fares best if things are kept routine until just a week or so before your family celebrations. Check out this wonderful blog post by a friend on how to experience the holidays with your Montessori children involved and engaged entitled, "Including Children in Holiday Family Traditions:

<http://forestbluffschool.org/including-children-holiday-family-traditions/>

We wish all our families a peaceful, safe and wonderful holiday season!

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Annual Fundraiser - Save the Date!

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Important Dates

Fri., December 1
Tuition Payment Due
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Tue., December 5
Parent Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m.

Wed., December 20



We are excited to announce the date and venue for our annual Golden Bead Benefit Fundraiser. Our fundraiser will be held at **Makray Memorial Golf Club in Barrington on Saturday, March 3, 2018**. Mark your calendars and save the date for our annual dinner and silent auction.

If you are interested in donating to the silent auction, we are looking for Sports Tickets, Vacation/Travel Experiences, Concert Tickets and any other specialty items. Please contact the school office at (847) 550-0917 for donation forms.

Parent Committee Meeting



Please join us on Tuesday, December 5th at 9:00 a.m. for our Parent Volunteer Committee meeting. We welcome parents to join the committee, whether you can make it to the meeting or not, as we collaborate on hosting our Spring fundraising event.

Please R.S.V.P. for the meeting to the school office at office@mchnb.net or (847) 550-0917.

Celebration of Light

We are busy making preparations together with the children for our **Celebration of Light** that will take place on **December 20th** in the Montessori Children's House classrooms with the students and their families. There will be **three** celebrations on December 20th.

- The **Toddler Program (18 months - 35 months)**: This family celebration will take place from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. for all families. Children and families of the AM Toddler Program are welcome back for the 3:00 p.m. celebration. Parents of the All Day Class are also invited to arrive at 3:00 p.m.
- The **Preprimary AM Class (Willow Room)** family celebration will be from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Parents of AM students are invited to arrive at 10:00 a.m..
- The **Preprimary All Day Class (Oak Room)** family celebration will take place from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.. Parents of the All Day students are invited to arrive at 3:00 p.m..

School ends at 4:00 p.m. on this day, as there will be no After Hours programming.

Candles play a major role in cultural celebrations this month. From the earliest Roman festivals and pagan rituals, through Europe, Africa and Asia to the Americas, candles and their humble light have been one of the key factors in the celebration of the winter holidays.

Our Celebration of Light is an occasion for the whole family. Please plan to join us and watch for more information coming home soon.

Celebration Of Light

EARLY DISMISSAL for all school programs 4:00 p.m.
No After Hours Program

December 21 - January 2 Winter Break

January 1, 2018
Tuition Payment Due
2 Payment Plan
4 Payment Plan
9 Payment Plan

Wed., January 3, 2018
Classes Resume

Mon., January 15
Martin Luther King Day
NO SCHOOL

Please feel free to [download our updated School Year Calendar](#) or use it online

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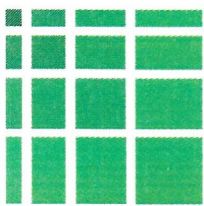
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Program Changes



With the beginning of the new year a month away, if any parents are interested in changing their child's schedule (adding days or time), please inform the school office to ensure space is available and reserved, as well as processing any paperwork before winter break.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office at (847) 550-0917.

Toddler Program



The Toddler aged child is experiencing rapid development spiritually, intellectually and physically. To support their needs the teachers of the Toddler Program provide a nurturing, developmentally appropriate prepared environment for this young age group. In the photo the teacher and children work with Color Blocks. This is a sensorial sorting exercise. The children learn vocabulary as well as strengthen their visual discrimination skills. Sorting is a beginning math skill. By sorting, children understand that things are alike and different as well as that they can belong and be organized into groups.

Preprimary Class



The Cultural Subjects area of the classroom is an important part of the Montessori environment exposing the child to this wonderful world that we share. The materials help the child learn and build an appreciation for the interconnectedness of all living beings and the beauty of our planet. The Continent Maps are a well used material and in the above photo this student is preparing a map of North America. This is considered an advanced work requiring a lengthy span of concentration in order to be able to complete the work.



Having explored the different characteristics of *Living and Non Living* using the materials, the child in the above photograph is working with the *Plant and Animal* classification material. The teacher has provided a presentation to assist the child to understand the differences in these two groups of living things. This is followed by an extension activity in which the child is selecting pictures of plants and animals from a magazine in order to create her own classified poster.

MCH 2017 Food Drive

Thank you to all the families who donated and participated in our annual Food Drive. We were able to reach our goal of collecting 500 pounds of food benefiting the Northern Illinois Food Bank! Your generosity is truly appreciated!



This has been a wonderful experience for the children as they learn the importance of giving to those in need as well as supporting our local community.

Please check out our [MCHNB Facebook](#) page for more photos and a video of the children helping to load the truck!

Remember that photos and videos from our school events and everyday life at MCHNB can be found on [our Facebook page](#). Please comment, share and review us online to help spread the word of the wonderful things happening in our community!

The Montessori Children's House staff thanks you for sharing your children with us!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anna".

Anna Perry
Head of School
Montessori Children's House of North Barrington



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