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Montessori Children's House E-Update



The children enjoyed a beautiful sunny winter day sledding with lots of enthusiasm!

Dear Anna,

February is **Parent-Teacher Conference** time, when the Toddler and Preprimary Program Parent-Teacher conferences will be scheduled. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child's progress and the important impact of completing the full cycle of the Montessori multi-year experience through the Kindergarten year.

Re-enrollment and Summer Camp materials have been distributed to all families. *See below for more information about this important process.* Outside applications will only be considered after the February 20th deadline for returning families. We will continue to hold regular tours for **prospective families** throughout the remainder of the school year - please encourage your friends with young children to join us for a tour to learn more about our programs and community.

Be sure to let the teachers know if there is a **change in your child's routine**, (i.e. parent trips, new caregivers, overnight visits, moving to a new house). These events, so important to your child, may affect his/her work style or behavior at school.

Photos from our school events and everyday life at MCHNB can be found on [our Facebook page](#).

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MCH Instant Wine Cellar

One of the silent auction items for our upcoming Golden Bead Benefit being held at Makray Memorial Golf Club on March 3rd will be an "Instant Wine Cellar" comprised of quality wines from around the world.

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Important Dates

February 1
Tuition Payment Due
9 Payment Plan

Parent Committee Meeting
9:00 am

Yoga Program Begins

February 16
Parent-Teacher
Conference Day



A flyer was sent home detailing the donation process. If you would like to make a contribution of either a bottle of wine with a minimum retail value of \$15.00 or cash towards the purchase of a bottle of wine, please fill out the flyer and submit back to the School Office no later than February 16th.

[MCH Wine Cellar Donation Form](#)

The Golden Bead Benefit - our Spring Fundraiser



Correction! We apologize for sending last year's invitation. Below is the correct 2018 invitation to this year's event:

Mark your calendars and book your babysitter!!

We are happy to invite you to join us for our Spring fundraiser:

The Golden Bead Benefit

held on Saturday, March 3rd at
Makray Memorial Golf Club in Barrington
from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

This adult event will include a silent auction, dinner and wine, and fun with other members of the MCH Community.

Tickets are \$65.00 per person, and extended family and friends are also welcome.

This year's goal is to raise enough funds for several specialty Montessori materials for the classrooms. Additional funds raised will go towards supporting scholarships for students and teacher professional development.

For more information and to register, go to:
<http://conta.cc/2DRYBZ2>

Hope to see you there!

Re-Enrollment & Summer Camp

Re-enrollment and Summer Camp paperwork were distributed earlier this week. If additional enrollment information is needed please do not hesitate to contact the School Office at (847) 550-0917 or at office@mchnb.net

Each family is asked to return the completed re-enrollment contract along with the Registration Fee and 10% Deposit in order to secure your child's spot no later than **February 20th**. At the conclusion of the current family enrollment period, we will be considering all applications, including those from outside the current school community, on a first come, first-served basis. Be sure to turn your re-enrollment paperwork in as quickly as possible. This is also the time to submit applications for any siblings whom you would like to begin next school year.

NO SCHOOL

February 19
Presidents Day
NO SCHOOL

February 20
Re-enrollment Deadline
for 2018-2019

March 3
Golden Bead Benefit
MCH Fundraiser
(Adults only)
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at
Makray Memorial Golf
Club in Barrington

March 7
Parent-Child Work Night
PREPRIMARY CLASS
ONLY

March 26 - April 2
Spring Break
NO SCHOOL

April 3
Classes Resume

April 10
Field Trip:
PREPRIMARY CLASS ONLY

April 12
Grandparent's Morning
PREPRIMARY CLASS ONLY

Please feel free to download our [2017-2018 Academic Year Calendar](#)

Quick Links

[Montessori Children's House Website](#)

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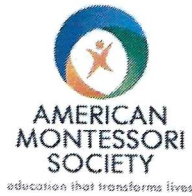
[American Montessori Society](#)

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If you have questions about the programs at MCH, your child's opportunities for growth, or about the transition process between programs, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher. We will be happy to outline the progression of the Montessori curriculum and the important impact of completing a program level or choosing the next level of education at MCH. Teachers will be meeting with each family individually beginning February 16th for Parent-Teacher conferences, which provides a wonderful opportunity to get many of your questions answered. We look forward to welcoming you back to MCH for the 2018-2019 school year!

Montessori Kindergarten: Empowering & Essential



Click the link below to watch a great short video produced by our national accrediting organization, the American Montessori Society, on the importance of the Kindergarten year in the Montessori mixed-age classroom!

[Kindergarten Year.](#)

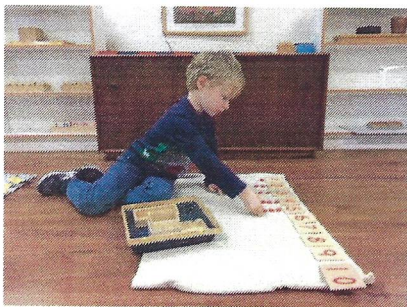
Toddler Program



In the Toddler Program children are acquainted with the proper use of scissors as well as the development of basic cutting skills. Here a two year old is concentrating on carefully cutting the end of a prepared strip of paper. The opening and closing motion of cutting with scissors helps children develop the small muscles in their hands while refining their fine motor skills.

Cutting also enhances eye-hand coordination as well as bilateral coordination, where a child can use both sides of their body at the same time, i.e. holding the paper in one hand while cutting with the other hand.

Preprimary Program





Children of the Preprimary class (ages 3 - 6) demonstrate the use of the enriching Montessori materials. Each day children select "work" that interests and inspires them to challenge themselves and fulfill their natural curiosity and desire to learn. Children are able to work by themselves as well as together with other children. The older child works with the younger child and acts as a role model and mentor. Working alone and with other children develop independence and self-reliance, both skills that are important as a child's education progresses.

"We must support as much as possible the child's desires for activity; not wait on him, but educate him to be independent."
- Dr. Maria Montessori -

Parent-Child Program



The Parent-Child Program Session 3 has begun and we have a wonderful group of parents and children attending the session. The parent and child interact in a classroom with developmentally appropriate materials. The program provides parents valuable insight into the Montessori Philosophy, child development a framework for documenting the amazing growth of their own child.

If a parent, grandparent or caregiver is interested in attending the Parent-Child Program, there are still openings for Sessions 3 & 4. Please [contact the School Office](#) for more details.

Thank you for sharing your children with us each day! We so enjoy learning and growing together!

Sincerely,

The Montessori Children's House Staff



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