

Montessori House for Children-Aug 2009



Back To School Update

Chef Bennie's Catered Lunches start on first day of school—August 24, 2009

Effective Monday, August 24, Chef's Catering will be bringing hot lunches to the school for those that enroll in the program. Each month's price will vary slightly, according to the number of lunch days in the month, and for school-wide closings. The menus for August 24-31 & September are attached and in this case only, payment for the end of August and all of September will be due by August 15th. Along with the attached menus is a letter from Chef's Catering and the enrollment form. Enrollment into the Chef's Catering will not be through the school – If you'd like your child to have catered hot lunches, you must fill in the attached enrollment form and leave it with a check for Chef's Catering at the school by the 8/15.

For the sake of simplifying production of the lunches from day-to-day, Chef's Catering has opted to charge the same rate for full-day children and extended-day children who have signed up to receive catered hot lunches. This means that during the months where there are significant breaks for Montessori-only students (November 23-27 for Thanksgiving, December 21-31 for Christmas and March 15-19 for spring break) the whole school will take the same break from the catered lunch provider to ensure that Montessori-only students not pay for extended periods of time where they are on a school break.

For full-day students in attendance during the breaks mentioned above, we (MHFC) will offer a sign up sheet for those children would like a hot lunch cooked at the school for \$3/meal.

Quick note on catered means for Vegetarians from Chef Bennie - vegetarian meals will be the same as before, for example, if it is burger day on the regular menu then we will substitute soy burgers for the meat patty or soy chicken in the place of regular chicken. I keep vegetable soup in house so that will be used as a substitute as well. The menu that was sent out for August and September will be the actual menu for the next three months. It will change it every quarter and will often add a couple of new items but will retain the favorites. If you have any questions about the lunch program, please feel free to call Margie at the school – 281-239-3400.

Back To School Orientations- All families are asked to attend.

Please mark your calendar – Important Back-To-School Orientations are scheduled! Orientation is not just for new families – Please plan on having at least one family member attend this meeting to ensure you have all the necessary information for your child's 2009/10 school year.

Toddler back-to-school orientation will be Wednesday, August 19th from 6-7 pm.

Early Childhood orientation is Thursday, August 20th – EC 1 & 3 are from 5:45-6:45 pm and EC 2 & 4 are from 6:45 – 7:45 pm.

Special dates of

Interest in August:

- ✓ 8/15: Catering Enrolment & payment due
- ✓ 8/17 & 8/18: Only Full-day children attend
- ✓ 8/19-8/21—School Closed
- ✓ 8/19: Toddler Parent Orientation from 6-7 pm
- ✓ 8/20 : Early Childhood Parent Orientation
 - EC Classes 1&3 - 5:45-6:45 pm
 - EC Classes 2&4—6:45-7:45 pm
- ✓ 8/21: New Student Visit Day
- ✓ 8/24: 1st day of 2009/10 school year—Catering Starts!

2009/10 Extra-Curricular Afternoon Providers: KVPAC, Little Amigos Spanish, Opus One Music, Jump Start Nutrition & Fitness, Kinderdance, Mad Science & Flippers Gymnastics

MHFC Proudly announces...

Montessori House for Children is proud to announce that we have achieved a FULL MEMBER SCHOOL status with the American Montessori Society, effective immediately. What this means to you as a parent is that **all classrooms** have teachers who hold Montessori credentials in the level(s) they are teaching. The credentials must be issued by an AMS, AMI, NCME, or other Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education ([MACTE](#)) accredited program. Our individual teachers and our school as a whole have worked hard to achieve the training and sponsorship that have been necessary to meet the criteria of full membership. There are only a handful of schools in the entire Houston area that have this distinction, and we are now one of them. We will talk more about this accomplishment and how it supports our other school goals when we start our new school year.

Special dates of

Interest in September:

- ✓ 9/7: School Closed for Labor Day.
- ✓ 9/10: Welcome Back Parent Coffee from 8:30-9:30 am
- ✓ 9/24: Parenting Wine & Cheese Roundtable-Positive Guidance

Montessori House Staff

Toddler I:

Lead: Donna Godwin
Guide: Judi De Haan
Guide: Alia Ali

EC I:

Lead: Julie Salas & Purva Padhye
Guide: Naila Ali
Guide: Therese Cardoza

EC III:

Lead: Romesha Jayadundera
Guide: Ileana Plasencia
Guide: Rosa Maria Villeda

Toddler II:

Lead: Sherry Yingling
Guide: Farhana Jahan
Guide: Rebecca Marquez

EC II:

Lead: Joell Pausewang
Guide: Atika Khan
Guide: Amanda Evans

EC IV:

Lead: Maitreyi Pampattiwar
Guide: Katherine Seda

Toddler III:

Lead: Juana Wigginton

EC III:

Lead: Romesha Jayadundera
Guide: Ileana Plasencia
Guide: Rosa Maria Villeda

Admin:

Barbara Walleck-Director
Admin— Director Margie El-Moussa
Business Manager:Pam Nelson
Teacher & Admin Support—
Melissa Schlicht, Neelo Surty,
Myrium Vasquez, Annabell
Boutkan, Norma Angulo
Afternoon Floater: Jennifer
Morris

Parent Volunteer Committee Sign Up Sheets will be available the on the Toddler and EC Orientation nights. We'll have recycling, Staff training fundraising, Room Parents, Holiday Project, etc!