

# Montessori House News

November 2009



## November Upcoming Events

**October 30th**—Early Release for 1/2 and Extended day Only (toddlers 11:30, EC 12pm)

**November 1st-30th**—Community Outreach Holiday Project begins.

**November 6th**—Southern Accreditation for Colleges and Schools will visit MHFC

**November 7th**—10:00 am – 1pm Family and Staff Fall Festival at Bush Park. We will have a multicultural Pot Luck Lunch and crafts and activities for the children.

**November 12th**—Parent Coffee, come enjoy light refreshments and coffee with other parents in the morning after drop off.



**Nov 13**—**SCHOOL CLOSED** for Parent/Teacher Conferences (Sign-ups on the classroom doors)

**Nov 19**—EC Fall Program at 11 am

**Nov 20**—Early Release for Half & Extended Day Children for Faculty Meeting. (toddlers dismiss 11:30, EC at 12:00) Full Day children on their normal schedule. Half & Extended children begin Thanksgiving holiday 11/23-11/27.

**Nov 26 & Nov 27**—**SCHOOL CLOSED** for **THANKSGIVING**.

**December 3rd**—6pm Toddler Parent Ed night Topic: Home and Human Environ-

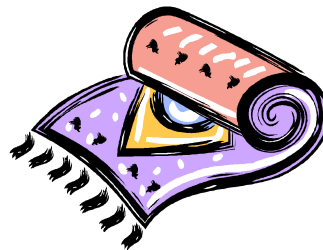
Thank you for your produce basket contributions! The children love to share different fruits and vegetables with their class. By actively participating in picking out the produce, our children are more willing to try a variety of foods.

### Reminder

**As weather gets cooler, please Label children's jackets and clothing so these items are not lost**

**Thank you**

Thanks to those who responded to the question about infant care providers. As a result, we are creating a little binder in the front office that will list not only infant care providers, but other specialists and workers. We can create a tab for any need we have - from Handy Man to Child Development Specialists. If you are looking for someone, check this PARENT RESOURCE



From November 1st-11th, there will be Parent Observations in the classrooms. Please come inside to sign up for an observation time on your child's classroom door.

### Cell Phone Policy:

**MHFC follows the school district policy that prohibits the use of cell phones on school grounds.**

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Like our stripes? We now have one way in and one way out. It will take a little getting used to, but the smooth and safe flow are well worth it.



## Gardening Corner

Early Childhood Outdoor Practical Life

"Come Plant With Me"

Ms. Annabell thanks all who are bringing compost material and planting soil. The garden beds are ready! You are invited to bring an herb or flower (cool weather variety) and plant it with your child any morning that it is not raining. Please leave Annabell a note about the day you wish to come, so she can plan accordingly.

**News from the Toddler Community**—The Toddlers have been busy painting scarecrows, making jack-o-lanterns and reading wonderful books about the Fall Season ! We also learned how pumpkins grow and working on the virtue of "Respect". The Toddlers will be having a Fall Feast on November 20th. There is a sign-up on their door if you would like to help contribute to the needed items. Toddler teachers are asking parents to bring long sleeve tee shirts and elastic waist pants for changes of clothes as the weather changes. Please remember to label your child's clothing. We welcome Nathan, Daniel, Amarie, Eugene, Molly and Adam to the toddler community.

**News from the Early Childhood Community**—The EC children have been busy working on self care and care of our environment. Fire safety, ground rules and parts of the spider were discussed. Letter sounds, numbers, rhyming and go together were academic ventures as well. November is the month to focus on the virtue of "Gratitude". Parents are invited to come and do an observation of the classroom and sign-ups are posted on the doors. We welcome Alexander, Joshua, Anish, Alejandro and Sebastian to the EC Community! Please remember to label your child's jackets and sweaters.

### MHFC Extracurricular Contact Information

| Extra-Curricular Provider              | Contact Phone                                                                                                            | Contact Email                                                                                                                                                                              |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| KVPAC Imagine That!<br>Mondays         | 713-498-1822                                                                                                             | <a href="mailto:kmiller@imaginethatperformingarts.org">kmiller@imaginethatperformingarts.org</a>                                                                                           |
| Little Amigos Spanish<br>Mondays       | 832-867-9350                                                                                                             | <a href="http://www.wholechild.com">www.wholechild.com</a>                                                                                                                                 |
| Opus One Music<br>Tuesdays             | 713-882-6283 (Mr. Ed)<br><br>1-888-711-6787                                                                              | <a href="http://www.opusonekids.com">www.opusonekids.com</a>                                                                                                                               |
| Kinderdance<br>Wednesdays              | Instructor-832-451-8092 (Ms. Heather)<br><br>Main Kinderdance #-281-970-8018 – for billing questions, dates, times, etc. | Instructor email: <a href="mailto:ahstatser1@comcast.net">ahstatser1@comcast.net</a><br><br>Kinderdance main email: <a href="mailto:kinderdance-kids@aol.com">kinderdance-kids@aol.com</a> |
| Flippers Gymnastics-Fridays<br>Fridays | 281-829-3547                                                                                                             | <a href="http://www.mygymstation.com">www.mygymstation.com</a>                                                                                                                             |



**During November our virtue of the month is gratitude...**

We are thankful for our parent volunteers!

Whether you are a committee member, parent org member, listen to the children read, donate items or your time to the school, your time and efforts are very much appreciated!

The EC community would like to thank the following people for their support in the classroom: Dawn Stevenson, Heidi Farmer, Monike Jan, Minal Chavali, Christie Hovas, Claudia Leija-Martinez, The Gurfinkels, Norma Angulo and Mercedes Paredes.

The Toddler community would like to thank all the families who have brought items for our "Fall Fun Day." Rain or shine--we will enjoy our party!!!

**Montessori House for Children Parent Committees:**

**Recycle Committee**-November's volunteer

Suzanne Perez

**Holiday Project Committee**-Contact:

Norma Angulo     normadeangulo@hotmail.com

**Care Committee-**

**Welcome Committee**-Jamie Dubray

**Parent Coffee Committee**-Beejal Patel

is November's volunteer

**Fundraising Committee**

**Garden Committee**-Contact: Casey Sykes  
csykes@c-p-alliance.com

**Handy Dandy Committee**-Abraham "Skip" King  
abeking3@gmail.com & Jason Lacombe  
jlacom2@gmail.com

**Book Club Committee**-Contact:

Christie Hovas     chovas@consolidated.net

**Please use the above contacts if you are interested in volunteering in a committee.**

**If there is not a name to contact and you would like information about a committee above, please email  
Melissa@montessorihouseforchildren.com**

Thank You for your contributions and fundraising efforts!

Our fundraising efforts combined have raised about \$700.00 towards Montessori Education advancement and education for our Teachers! We expect to have the Greenraising and Original Works Products in before Thanksgiving Holidays.

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Scholastic book order forms are going home. This year, payment is being accepted exclusively on-line, but books will continue to be delivered to the school and go home with your child.

Birth

Announcements-

Alaa Dbouk (Sept)

Sara Lucia Pabon (Oct)

Arcus Paul Moreau (Oct)

