

# Montessori Children's House Newsletter

November 2011

Dear parents,

The leaves have fallen and the weather is getting colder which means pink noses and rosy cheeks! We will still be taking the children outside in the winter but for shorter periods of time. Please provide hats, gloves or mittens, snow pants and boots for your child. You can leave extras in their cubbies or just bring them every day. **Please label everything!** Especially snow pants! Please make sure that your child's extra clothes that are kept in their cubbies are weather appropriate.



**Also, a reminder of our Snow Day Policy: If school is closed due to the weather – snow day it will be posted on TV 5, TV 12, and TV 25. These are local channels. WE WILL NO LONGER BE OPEN FOR DAYCARE ON SNOW DAYS.**

## Guidelines for Keeping Sick Children at Home

Each day many parents are faced with a decision: should they keep their sick child at home or send them off to school? Often the way a child looks and acts can make the decision an obvious one. A sick child cannot learn effectively and is unable to participate in classes in a meaningful way. Keeping a sick child home prevents the spread of illness in the school community and allows the child an opportunity to rest and recover. Please consider these guidelines:

**Colds:** Please keep your child at home if he/she has a fever over 100 degrees or is experiencing discomfort that would interfere with his/her ability to perform in school. (i.e. uncontrollable coughing, severe lack of energy). If your child experiences green nasal discharge that continues throughout the day, or a cough lasting longer than ten days, or is accompanied by fever or chills and is productive of discolored sputum, consult with your physician.

**Conjunctivitis (pink-eye):** Following a diagnosis of bacterial conjunctivitis, the child may return to school after the first dose of prescribed medication. Students with viral infection may return when eyes are clear.

**Diarrhea/Vomiting:** A child with diarrhea and /or vomiting should stay at home and return to school only after being symptom-free for 24 hours.

**Fever:** The child should remain at home with a fever greater than 100°. The child can return to school after he/she has been fever free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medicine such as Tylenol or Motrin).

**Impetigo:** The child with impetigo may return to school 24 hours after treatment has begun. A doctor's note or proof of prescription is recommended.

**Rashes:** Common infectious diseases with rashes are most contagious in the early stages. A child with a suspicious rash should return to school only after a health care provider has made a diagnosis and authorized the child's return to school.

**Strep Throat:** A child with strep throat may return to school 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has begun.

This month we will be continuing to study the continent of Asia. If you feel you have anything to offer the classroom regarding these subjects, speak with Stormi, Tiffany, or Trish. Also parents, please remember when sending in scholastic book orders, *please only pay with check*. Thank you. November is also Native American month we will be discussing and reading books on Native Americans.



The Adopt-A-Family planning will begin for the holiday season. We will need a couple parents interested in organizing this project. If interested, please contact Tiffany. The information will be available for us to get started soon!

## Birthdays

### All about me Week

**Nov. 7-11 Hall – Potnis**  
**Nov. 14-18 Schulz**  
**Nov. 28- Dec. 2**  
**Ghose- Klanecky**

**05 Reema Potnis**  
**28 Ella Schulz**  
**28 Peter Barbeau**  
**28 Priya Ghose**  
**30 Avery Klanecky**

Montessori Children's House will be celebrating Thanksgiving by continuing our tradition of preparing a traditional feast for the children on November 22nd. The children enjoy helping us with the preparations by cleaning the tables and chairs, setting the tables, and cleaning and preparing the food, this is a meal prepared by the children for the children. While we would love to have the parents join us, due to space restriction this is a dinner only for the children. There will be a sign up sheet for food posted a week prior to the Feast.

### Calendar Notes

**1 Payment Due**  
**8 No Midland Public Schools**  
**9 No PM for Midland Public Schools**  
**14 P/T Conf AM**  
**15 P/T Conf AM**  
**16 P/T Conf PM**  
**17 P/T Conf PM**  
**18 Backwards/Inside out Day**  
**22 Thanksgiving Feast**  
**23 Staff PD-CLOSED**  
**24 Thanksgiving-CLOSED**  
**25 Holiday-CLOSED**  
**28 School Resumes**

