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Child's View Montessori School, Inc.

# Child's View News

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## Dear Parents

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We are off to a great start! The children have returned without a hitch, and our new friends are fitting right in. It was nice getting to meet most of the parents at the Parent Meetings on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

We have several things happening in the next two months. We begin **Parent Link** this week. If you'd like to participate but can't attend the meetings at 8:30, write us a note and let us know. We'll see what other times might work.

We are celebrating **International Peace Day** on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. Read the article in this newsletter to

find out what we will be doing.

**Picture Day** is happening on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. That is always fun! We'll send the envelopes out soon.

We'll be closed on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> for an **In Service Day** so the staff can gather for training & further classroom preparations.

We'll have our **Parent's Back-to-School Night** on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. The children always enjoy showing you what they can do by giving you a lesson.

We'll be going to Lee's Farms again this year for



*"Grown ups and children must join their forces. In order to become great, the grown up must be humble and learn from the child." —Maria Montessori*

our annual **Pumpkin Patch Family Trip** on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

And finally, our first round of **Parent Conferences** take place Oct. 29-30. Watch for the questionnaires.

Welcome back!

## Happy Birthday!

*Katie, 9/1*

*Kai, 9/8*

*Tanya, 9/8*

*Jasmine, 9/14*

*Mia, 9/26*

*Clio, 9/27*

*Faith, 10/7*

*Dory, 10/23*

*Andrew, 10/24*

## Parent Volunteering

We are still in need of volunteers. It is not just that CV needs your help, but it is very important for your child to see you volunteering. They see you participating in *their* community, showing that

you care about what is important to them. They also learn, by your example, how to serve others and to "give back."

Please see the sign-up sheets on the wall by the Parent Board. The

opportunities include: doing laundry, bringing flowers, and buying pet supplies. For the laundry, all you have to do is wash it once a week and bring it back, the kids will fold it.

## September

The breezes taste  
Of apple peel.  
The air is full  
Of smells to feel—  
Ripe fruit, old footballs,  
Drying grass,  
New books and blackboard  
Chalk in class.  
The bee, his hive  
Well-honeyed, hums  
While Mother cuts  
Chrysanthemums.  
Like plates washed clean  
With suds, the days  
Are polished with  
A morning haze.

## Rain Exchange

Well, actually a rain  
**boots, coats and pants**  
exchange.

Many of you have these  
items that  
your child has  
grown out of,  
or your child  
may be in  
need of  
them. If you have  
something to exchange  
or need, send us an  
email at  
[info@childsvie.net](mailto:info@childsvie.net)  
and we'll connect you.



## Crane Room News

The first week of school has been remarkable. The returning children arrived ready to discover the changes in the classroom set up, find the new work on the shelves, and prepare for the arrival of our new classmates. Our first day was spent brainstorming and practicing the Grace and Courtesy lessons that we feel are essential in preparing a peaceful and friendly classroom. We all reconnected throughout the day. I heard many stories, including those about the beach, new babies, foreign countries, summer activities, and all the excitement in the Crane Room over the summer.

Our new classmates arrived on Wednesday. After choosing where to put their plants in the classroom, they spent their morning looking at books in small gatherings, participating in games, walking on the line, choosing work from the special "new classmate shelf" and what was presented during their orientation. Everyone is thrilled to have them in the Crane Room. I can't wait to get to know each of them better as the year progresses.

The lost & found and the dirty clothes are now located on the top left shelf of the bin shelves. Please glance through the lost & found bin every so often, as it tends to overflow, especially as the weather cools, and mittens and hats are being brought to school.

We are hoping to acquire two small tables to use as teacher tables this year. Amy and I use these as surfaces to take

our observation notes, and as places to keep our lesson plans, records, communication log, Sound Game tray, materials to repair with the children, etc. If you are cleaning out your garage or attic and come across an unwanted desk-height table or nightstand with drawers and/or



shelves, that has a top surface of at least 12" x 20", but no more than 24" x 30", consider donating it to the Crane Room.

We received so many postcards over the summer! Our collection is growing as a result of our [postcrossing.com](http://postcrossing.com) participation and those sent while families are traveling. If you take a trip at any point, please send the Crane Room a postcard so we can add it to the postcard map and basket. Additionally, if you know of anyone who will be traveling to Central America, Africa, or South America, please encourage them to send a postcard to your child's classroom. We have no postcards from these areas, and they would be much appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, stories, or concerns. My email is [rochelle@childsvie.net](mailto:rochelle@childsvie.net).

## Dove Room News

Welcome back to school! Whether or not it's hard to believe it's already that time of year, the school year has started off wonderfully. The children in the Dove Room seem right at home, even with the changes. It's good to see everyone, and I'm honored and excited to be working with your children this year.

In addition to practicing lots of grace and courtesy, we have been learning new songs and getting reacquainted with our friends. I have really enjoyed all the small group activities throughout the morning, as the children get more lessons and begin choosing independent work more frequently. Through September and into October, there will be many more activities added to the environment. I really want to emphasize how to care for our materials as more of them become available.

During the summer, we got two male gerbils. Tux and Juju came from a 10 year old boy who was not able to continue taking care of them. He was happy to have them come to our school, so there would be lots of children to love and care for

them. We have learned a lot about gerbil characteristics and how to care for them. They are active and curious and it's entertaining to watch them dig, burrow, climb, groom, and play together. Their front teeth grow continuously, so they need to do lots of chewing. Feel free to send cardboard toilet paper rolls to school. If you have any scraps of untreated wood, we can use it to construct structures for Tux and Juju to hide in, climb on, and chew up.

Coming up in September:

- On the 18<sup>th</sup> we will host someone from Talk about Trees who will give us a presentation about trees. We will learn about different types of trees, how they thrive and interact with the environment.
- On the 21st, in honor of International Peace Day, we will combine with the Crane Room to plant a tree outside and sing songs about peace. We will also incorporate a "prayer tree" into the classroom where children can tie a ribbon when thinking about someone special to them.

## Small Hands Catalogs are Coming!

The Small Hands catalogs will be coming home soon! They are a great source for "Montessori at Home" materials as well as beautifully made gift

giving items. This sale also supports our school, as we receive a credit toward our purchases at



Montessori Services, one of our main sources of classroom materials.

Please show the catalog to grandparents, aunts & uncles, friends, etc., as these items make wonderful gifts for birthdays and holidays. If they participate with us in our group order, it makes our credit larger and allows us to purchase more items for the classrooms. Plus free shipping!

### Oh Boy! Picture Day!

Wednesday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, is **Picture Day!** Please be sure your child is at school that day so we can have everyone in our group shots! These will be fun for then to look back on years from now. The photographers start working right after 8:30, *so please be here on time!*

### October

The month is amber,  
Gold, and brown.  
Blue ghosts of smoke  
Float through the town,  
Great V's of geese  
Honk overhead,  
And maples turn  
A fiery red.  
Frost bites the lawn.  
The stars are slits  
In a black cat's eye  
Before she spits.  
At last, small witches,  
Goblins, hags,  
And pirates armed  
With paper bags,  
Their costumes hinged  
On safety pins,  
Go haunt a night  
Of pumpkin grins.

## Parent Conferences

Conferences are just around the corner! Keep an eye out for the sign up sheet. You will be receiving a questionnaire—please return it before your conference so the teachers can review them ahead of time and make the conference as productive as possible.

## Updates

- If you make changes of any type, i.e. job status, phone/cell numbers, address or email, please make sure to let us know in the office.
- Your child may have had or will need an update of their immunizations. If so, it is important to update their immunization record. Stop by the office between 8 & 1:30 to make the change and sign the form.

## International Day of Peace

We will be celebrating the **International Day of Peace** on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be lighting a candle for each of the continents, having a moment of silence to send happy, peaceful thoughts around our world and singing peace songs. As part of our celebration we will be singing a song that Montessori schools around the globe will sing beginning in New Zealand at 11am all the way around the world to Hawaii, creating 24 hours of continual singing for peace. We will then plant a tree on our playground.

The International Day of Peace was established by a United Nations resolution in 1982 as a global holiday when individuals, communities, nations and governments highlight efforts to end conflict and promote peace. This year several sites, including the *Culture of Peace Initiative*, will be hosting a 24 hour global

broadcast on Peace Day. For more information go to:

<http://www.internationaldayofpeace.org/>.

Along with being designated by the UN as the International Day of Peace, September 21 is also a day of Global Ceasefire. By acknowledging a unified day without violence it proves that worldwide peace is possible. During the ceasefire, relief workers help civilians in need with food, water, and medical supplies and provide immunizations for children.



Please join us in recognizing this day to create peace in our world by bringing peace into your home, your relationships, your workplace, your car as you travel to and from, and your thoughts for our nation and our world.

## Family Pumpkin Patch Field Trip


Friday morning, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will be taking a family field trip to *Lee Farms' Pumpkin Patch*. We will have a fun morning visiting the farm animals, learning about gourds and pumpkins, having a picnic lunch, and even choosing our own pumpkin!

Please note that this is a FAMILY field trip. If you are not available to bring your child, please consider inviting a grandparent, aunt, uncle or other special adult. If there is absolutely no adult available to go with your child, please contact the office.

## Parent's Back-to-School Night

Mark your calendars for a very special evening! During this special **Parent's Back-to-School Night** on October 13th, 6:30-8 pm, you become the student and your child the teacher as you receive

lessons on your child's favorite work! A priceless time to be able to share in the pride and joy of discovery! Watch for your invitation!



**Spanish**  
for 3-5yr olds  
@ Child's View Montessori

**8 Thursdays**  
Oct 8 - Dec 3  
no class wk of Thanksgiving  
3 - 3:45pm  
COST: \$96

**\*\*\*Registration DEADLINE\*\*\*  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

Our students experience the & excitement of speaking Spanish, while also improving literacy skills & self-confidence!

Our students feel empowered to communicate in useful phrases right away during songs, games, and activities.  
Child learn:

- **routine directions & phrases**  
(We're going to \_\_\_, How are you?, How many? I'm \_\_\_ years old, etc)
- **target phrases**  
(I want \_\_\_, I (don't) like \_\_\_, It's **small** and **fast** . There are/aren't \_\_\_, etc)
- **thematic vocabulary**  
to build into phrases (foods, animals, colors, etc)
- **cultural appreciation**  
songs, music, stories, art, & celebrations from Latinoamerica

Lessons are immersion-style. 90% of activities and group directions are conducted in Spanish, using English primarily for cultural discussions. Our wide variety of games, songs, and literacy activities make communication fun and meaningful AND send children home excited to bring Spanish to their world outside the classroom!

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## Important Notes & Reminders

- Nappers & Resters: Please remember to bring mat covers back to school on Mondays! It's no fun to sleep on a plastic mat that gets sticky with sleep-sweat. Also, please remember to bring you child's mat covers home on their last napping/resting day of the week.
- Halloween is coming. Please do not send your child in costume, and remember that this is a no sugar zone. Any sweets that make it to school will be sent home.
- The weather will be getting cold (and often wet) and we go outside daily. Please be sure your child has a warm, waterproof coat (with hood) at school each day. Also, please be sure your child has a complete change of seasonally appropriate clothes at school, regardless of their age. This includes underwear, socks, shirt & pants. Even the older kids, who are unlikely to have a potty accident, sometimes get wet or dirty outside or when involved in various classroom activities.
- Please make sure that your child's name is on *EVERYTHING*. It might seem a bit excessive to label things like individual socks/gloves/etc., but please do it anyway—for our sanity and yours!
- School licensing requires that we monitor lunches for nutritional content. An item from each of the basic food groups (protein, grain, dairy—we provide milk—and **two** 1/2 cup servings of fruits and/or vegetables) should be included in your child's lunch daily. See your parent handbook for more information.
- Please ensure your child is at school by 8:30 am. Also, pick-up needs to be prompt, as we are staffed according to schedule. Late pick-up will result in additional charges on your invoice.
- We still have the reusable canvas shopping bags for sale for \$2.25. Teach your child to care for the environment by using "green" shopping bags.
- Do you check your email often? We send all our newsletters, flyers, etc., via email. This eliminates parent-file overload as well as paper waste. Please let us know if you need a paper copy.

*It's Hip to Clip!*

### Portland 2010 Chinook Book Community coupons, maps and resources for living green

*Take great local resources for living well and having fun, throw in several hundred coupons from the greatest, greenest local businesses, mix in neighborhood maps and, Voilà! Chinook Book—an essential ally in your daily quest for inspiration, joy and savings.*

**Only \$20! See us in the office.**

**Schedule of Events for September/October**

- 9/1-4 — *Staff Prep, Closed.*
- 9/7 — *Labor Day, Closed.*
- 9/15 — *Parent Link, 8:30 am.*
- 9/21 — *International Day of Peace.*
- 10/7 — *Picture Day, 8:30 am.*
- 10/8 — *Spanish Class Begins.*
- 10/9 — *In Service Day, Closed.*
- 10/13 — *Parent's Back-to-School Night, 6:30-8 pm.*
- 10/23 — *Family Trip to Pumpkin Patch.*
- 10/29-30 — *Parent Conferences.*

# September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Closed</i>	2 <i>Closed</i>	3 <i>Closed</i>	4 <i>Closed</i>	5
6	7 <i>Labor Day</i>	8 <i>First Day of School</i>	9 <i>Mandatory Meetings</i>	10	11	12
13	14	15 <i>Parent Link</i>	16	17	18	19
20	21 <i>International Day of Peace</i>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



# October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 <i>Picture Day</i>	8 <i>Spanish Class Begins</i>	9 <i>In Service Day-Closed</i>	10
11	12	13 <i>Back-to-School Night</i>	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 <i>Pumpkin Patch</i>	24
25	26	27	28	29 <i>Conferences</i>	30 <i>Conferences</i>	31

**Upcoming Events for November**

- 11/2-13 — *Wreath Sale.*
- 11/3 — *Parent Link, 8:30 am.*
- 11/6 — *In Service Day, Closed.*
- 11/13 — *Winter Break Interim Care Registration Deadline.*
- 11/24 — *Feast & Fest Preparations.*
- 11/25 — *Thanksgiving Lunch for Kids Only.*  
— *All Family Pumpkin Fest, 12:15 pm.*  
— *School Closes at 1 pm*
- 11/26-27 — *Thanksgiving Holiday, Closed*