



**The  
Children's House**  
*An Independent Montessori School*

***Community Education Series 2012-2013***



Dear Families,

At TCH, we believe a strong partnership with parents is a vital part of the success of every child's development and education. This year, we are expanding community education offerings to include a wide variety of educational topics for the adults in our community.

Our trained classroom guides, head of school and invited speakers look forward discussing subjects ranging from educational philosophy to the joys and challenges of parenting.

The Montessori method is often referred to as "Education for Life." We encourage you to attend as many events as possible as we work together to guide our children in the monumental task of their unique development.

Sincerely,

Michele Shane, Head of School and Nadine Elmgren, Elementary Guide and  
Community Education Program Coordinator

## ***2012-2013 TCH Community Education Schedule***

### **August 30th at 6 pm- “Back to School Night!”**

An evening to join together as a community to kick off the 2012-2013 school year. Time will be spent as a whole group as well as in the classrooms. From the big picture to details, you will leave excited about the year to come! This meeting is a requirement for TCH parents.

### **September 20th at 6:00 pm- Montessori 101**

Join Michele for an informative discussion of Montessori basics. Find out how this unique approach to education challenges common assumptions about children & learning. Discover the Montessori difference.

### **September 25th at 8:30 am- Parent Coffee Club**

Join us for a lively discussion based on John Gottman's book, *Raising an Emotionally Intelligent Child*. Come and find out how as parents we can support our children in regulating their emotional world and give them a toolkit to use throughout their lives. Limited copies of the book are available in our lending library.

### **October 25th at 6:00 pm- “Night School for Parents”**

Infant, Primary and Toddler Levels- “Montessori At Home”

Do the words "I want to do it" ring true? Join us for an evening to discover ways for families to integrate school with home. We are certain that you will come away with great plans to help you create a rich home environment that is appropriate for your child at his/her stage of development.

Elementary Level- “History and Science”

Hear a history story & enjoy a science presentation. Do hands-on work in geometry & grammar. Discover what we mean by the universal syllabus in the Montessori Elementary classroom. Gain a deeper understanding of your child's experiences at our school.

### **November 8<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education (Date changed to January 24<sup>th</sup>)**

### **January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm- “Montessori 101”**

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### **January 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am- Parent Coffee Club- “Understanding & Guiding Social Development During the Elementary Years”**

"She's mean!" "He's a bully!" Discover what constitutes normal social development during the 6 to 12 year old stage. Understand when & how to best intervene, guide & protect young boys & girls from extremes of social exclusion or social cruelty.

### **January 16<sup>th</sup> thru February 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm- “Love and Logic Parenting Classes”**

Start the new year off by joining us for a five week series of classes that includes tips on teaching respect, responsibility and problem solving skills. This program promises techniques that leave you giggling instead of gasping! We will meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm.

**January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm- “21st Century Education” (Note date change)**

This talk presented by Head of School, Michele Shane, will offer insight in to why Montessori education is receiving a significant amount of media “buzz” being touted as the most relevant educational model for our rapidly changing world.

**February 7th Parent Coffee Club at 8:30 am**

Topic and Guest Speaker Rene Beyette, clinical therapist at Pine Rest, will address questions regarding challenging behaviors, parenting styles, child temperaments and emotional coaching.

**March 6<sup>th</sup> Parent Coffee Club at 8:30 am**

Find out what Montessorians have to say about technology & children. Find out how we integrate technology into our Elementary classrooms & how we prepare our students for the future. We will also discuss appropriate & safe use of technology at home. Bring your questions & insights for a lively discussion on pressing topics.

**March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm- “Montessori 101”**

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**April 10th Parent Coffee Club at 8:30 am**

Cheryl Bloomquist, Early Childhood Education instructor from NMC, will present *What's Going on in There? ..... An inside look at the child's brain.*

**May 17th Parent Coffee Club at 8:30 am**

Please join us for our final Parent Coffee of the year! Connecting with the earth enriches our children's lives, but too many parents & educators have forgotten this. At this coffee we will discuss the importance of nature in our children's lives. We will also provide you with many ideas to help make the summer months spent with your children joyful & fruitful. Turn apprehension into enthusiasm & get ready for a wonderful summer. Featuring our Earth to Table Specialists