THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE

Community Education at The Children's House

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

The Children's House Community Education program is sensitive to the time constraints of parents – living with young children, meeting the demands of work, running a household and having down time. Therefore, a variety of gatherings are offered at different times and days with the hope that maybe two or three will pique your interest and find a niche in your hectic schedule.

Try to commit to three of these that you will attend this year. Take turns with your partner or make it a couples' night out.

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

2015-2016 TCH Community Education Schedule

September 10 at 6:00 p.m. - Back to School Parent Meeting

October 15 at 6:00 p.m. - Helping Parents Find Their Optimal Path - Sarah Moudry

This evening is geared for parents of 0-3 year olds. Sarah, a Montessori consultant and leader of Child and Parent classes based in Houston, will cover the basics in language, movement, and social development. Come join us to understand your child's current developmental stage and plan for what is next.

October 22 at 4:00 p.m. - Montessori Makeover - Primary Faculty

This event is tailored for parents of 3-6 year olds. "Help Me to Help Myself" is the Montessori mantra of the Primary aged student. Our Primary guides will provide insight on how to prepare your home to best meet the needs, interests and abilities of these independent learners. You will be inspired to head home and get started with your makeover!

November 10 at 4:00 p.m. - Supporting your Elementary Child's Work at Home- Elementary Faculty

This topic is for parents of 6-12 year olds. Please join us for insights on how to best support your child's home learning environment Montessori Style. Our Elementary guides and reading specialist will share ideas on what is important to do at home to enhance classroom learning.

November 23 at 6:00 p.m. – A Junior High Dialogue

Join Jr. High guide, Susan Holmes-Glazier, Montessori adolescent expert, Laurie Ewert-Krocker and members of TCH board for a dialogue about the TCH Jr High program. This evening is intended to be a conversational format where parents of children of all ages can come to discuss and ask questions about our Jr. High including curriculum, community, development and plans for short and long-term future.

January 20 at 6:00 p.m. - The 21st Century Parenting Crisis- Faculty

This event is relevant for parents with children of all ages. Come hear highlights from our Children's House faculty who attended a recent conference in Chicago that featured John Rosemond along with the Montessori faculty from Countryside Montessori. This promises to be a very engaging and thought provoking discussion!

February 2 at 8:30 a.m. - The Power of Observation - Faculty

This event is relevant for parents with children of all ages. Observation is central to our Montessori classrooms. It provides us with invaluable information about your child; his needs, interests and abilities. Equally as important, it is an important guide for us when presenting lessons. We will cover the many aspects of observation ranging from what to watch for when visiting your child's class, how to be an objective observer, and how the adults in the classroom use and record the information they gather. Come hone your skills with us, this is a useful tool at home too!

March 11at 4:00 p.m. - The Great Lessons- Elementary Faculty

This event is relevant for parents of elementary students and those who want to learn more about our elementary program. Join our Elementary Guides as they share an overview of the Montessori "Great Lessons" and dive more deeply into the one called "The Great Story of our Numbers". We then will take you on a mathematical journey of the multiplication strand in our elementary curriculum.

April 11-15 Screen Free Week - Take the challenge!

Throughout the week will be providing information for adults and children alike on the impact of technology in our lives, smart use and healthy alternatives. All participants who have successfully completed a screen free week are invited to join us for a celebration Friday, April 15th from 5:30-7:00.

Primary Students: Pizza, Pajamas and Pages- an evening of stories.

Elementary/ Junior High Students: Please bring your favorite board game from home and/or a healthy snack to share.