



Calendar:

- Feb 6 - Gala meeting, 8:30am in the parent room
- Feb 6 - Singers of United Lands performance, 9:00am in The Barn
- Feb 6 - [Tuition assistance and co-op application process opens](#)
- Feb 6 - Lower Elementary (moving up to) enrollment meeting, 6:00pm at Pomaranski's
- Feb 7 - Primary enrollment meeting, 6:00pm, at TCH
- Feb 8 - Upper elementary band practice
- Feb 9 - Upper elementary enrollment meeting, 6:00pm Missy Russell's house
- Feb 9 - Wings of Wonder presentation in the Barn, 1:30pm
- Feb 10 - Swimming Lessons for Nadine's Class, bring suit and towel
- Feb 13-16 - "Have a Heart" food drive, see below for details
- Feb 14 - Valentine's Day Celebrations in the classrooms
- Feb 14 - [Gala Wine Party](#), 5:30pm at the Griner/Licht home
- Feb 15 - County Spelling Bee, 6:00pm at Grand Traverse Academy
- Feb 16 - Parent Visiting Day for primary and elementary, 8:30am
- Feb 17 - Faculty professional day, campus closed
- Feb 20 - Presidents' Day, campus closed
- Feb 21 - Presidents' Day assembly
- Feb 22 - "Easy Money" Work Bee - 8:30am in Parent Room (details below)
- Feb 24 - Swimming Lessons for Nadine's Class, bring suit and towel
- Feb 25 - Brunch and Learn for elementary parents, details and registration below
- Feb 28 - Food of the Month (Chocolate!) presentations in the classrooms
- Mar 8 & 9 - Parent Teacher conferences



As always, the Google Calendar and TCH Facebook pages are a great resource for calendar dates, articles of interest, and other related posts about school "happenings."

Other Notes:

Enrollment Meetings

Please RSVP to the front desk at 929-9325 or email learn@traversechildrenshouse.org if you plan to attend.

"Montessori: The Missing Voice in the Education Reform Debate"

This article recently ran in the Huffington Post regarding education reform and Montessori education. [Click here](#) to view the article or visit our [Facebook page](#) for the link. Share it with your friends! The more voices, the greater the impact!

Parent Teacher Conferences

Please sign up with the front desk for your child's spring conference. [Click here](#) for conference schedules. Scheduling early will provide you the best time and date options. Childcare is complimentary during your

conference but if you need full or half day care, please complete the [attached childcare form](#).

Gala News

The gala committee needs you more than ever. Our next meeting is Monday, February 6 at 8:45 in the Parent Room (right after morning carline). Please come and pitch in. Committee chairs will be giving updates on their committees, we hope to fill any gaps that still exist in the planning and we want all those great ideas of a team to come out.

Singers of United Lands

On February 6th, TCH will host the international singing group, Singers of United Lands. The group includes singers native to Poland, India, Bolivia and Namibia. Parents are welcome to join for the morning concert in the barn at 9:00. [Click here](#) for more information on.

Have-a-Heart Food & Supply Drive - Monday, Feb 13th – Thursday, Feb 16th

CHIPA encourages The Children's House community to "Have-a-Heart" this Valentine's Day and donate to the Traverse City High School Food Pantry. The TCHS Food Pantry is a student-led initiative, providing food and supplies for homeless students and those in residential transition. The TCHS Food Pantry stocks non-perishable food and personal hygiene items, which are small, portable (easily carried in backpacks), easy to use, require little or no preparation, and have teen appeal.

Suggested donation items include the following:

- **Canned Ready Meals** (prepared pasta meals, stews, etc.)
- **Quick to Prepare Meals** (boxed pizza kits, Chinese meal kits, etc.)
- **Cereal**
- **Snack Size Foods**
- **Paper Products** (toilet tissue, facial tissue, etc.)
- **Laundry Detergent**
- **Personal Hygiene Products** (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, travel size shampoo/conditioner, small lotions, feminine products, etc.)

Donations will be collected **Monday, February 13th** through **Thursday, February 16th**. Please feel free to contact Heather Theophilus (heathbird@aol.com / 709-0169) with any questions.

Work Bee

There will be an "Easy Money" Work Bee in the Parent Room following morning carline on Wednesday, February 22nd beginning at 8:30 AM. No know-how needed! Just bring your favorite mug of morning wake-up and your helping hands. During this time, "Easy Money" donations (Box Tops and Oleson's receipts) will be sorted and prepared for submission. Please feel free to swing by for a short amount of time or stay for the duration - any amount of time you are able to spare will be most appreciated! Contact Heather Theophilus with any questions or comments (heathbird@aol.com / 709.0169).

Elementary Brunch and Learn

Mark your calendars for February 25th to join our elementary faculty in a hands on morning of learning. This parent education opportunity is appropriate for any parent interested in learning more about the TCH lower or upper el programs. The session will be followed by a delicious brunch prepared in our TCH kitchen. Your children are welcome to come for fun in the gym and outdoors followed by a pizza lunch. [Click here](#) to register or call the front desk.

Fundraising Corner

Gala Wine Party

This year's gala wine party is going to be held on February 14th (Valentine's Day) at the home of Joan (Griner) and Norm Licht. This year's party will be held from 5:30 - 7:30 with beer and wine tastings along with light appetizers so that you can head out to dinner with your sweetheart after! Please mark your calendars for this great event. It is a wonderful way to kick off the gala but also a fun get together! **Please RSVP to the front desk at 929-9325.**

Gala Raffle Update

Please watch the mail next week for raffle tickets to arrive. We will be sending three raffle tickets to each family. We do not presume that every family can (or wants) to buy three raffle tickets, but we would like to ask your help in selling them. We were 150 tickets short last year of raffling off the grand prize and are striving to make this

happen. If each family at our school, purchases or sells its three tickets, we can do that! This year's gala raffle will feature a first prize of a 2012 Ford F-150 (from Fox Motors) or \$30,000 cash, a second prize of \$2,000 and a third prize of a mini F-150...all in line with our "barn" theme! We thank you in advance for your help in reaching this goal!

Links of Note:

- [Extracurricular Opportunities](#) - New Elementary Art Class for 6-12 year olds! with art teacher, Alison Hoffman, Girls on the Run, Tennis Classes, Singwell Academy
- [Updated Teacher Pages](#) - Read this week's updates
- [Lunch Menu/Ordering](#) - February Menu
- [Easy \\$](#) - Box Tops, Oleson's and Glen's funds for schools programs
- CHiPA - [Minutes from last meeting](#)

The Week in Pictures:



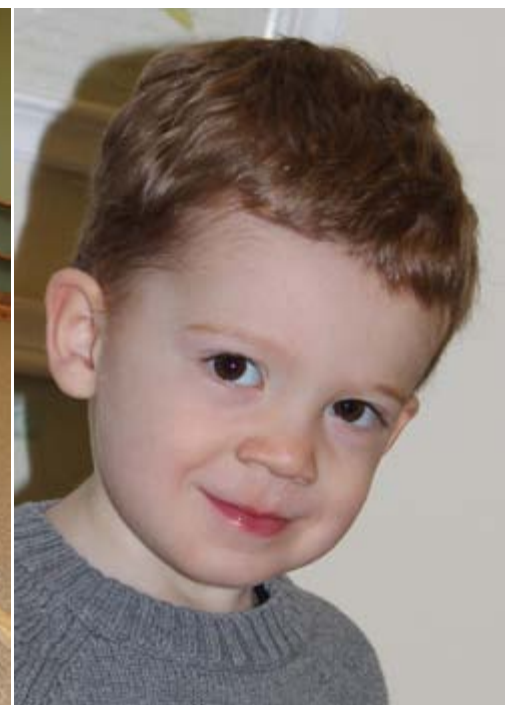














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