

# CHILDREN'S HOUSE CHATTER

Wednesday, February 11, 2009.

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**PAST DUE TUITION** If you have not yet paid your child's tuition for February, you should do so immediately, and include the \$35.00 late charge in your payment. Thank you.

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**END-OF-YEAR STATEMENTS FOR TAXES** The statements are ready – please call the office if you need a copy for preparing your taxes.

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**GRACE & COURTESY** is integral to Montessori education. The teaching and learning of this subject is ongoing, beginning with the Toddler Class and on through the Junior Elementary Class. It not only includes 'good manners', but also respect and concern for others, kindness etc. While we are tolerant with children learning and making mistakes, we have reached a point, unfortunately, when we must enforce a policy regarding children who actually kick, bite or punch the adults who are their teachers and caregivers. Please be informed that, effective immediately, if a child kicks/punches/bites an adult, the parent will be called and advised of the incident. Should the child repeat the behavior, the parent will be called to **immediately** collect the child from school.

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**OPEN HOUSE** There will be a PTO Meeting & Open House on **Tuesday, March 10**. The PTO meeting will

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start at 6:00pm and the Open house will be 6:15pm until 7:00pm.

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**SPRING CLEAN UP** Mark your calendars for our annual clean up on April 18, 9:00am-12:00 noon. Further details later.

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**SCHOOL WEB SITE** Don't forget to visit our website at [chmlr.org](http://chmlr.org). You can subscribe and get school information and updates etc. and at some point hopefully, the newsletter. We are still working towards going paperless!

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**TRAFFIC FLOW** At Tuesday's PTO meeting we addressed some concerns regarding traffic at drop-off and pick-up times. A number of parents have expressed frustration that the rule about "not getting out of your car until you are first in line" is ignored in general. Incidents have been reported, such as when a parent left his/her car right in the gateway, and went into the building. In the mean time, cars in front of that car moved on, and others were stuck behind it. We are going to enforce the above mentioned rule: **Do not get out of your car until you are the first car in the drop-off or pick-up line. At drop-off time walk your child to the door and then leave so that you do not hold up other parents who are waiting to drop-off a child.**

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Thank you for your cooperation and patience.

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