



“The child is both a hope and a promise for mankind.” ~ Maria Montessori

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Mark Your Calendars:

June 8 Kindergarten Art Reception 3:00 - 4:30
 Jun 21 Last Day of School- Picnic 11:00 - 1:00
 Jun 22 - Jul 7 School closed
 Jul 10 - Aug 11 Summer Camp
 Aug 14 - Aug 18 School closed
 Aug 21 - Aug 25 Staff Training
 Aug 28 First day of school

Time to Learn About:

Science: Space
Geography: Virginia
Art: Patriotic colors



Last Day of School:



It's time for Pajama Day!! The most talked about day of the year! We'll play with our flashlights, do a little craft activity, have a PJ parade, and just have fun hanging out in our jammies.

Here are the details: Children can come to school in their pajamas, but should bring a change of clothes for the picnic. The picnic will start at 11:00 and school will close at 1:00. We will be doing a special craft or activity so please keep the “fancy” pajamas at home. We'll do our fun activity, say 'goodbye' to the children who will be leaving us, and get ready for the picnic. Children should bring a flashlight (labeled with their name, please), and can bring a small blanket and stuffed toy (also labeled).

Please have your child at school NO LATER THAN 9:00 so that we can get the party started with everyone included. If, for some reason, your child will NOT be at school on the last day, please let us know!

Parents should plan to arrive at 11:00 for the picnic. Everyone and anyone is invited! Don't forget to pack a blanket to sit on! The sign-up sheet is up, let's get it filled!

Because we will be closed for two weeks, please be sure to take all of your child's belongings home with you. This includes everything hanging on their hook and everything in their cubby.

Let's celebrate the year with a bang!!



The Library is Closed:



The school library will be closed starting on Monday, June 12. Children will not be able to check out books during the last few days of school. Please check your homes carefully for books you may have borrowed, but not returned, and make sure that all CHMS books make their way back to school. This includes the parent lending library. We will not be sending books home for children to read during these last few weeks. Please return all books so that we can make sure we have completed sets on our shelves before the last day of school.

Staff News:

For personal reasons, Ms. Sonia has decided not to join our school after all. We understand that this probably comes as a surprise, it was a surprise to us as well, but we wish her well in her endeavors.

We're very sorry to say good bye to Ms. Farzana this year. She has decided that the commute to her home in Leesburg is just too much leaving at 5:30 and has taken a job at a Montessori school only 10 minutes from home. Farzana has been with us for 6 years and will be sorely missed. We wish her all the best in her new school! Please be sure to say goodbye before the end of the year.

The good news is we have hired a new teacher for the Sunset Room. Her name is Salwa Zenhom. She has over 10 years of teaching experience and is wrapping up her Montessori teacher training this summer. She loves spending time outdoors and is very excited about joining our CHMS family. We are equally excited! She will spend some training time with us this summer but will be full time starting in the fall.

Summer Plans:

Summer is upon us, so here are the details for staffing this summer. Ms. Keturah, Ms. Karen, Ms. Zohra, Ms. Asma, and Ms. Aamnah (Zohra's daughter) will be working this summer. The schedule will be essentially the same except we will start the day outside when the weather is cool, and stay inside in the middle of the day when the weather is hot, unless it's a cool summer, in which case we will keep our regular schedule!

Here is what each of the teachers will be doing this summer.

Ms. Keturah will be spending a week in Canada, visiting Montreal and Quebec City, and hopefully seeing whales in the St Lawrence River!

Ms. Karen will be enjoying a stay-cation, complete with backyard camping (in a tent!) and some day trips here and there before heading to school for summer camp.

Ms. Farzana will travel to California to visit with family and then spend the summer relaxing at home.

Ms. Zohra will take few weeks break, with a quick trip to California, and then will be working at CHMS this summer, along with her daughter **Ms. Aamnah**. We are glad to welcome Ms. Aamnah back to Children's House.

Ms. Marierose will again be travelling to her home country of Vietnam to work with the teachers at the Thanh Tam school teaching them all about the Montessori method.

Ms. Cinthia will be travelling to Hilton Head with friends and enjoying having her two children at home.

Ms. Asma will be traveling to New York, working at CHMS and enjoying spending time with her children.

Fall Staffing:

We're glad to say that there are only slight changes to our staffing for next year. As we have said before, Ms. Karen will be going part time next year, working in the mornings as lead teacher in the Sunset Room and still serving as Assistant Director. The other change is the addition of Salwa to the staff, working in the Sunset Room as well. Ms. Arlene will continue to teach Spanish and Ms. Karen will still be teaching music. We know consistency is really important, for children, parents, and staff, and we are glad when we have minimal changes. We're all looking forward to another great year!

Summer Contracts: Contracts for the summer need to be returned by June 9. If you have any questions, Cinthia will be glad to answer them.



Children's House would not be the wonderful place it is without the volunteering that you do.

Thank you to those that listened to children read each week. This is such an invaluable service to us, and to the children, allowing them to progress in their reading skills. I know the parents that have helped out really enjoy seeing how the children improve over the year.

Thank you to those that helped with the gardening both in the fall and in the spring. Cleaning the gardens, planting bulbs, planting flowers, mulching, watering, feeding animals, all such good learning experiences for the children. We couldn't do it without parent help.

Thank you to those that straightened and maintained the library, a never-ending task that is much appreciated.

Thank you for those that helped with setting up tables, chairs, and stages at our various events. Thank you to those that took Thanksgiving food baskets to Cornerstones and hats and mittens to the police station. Thank you to those that did other things that I'm forgetting about.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

Final Tuition Payment: Please have your June tuition payments in by June 9th so we can wrap up the school year and make sure all accounts are in order. If your child is attending summer camp, you can pay on the first day he or she attends. The first tuition payment of the 2017-2018 school year is due on September 5.



It's time to say goodbye to Juliet, Shruti, Aydin, Nathan, Yuki, Oliver, Alex, Roya, Ryan, Cameron, and Shaan. We'll miss our kindergarteners! Good luck in first grade!

We wish Owen, James, Libby, Eshaan, Avery, and Krystof, good luck in their new schools! Keep in touch!

To all the families leaving us this year: we have been so lucky to have known you and your children! Thank you for letting us be a part of your lives for the last few years. We hope you will all stay in touch and let us know how you're doing from time to time. We'll miss you all!

To everyone else: have a safe and happy summer!

