

Tuesday Note

Week of November 30, 2009

Calendar

Dec 1: Gala meeting, 8:30 in the parent room

Dec 9: Parent's Visiting Day, 9:00-10:00am

Dec 15: Gala meeting, 8:30 in the parent room

Dec. 18: All Community Sing, 1:00 parent reception, 2:00 Community Sing, 3:00 campus closes

Upcoming Fieldtrips

Dec 11: Extended Day fieldtrip to the Grand Traverse Pavillions from 1:15 to 2:30. If you are able to drive for this trip, please call the front desk with how many children you are able to drive. Thank you!

In The Know...

- Do you ever think about the effectiveness of "rewards and punishments" in education? Do children need the incentive of gold stars and good grades to do well? [Click here](#) to hear what author, Dan Pink, has to say about intrinsic vs. extrinsic motivation. You may find that some of his points sound familiar...
- "Understanding Montessori" weekly newsletter, [click here](#) to read

Other Notes

Holiday Wishlists

Each year at The Children's House, teachers create "wishlists" of items that they would like for their classrooms. This year, the lists are available at the front desk, and also posted on the teachers' pages on our website, <http://www.traversechildrenshouse.org/teachers.asp>.

If you would like to purchase a gift for your child's class or another area of the school, please take a look at the list and call, stop by or e-mail Liz at liz@traversechildrenshouse.org with your selection. We will remove items from lists as they are purchased in order to keep

them current and avoid duplicates. In order to consolidate shipping, we will be ordering all catalog items over the winter break.

As always, we are **grateful and appreciative** of the many ways you give to the school during the year.

Cloth Diapering Class!

Ever wonder how easy it is to use cloth diapers? Come and join Lori Burns (Green Island) and Erin Harrelson (Infant guide) for a night of diapering fun. We will meet at The Children's House infant classroom on December 8th from 5:30-6:30. All parents and expectant parents are welcome to come and experience the joys of green diapering! Please RSVP to Erin@traversechildrenshouse.org by Dec. 6th.



Prior Life Bags



Stop by the front desk and check out the selection of Prior Life Bags! These bags are made locally using recycled banners. They are all unique and make great gifts! Two sizes available: purse size totes are \$28.00 and large tote bags are \$24.00. Prior Life is donating 50% of the purchase price to our school! Stop by the front desk to browse the selection!

School Ski Program at Crystal Mountain

Families wanting to participate in the Crystal Mountain School Program may still register. All forms turned in to the school on or before December 18th will be submitted to Crystal and passes will be issued after the first of the year. Early registration discounts no longer apply. Click to [view rates](#) and [program information](#). Montessori Dad Sean Skarshaug will be coordinating the program. Please contact him at seans@traverserepro.com or 231-631-1187 if you are interested.

Parent visiting days for all levels are coming up soon!

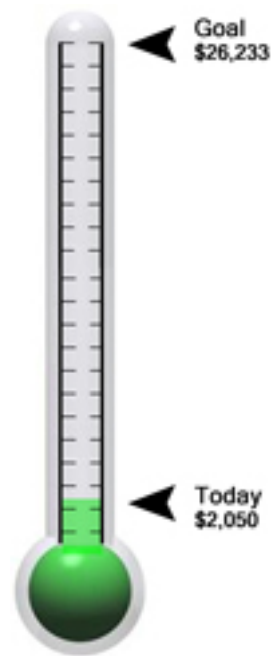
Please join us for the first of three parent visiting days scheduled during the school year. On December 9th, bring your child as usual in carline, park and come to the parent room for coffee and Morsels. At 9:00, you will join your child in their classroom (Primary and Elementary) or have a guided observation through the window (Infants and Toddlers.) This is a great way to experience, hands-on, the incredible work that your children do at TCH every day!

Fundraising Corner

By now, all of you have received this year's Annual Report. To date, we have received \$2,050 in donations towards our goal of \$26,233. A few things to keep in mind when considering your donation for the 2009-2010 school year: Annual Funds are essential and necessary to the operation of all independent schools. Relying on fundraising income allows for schools to keep tuition at a more accessible level.

It is our hope that this year, we will have 100% family participation. Donations are 100% tax-deductible and any gifts given before December 31, 2009 may be counted as deductions for the 2008-09 tax year.

By clicking on the following link: <http://www.traversechildrenshouse.org/pledge.asp> you may pledge to the Annual Fund on-line and keep track of our progress towards the goal.



Green & Global



This time of year at TCH, we hope to inspire the children to learn about different winter celebrations and traditions from many cultures. If you have a particular cultural celebration that you would like to share, please contact your child's teacher. In the past, a parent came in and made latkes with the children and told the story of Hanukkah. Another parent brought frankincense and myrrh and shared a story of their significance. Talking about these different celebrations from a cultural perspective, gives our students an idea of how children in other cultures celebrate this season. We welcome your stories!

Metal Recycling Drive

Please join the Children's House and Bay Area Recycling for Charities for our annual metal drive. If you have any metal (i.e: steel file cabinets, old sinks, brass door knobs, copper pipe, etc...) put it into the car and deposit it back behind the garbage dumpster fence. We will pick it up and get it recycled. Remember, anything metal is accepted, so clean house

and bring it in. If bringing in tin cans, please cut off both the top and bottom and step on the can to flatten it out. Also, if you need it picked up, just call Andy at 231-884-3417 and a pick up can be arranged for a small fee.

Ongoing E-Waste Recycling

The e-waste recycling drive has been so successful that we have decided to collect e-waste on an on-going basis. E-waste includes computer parts and anything with a cord. We will continue to collect batteries and cell phones. You may leave your e-waste, batteries and cell phones by the Barn. An additional cell phone box sits at the main entrance.



Parents In Business featuring



Commitment to quality, community and education has been the hallmark of this restaurant since it's opening in 2004. Owners (and TCH parents) Paul & Amanda Danielson and Myles Anton with their team of culinary and service professionals strive to bring every guest something more than just eating a meal. We have an award winning wine list and one of the finest beer & spirits selections around, with a staff that has the knowledge to serve them.

Start off this holiday season with bubbles! Children's House parents receive \$10 off the \$35 admission to our sixth annual Bubbles of the World event on Monday, December 7 from 5:30-7:00pm.

Amanda will guide an informal tasting of no fewer than ten sparkling wines from all over the World including Champagne, Willamette Valley, Leelanau Peninsula and more. Light hors d'oeuvres and retail purchases on the wines that aren't extremely limited will also be available.

For daily menus, information on our special events, and to sign up for our eNewsletter, please visit StellaTC.com.

We are located in the historic Village at Grand Traverse Commons just three blocks west of Division off of 11th Street.

P: 231.929.8989 F: 231.929.8740 E: Amanda@StellaTC.com

Attachments

Tues. Notes Archives

Dec. Lunch Menu	9-14-2009	10-26-2009
Gala Donation Form	9-21-2009	11-02-2009
Ski Program Info	9-28-2009	11-09-2009
Ski Registration Form	10-5-2009	11-16-2009
Ski Rental Form	10-12-2009	11-23-2009
Ski Agreement	10-19-2009	

[Come see us at The State Theatre](#)



On the first Thursday of each month from 6:30-9:30, Children's House employees volunteer at The State Theatre. Come out and see us taking on our new roles as ticket takers and popcorn schleppers.

This page was printed from Traverse Children's House (<http://www.traversechildrenshouse.org/>) and was accurate as of Monday, December 07, 2009 at 3:22:02 PM.

Original Page URL: <http://www.traversechildrenshouse.org/tuesnote.asp>