



EVENTS AND REMINDERS

Thursday, August 23, 2018

WELCOME TO THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

You will receive an informational flyer from the main office every Thursday. The purpose of these flyers is to keep you informed about events, activities and important dates at Montessori. Please let us know if you do not receive your email copy so we may update your email address. You will receive a second school publication the last Tuesday of each month beginning in September. This publication will focus on providing parents with educational articles about the Montessori method of education.

FALL FAMILY PICNIC, BURWASH PARK – Sunday, Aug. 26TH, 4:00pm-6:00pm

Save the date. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Montessori Community to get together and celebrate the beginning of a new school year. Look for your child's morning classroom flag to find their friends from school. If we need to cancel due to weather, we will make the announcement on our Facebook page. The rain date is Sunday, September 9th.

Families should bring their own main course, drinks, and chairs or blankets. Please also bring a dish to share (to serve 10-12 people) and a serving utensil according to the following: families with last names beginning with **A to G** please bring a **dessert**. Families with last names beginning with **H to Z** please bring a side dish/salad. **We encourage you to bring plates and cutlery from home to limit use of disposable products.** However, some paper and plastic will be available if needed.

KINDERGARTEN SOCIAL –KINDERGARTEN CLASS, Wednesday, Sept. 12

Come meet your Kindergarten friends, their parents, and their afternoon teachers at the Kindergarten social on Wednesday, Sept. 12^t from 6:15-7:00p.m. We prefer to keep this special event for the kindergarten student and parents only. Child care will not be available. We look forward to seeing you there and opening the afternoon Kindergarten program to our families.

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL/NO CHILD CARE, Monday, Sept. 3RD

There will be no school or child care on Monday, September 3RD in observation of Labor Day. Both buildings will be closed.

ILLINI STUDIO PICTURE DAY – MONDAY/TUESDAY, Sep. 10 & 11

Picture Day is coming up soon. Order forms with additional information will be going home with your child on Monday, August 27th and will be due back in our office no later than Friday, August 31st. We will also be asking for volunteers to help with the coordination on Picture Day. Those signups will be going out through Sign Up Genius, so please check your email if you would be available to fill in a slot.

MSCU PARENT ORIENTATION NIGHT – WEDNESDAY, Aug. 29, 7:00pm-8:00pm

Current and new families are invited to visit the school to learn more about our Montessori philosophy of

education. Meet your child's teachers and have a chance to ask specific questions about our Primary and Elementary programs. As this is a parent event, MSCU will provide free child care in our Primary building for children 3 years and older. A SignUp Genius link has gone out to our parents if you need child care during the event.

PICK UP AT THE PRIMARY BUILDING

For safety reasons, we ask parents to continue to use the drive-through as it reduces the number of people in the hallway at these busy transition times. If you choose to walk into the school at pickup times, we ask that you wait for your child at the entrance of the building and sign out at the podium in the hall.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are regularly in need of play dough for our Primary classrooms. There is a recipe in the wooden stand just inside the front door. This is a fun activity to do with your child and our teachers really appreciate having fresh play dough in their classrooms.

Our Library in the Primary building could use some loving attention. There are boxes of books that need to be shelved.

Photo Day Volunteers – emails will be going out through Sign Up Genius if you would like to volunteer. Keep an eye on your email.

Our Elementary teachers would appreciate volunteers to help during lunch.

We can always use an extra hand or two setting up and taking down the Fall Picnic materials this Sunday.

We're getting started on our Playscape between the Elementary and Primary buildings. If you would be interested in being part of the set-up process, please contact the office. Construction will begin in the next few weeks.

If you've got some time to help out with any of the above, please contact the office. Any and all of them are a great way to start working off some of those required Volunteer hours.

CHESS, VIOLIN/CELLO, PIANO AND BALLET

Registration forms for chess, violin/cello, piano and ballet have gone out to MSCU families in your 1st day packets. Forms are available on our website or you may pick them up at the school.

FAMILY EMERGENCIES

Please call the school if you have a family emergency that would affect your child's drop off and pick up times. A phone call is the best way to assure that we are informed as we may be away from our desks and might miss an urgent email.