

Newsletter

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McMinnville



Note from the Board

Dear Families,

The board welcomes all our new and returning families to school this fall. Join us this Friday for our "Back to School" picnic. This is a chance to say hello, meet teachers, staff and families and hear about what's up coming in the new year.

First a big thank you to Greg Carter and his crew for finishing up the second part of our interior remodel. They have done a marvelous job under a real time pressure. We appreciate that they have been able to finish up in time for school to begin. We wouldn't have been able to have this new space without Greg's work and dedication. There are a few details yet to finish, but we are ready. We have the expanded part of the building finished and now serves as extra learning space for Spanish, Music and the After School Program. The extension is accessible from both classrooms.

As After School Care has moved, we are also relocating student pick up. After 3:15, pick up will be through the new addition room, so please enter by the side gate (on the mailbox side of the school).

We had our first school clean up on Saturday, August 25th. If you were unable to make that one, there will be two more during the school year, please plan on attending one. It was a successful clean up! Many thanks to our families who made it, we appreciate the efforts of all of you.

Please take a moment to review the Parent handbook. It is our primary source of information regarding school policies and protocols. In

Calendar of Events:

First Day of School	Sept 2
Board Meeting	Sept 3
Back to School picnic	Sept 5
Parent Org Meeting	Sept 8
No School /In service	Sept 26

particular, we ask families to review our snack and food suggestions to help ensure that our children have healthy lunch choices each day. Also read about birthday celebration at school, and party and holiday invitations, which are different than public school. If you have any questions at all, please be sure to ask! You may direct questions towards the teachers, board members, or parent organization officers, we are all happy to help. All of our email contact information is in this newsletter on the last page, phone numbers are on the bulletin board in the foyer, and will soon be out on our school rooster.

Our next board meeting is Wednesday, September 3rd, at 5:30 at school. As always, parents are welcome to attend.

Welcome back, and we look forward to a great school year.

See you at the picnic!

Many thanks,
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News from the Teachers

Welcome back!

We hope every one has enjoyed a wonderful, relaxing summer! Staff members would like to welcome all of our returning and new students along with their families. We look forward to an exciting school year.

There have been several changes in staff during the summer. Megan Rosevear has accepted a new job with her church closer to her home and will not be returning. We wish her the best in her new position. We have two new faces as assistants in the classroom, please welcome Michelle Peterson who will be assisting in Leslie's class, and Shayla Cole who will be doing our Before School Care, primary assisting and some After School Care as well. We are very pleased with the changes, and want to welcome each new member of our staff.

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who participated in the school clean up on Saturday August 25th, it was a great success. Much was accomplished, but we could use a little bit more help in finishing some of our construction clean up. Please let Tammy know if you are available to provide some help.

The staff would also like to acknowledge the Parent Organization for the work they have begun and to say thank you for their continued vision for the coming school year.

Please make sure that all of your immunization records are up to date. If there have been any changes over the summer, please let Tammy know as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are available at school before the school day begins, and for a short time after classes end. You can phone or email us, and we will get back to you as soon as we have an opportunity. We want to make this year the best possible for everyone here at MMS!

See you at the picnic!

Leslie and Maria

“The adult ought never to mold the child after himself, but should leave him alone and work always from the deepest comprehension of the child himself.” -- Dr. Maria Montessori

PRIMARY Class

Please be sure to bring your cubby items on the first day of school or pre-visit for new primary students. (i.e. extra change of clothes, napping items, lunch) Please refer to your parent handbook for more information. PLEASE BRING COATS AT A LATER DATE.

Board Meetings:

Our board meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month, beginning at 5:30pm. They are held at school. Parents are always welcome to attend. Generally, the agenda goes out to families via email before each meeting. If you cannot make a meeting, but would like to comment on an issue, contact any of the board members with your ideas.

Interested in learning more about the Montessori method? We have a small collection of books available to borrow about Montessori education, teaching overviews, and Maria Montessori herself. Books are in a basket in the Foyer, leave your name on an index card and enjoy!

2008-2009 BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

Where: **Wortman Park**
On McDaniel Road next to DMV and Senior Center
When: **September 5th**
Time: **5:30 pm**

Playtime, Visiting, Potluck, and P.O. Meeting.

Please bring your own tableware-plates, plastic cups, cutlery & napkins.

PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPERVISING THEIR CHILDREN.

Potluck Picnic:

A-E fruit/veggie dish
F-L salad/pasta dish
M-Z main dish (not pasta)

Beverages will be provided.
Each dish should feed 12-15 people.

Games, frisbees, balls, or any non-violent community games are welcome.
Extra change of clothes for children.
Don't forget folding chairs.

See you there!

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