



September 2011



Dear Parents,
WELCOME!

The board welcomes all our new and returning families to school this fall. We look forward to a wonderful school year.

Join us on September 9th for our Back to School potluck. This is a chance say hello, meet families and answer questions about the new school year. In addition, please see the "Got Questions?" section in this newsletter for more information about questions you may have.

Parent night is scheduled for October 6th, and it is an opportunity for parents to come see the classrooms, have a presentation by the teaching staff, and ask questions. It is scheduled in October to give both classrooms a chance to settle in, and for all the primary students to begin their program, as new students have a staggered start. Please plan on attending.

The board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30. As always, parents are

welcome to attend, meetings are held at the school.

Check out the new ceiling in the Elementary classroom! Our students help to fundraise for this and it looks great!

I look forward to a great year!

Many thanks,
Kim Sapunar

Montessori education is a philosophy and a method developed by Dr. Maria Montessori in 1906 and practiced today in thousands of schools on six continents. Montessori education recognizes the unique potential in each child and awakens children's natural ability to learn and to teach themselves.

Maria Montessori was herself a unique and remarkable person. Born in rural Italy in 1870, she challenged the medical and educational establishment and became Italy's first woman MD in 1896. She began to work with mentally retarded children, as well as championing the causes of working women and children, and researching mental development and education. In 1904 she became Chair of Anthropology at the University of Rome. During this time, she developed her methods of observation and teaching that became the foundation of her philosophy

Welcome Back Picnic

Where: Discovery Park -
Roth Family Picnic Area

When: September 9th 5:30

**Playtime – Visiting-
Potluck**

ALL FAMILIES INVITED

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

**PARENTS ARE
RESPONSIBLE FOR
SUPERVISING THEIR
CHILDREN.**

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

Potluck Picnic:

A-G fruit/veggie dish
H-P salad/pasta dish
Q-Z main dish (not
pasta)

Games, frisbees, balls, or any
non-violent community games are
welcome. An extra change of
clothes for children may come in
handy.



Welcome to a new school year!

We hope that you had a wonderful summer filled with fun and relaxation. As your children prepare to start or return to school this year, they can look forward to seeing their teachers and friends. We are happy to offer not only Music but also Spanish (to all children) and Art (Extended day and Elementary). Sylvia Stater will be teaching Music, Pam Stewart will be teaching Spanish and Heather Orr will be teaching Art.

We also welcome Emily Klingler who will be joining Leslie and Bonnie in Primary.

The SOS packets should be in your folders at the beginning of the first week of school. Make sure to read through it carefully and choose the jobs in the order you prefer.

If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact us by phone or e-mail.

We look forward to a great year of exploration and learning.

Leslie and Maria

GOT QUESTIONS?

Here is a general outline of where to go if you have questions. Please also remember that the parent handbook outlines our school policies and recommendations. Each family received a handbook in their registration package.

Of course, if you are simply not sure where to start, please begin with your child's teacher. All email contact information is in this newsletter, and phone numbers are on the bulletin board in the foyer. We will soon have our school roster published as well.

If you have questions about the classroom, for example: snacks, schedules, lunch food, activities, parent observation, clothing, wellness or illness, please ask your teacher. In addition, if you have a question about your SOS job (jobs to support the school and classrooms) please ask our teachers. Our teachers are available mornings before class, during lunch or at the end of the class day. Feel free to talk to them, leave a message for them to call you back, email them, or set up an appointment to meet. They are flexible and will be happy to work with you and your schedule.

If you have a question about the budget, school operations, long-term goals, fundraising, or administration, please ask any member of the board.

For questions about billing, please ask Elaine in the office.

We want to make sure you get the information you need, so please don't hesitate to ask!



I hope everyone had a great summer. I had the opportunity to re-organize and update many things in the office. I hope this will ensure a much smoother approach to registration, tuition, and fees.

As a reminder, you have 10 days from your child's start date to receive the discount for full pay. Also late charges (\$15.00) will be placed on your account if your payment is received after the 10th of each month and financial fees (2% interest per month) will be added to accounts more than 30 days past due.

If you find any discrepancies or have a question about charges on your statement, please do not hesitate to call or email me. We gladly accept Visa, and Master Card. Payments can be dropped off in the school office.

If things become difficult due to any situation, talk with me so arrangements can be made to clear up any unpaid balance.

Also, I will be greeting students in the morning, so please introduce yourself and child to me. It may take me a few visits to match the face to the name, so excuse me in advance if I do not remember your name.

I am looking forward to working with everyone associated with the school.

Thank you,
Elaine
Office Manager

september

6
First day of school for
returning Primary and
all Elementary

7
Board Meeting- 5:30

9
Welcome Back Pot-Luck
5:30

23
No school: In-service
day

october

5
Board Meeting- 5:30

6
Parent Night- 6:30 -
8:00

7
No School - Leif Ericson
Day

15
Pumpkin Patch

18-27
Elementary swimming-
Tuesdays and Thursdays

27
Picture Day

november

1- 17
Elementary swimming-
Tuesdays and Thursdays

2
Board Meeting- 5:30

4
Parent/Child Tea 6:30 -
8:00

11
No School - Veteran's
Day

12
Bowling

23
No School - In-service
day

24-25
No School -
Thanksgiving holiday

december

2
No School - Parent/
Teacher conference

7
Board Meeting- 5:30

9
No School - Parent/
Teacher conference

15
Winter Celebration -
5:30

16
Half day school-
dismissal from 12:00 -
12:15

19- 31
Winter Vacation



*"We especially need imagination in science.
It is not all mathematics, nor all logic, but it is
somewhat beauty and poetry."
~ Maria Montessori.*

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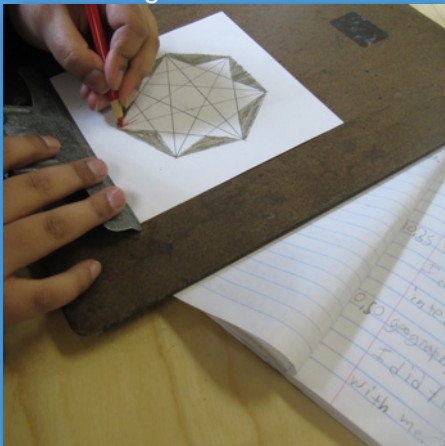
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