

Newsletter

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McMinnville



Note from the Board

Dear Families,

You have seen the new flooring, and perhaps the new furnaces, but where's the rest? Here's an update on what has been happening with our building expansion plans. Our permit was finally approved mid September. Our building, which is about 80 years old, needed to have added reinforcement on the exterior wall put into the plans. In addition, we will need a special upgrade to the sewer line, providing a private manhole on the side of the building. These special circumstances slowed down our timeline, like most remodel projects, there is always some unknown factor that gets uncovered along the way that throws a hitch in the works. We're progressing though!

Our immediate plans are to get our excavation and plumbing work completed, and the foundation poured early October. We are hoping for a dry fall season and would like to complete the framing on the heels of these steps, weather permitting. We want to avoid rain and unfinished walls.

Our costs have also been higher than we anticipated, which is also the mark of any good remodel as well! We are working within our budget guidelines and also evaluating ways to lower our costs.

A big thank you to Steve Beam who is having his work crew replace the siding on the side and back of the building at just the cost of materials and crew labor to us. This has been a great benefit for

Calendar of Events:

Parent Org Meeting	Oct 1
Board Meeting	Oct 3
Parent Night	Oct 5
No School	Oct 12
Pumpkin Patch	Oct 13

the school and we appreciate the support.

We are always happy to appreciate the talent pool of our parents and families. As we work to finish up our expansion over the next 2 months, if you would like to help, please let us know. Please contact Brad Kelley or Greg Carter.

A last note, don't miss Parent Night this Friday!

Parent night is presented by our teachers, and allows you to ask questions, see materials, and learn about the Montessori Method in the classroom. It is a great overview on what your child does at school every day. Take advantage of the night, hope to see you there.

Board meetings are the first Wednesday of each month, at 5:30 pm at school, and parents are always welcome.

Many thanks,
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Sally Foster: Gift wrap sales are now ongoing. The school receives 50% of all the sales from this catalog. In addition, if your friends and family use the www.sallyfoster.com website to order directly, our school will also receive 50% of their purchase.

At the website, put in our school code #62086. Any purchases made during the school year will benefit the school.

Any questions, please contact: Jen Stocks 971-219-4719 or jstocks@integra.net or Sara Chaufty at sarac@fisherimplement.com.

All envelopes are due back to school on Monday, October 15.

Please remember, no Halloween costumes or Halloween candy at school.

Please use email or snail mail, rather than parent folders for Party invitations.

Please check your parent folder regularly at school. This is where newsletters, updates, and school info is given out to parents. Folders are located next to the bulletin board and the sign out list.

Parent Night

Don't miss Parent Night,
October 5th at 6:30 pm!

Parent night is hosted directly by our teachers in each classroom. They present materials, classroom routines, examples of lessons, and some of the principles of Montessori teaching methods.

It is one of the best ways for you to see what your children work on each day at school and see the consistency of the Montessori curriculum.

It is a great opportunity for you to ask questions and see how the classrooms function. Please plan on attending!

If you are unable to attend this Friday and have questions, please be sure to ask your teachers. They are available before and after school each day, or by email, or leave a message, and they can call you when they have time outside of class.

Thank You to Willamette Medical Center for their donation in the amount of \$500, thanks to Dr. Kishore Pathial for facilitating the donation!

Social Events Upcoming:

Potluck: October 6th:

Julie Donnelly and Jon Steinhart are sponsoring a combination wine tasting / barbecue / pot-luck / play date, with kids at their house, Saturday October 6th, 4:00pm for any Montessori families that can make it.

Please r.s.v.p. to jon@fourwinds.com, or (503) 434-6482 so they can have a preliminary head-count for Saturday.

Pumpkin Patch:

Saturday, October 13th, 2:00pm
Heiser Farms
Look for flyer soon!

Parent Child Tea

November 9th
Your child's chance to show off the classroom to you.

Fall Clean Up

November 17th
Okay, a little social, but mostly clean up, All hands welcome!

Parent and Family Support:

We ask that all families support the school each year by volunteering a minimum of 10 hours of work to the school. Each family is assigned an SOS job, which is the primary way volunteer time is accrued, although there are many ways to give time. As you know, SOS jobs include everything from laundry, to repairs, to fundraising, but we also look for help on special projects and maintenance and repair. We have many families that volunteer 20, 30 to 100 hours each year, leading a project, or heading up a fundraiser. We appreciate all the time our families can give us, and each and every hour is a tremendous help. Every volunteer hour is one that we don't have to hire for service, and that lets us keep our costs down to the essentials.

We also ask that each family participate in a clean up day. We had one just before school started, and the other two are planned November 17th and April 5th. These are a general scrub and clean up day for the school, and we always work with Maria on those days to address what she thinks is most needed. We often do yard work and scrub out the kitchen and make minor repairs. It gives the school a deep clean beyond the regular cleaning crew. These are the perfect day to demonstrate "many hands make light work". Although both dates are down the road, please note them on your calendar and plan on attending one.

We love our families and we love our school, we want to make sure you feel you have a way to help out at school that fits with your skills. We really appreciate the time you spend with us. Really, really and really - thanks for your support!

If you have questions about your SOS job, please ask any of the Parent Organization officers.

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