

Newsletter

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McMinnville



Note from the Board

Dear Families,

It was great to see our families at the Back-to-School picnic/potluck, thanks all for coming!

Welcome to Sarah Garber, our new After School Care provider. She and Kathy will be working closely together and we're happy to have her with us.

Join us next at Parent night scheduled for October 11th. Parent night gives you an opportunity to come see the classrooms, have a presentation by the teaching staff, and ask questions. In addition, both Board and Parent Organization officers will give short introductions as well. Please plan on attending.

A HUGE thank you to the Beam family who helped facilitate the re-siding of the front of the building. Their efforts let the school accomplish the job for 1/6 the cost, a great benefit for us. We greatly appreciate the help.

At the present, the Board is seriously considering an expansion to the current building. If you have connections with a contractor you recommend, we would like to hear from you as we begin this planning process.

As always if you have any questions, feel free to contact any Board member or me.
Many thanks,
Kim Sapunar

Calendar of Events:

Parent Night	Oct 11
In Service Day, NO School	Oct 13
Picture Day	Oct 19
Pumpkin Patch Visit	Oct 22
Board Meeting	Nov 1

Parent Night

Don't miss Parent Night,
October 11th 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 a great opportunity for you to ask questions and see how the classrooms function and the school operates.



Parent Organization News

Parent Organization officers:
 Leslie Kelley, President
 BJ Larmouth, Vice President
 Andrea Bauer, Secretary
 Linda Scherf-Gardner, Treasurer

I would like to thank all the parents for the wonderful turnout we had at the back-to-school picnic, getting together again after the summer made me realize that it is time to start getting focused on all the fun activities for the rest of the school year. If you haven't received your SOS jobs yet or you have any questions about them please let me know as soon as you can. I tried to give most parents what they asked for but I also went on what you placed in your comments as your strengths, so if you were given a job that you really don't want please talk to me.



Parent Night is Wednesday October 11th and this is a night not only for talking with the teachers but also a night for questions and answers from the Board and the Parent Organization. I would love to hear any fundraising ideas you may have or any opinions you may have on what you see that the school needs. So please make sure you attend, not only for the social aspect but for the growth of the school and knowledge of what your child does in class all day. Mine does puzzles, at least that is all I hear about!

Sunday, October 22 brings our annual Pumpkin Patch outing. It will be at Sweet Berry Farms this year (the one on the corner of Hwy 18 & Hwy 99W). Families will meet at 1:00pm outside the main doors. The PO will pay for all Montessori family's admission into the patch; this will pay for one pumpkin, hay ride, corn maze, fun area, petting zoo and face painting. So, please place this day on your calendars and come join the fun.

The Winemakers dinner is taking on a new look and is becoming more of a Valentine's Day dinner. More details to come but please set aside the day of February 10th on your calendars, we will be having it at the Evergreen Aviation Museum with dinner, wine and music, what a better way to spend Valentine's Day without having to join the restaurant crowds. This event is not just for Montessori families so if you know of anyone who would like to spend their Valentine's evening this way please get the word out. I really think that this is going to be a great year...overwhelming, but great☺.

Leslie Kelley PO President

"It is true that we cannot make a genius. We can only give to each child the chance to fulfill his potential possibilities."

-Dr. Maria Montessori

Beginning of School Clean-Up

Thank you to everyone who participated in getting the school ready for the students at the end of summer. From dusting the classroom to hauling away debris, the school looked fabulous this year!

On the first weekend Mariane Pope took on the daunting task of weeding the yards while Dave Larmouth and Chris Best helped install the pea gravel barrier and remove all the debris. The next weekend Randy Coleman, Bob Suchy, and Dave Miller helped move 1-1/2 yards of Oregon Beach sand that we purchased from Oregon Decorative Rock in Beaverton. The beach sand is very clean and silica free making it ideal for a play sand (It is what OMSI uses). Of course it also makes it ideal for a litter box so we built new covers for the boxes that will hopefully keep them clean (Thanks Dave and Randy). We also got a nice covering of nut shells in the front flower beds. They look really nice and the kids like to stomp on them when they are out in the sidewalk!

Thank you all for making the start of the year look so nice.

In other news, you may have noticed the new siding on the front of the school building. This is thanks to Steve Beam and his workers who tackled this major project over the in-service 3-day weekend. Steve did this for the school at cost, and as we can see, they did a fabulous job. We were having some problems with leaking and deteriorating siding on the front and this

was some very timely help from Steve and his crew. Thanks again for your help on such a big project.

If you didn't get a chance to help and wish to in the near future, we have some other projects that will be coming up soon. Some of the classroom windows have little or no caulking around the edges and some are leaking, so all the windows will need to be caulked before the rains really start. We would also like to clean out the gutters and add some leaf cages so that the down spouts don't clog once the leaves start falling. Once most of the leaves have fallen, we will have another big clean-up day so that we can rake and haul the leaves away, pressure wash the sidewalk, and help prep things for the wet winter.

If you would like to volunteer or have other suggestions for improving the facilities, please contact board members Brad Kelley or Dave Larmouth, who will be happy to discuss with you. Thanks again for all that helped in keeping our school looking nice!

Bradley Kellev

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.

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Holidays coming – What already?

Benefits to Online shopping!

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Healthy Homes, Healthy Kids

The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event will be held from 8am to 2pm on Saturday, October 21st at the WOW Recovery Zone, 2200 NE Orchard Ave. in McMinnville.

No charge to participate.
Sponsored by Yamhill County Solid Waste and WOW.