

Newsletter

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McMinnville



Note from the Board

Dear Families,

I hope that you are enjoying a safe and fun summer. Here we are in August starting to gear up for the new school year.

First off, please join us on Sept 8th for our Back to School potluck. This is a chance say hello, meet families and answer questions about the new school year.

You will have received your tuition agreements and Parent Handbooks in the mail by now. Please take a moment to review the Parent handbook. It is our primary source of information regarding school policies and protocols. In 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!

We rely on our families for help in supporting the school. We have parents who volunteer to be on the Board, which oversees the budget, administrative policies, staff and long range planning. All parents are part of the Parent Organization, and we have 4 parents who volunteer to be the Parent Organization officers for the year. The Parent Organization oversees the fundraising activities, social events, and our SOS jobs. Each family signs up for an SOS job that directly supports the

Calendar of Events:

Clean up Day	Sept 2
1 st Day of School	Sept 5
Board Meeting	Sept 6
Welcome Back Pot luck	Sept 8
In Service Day No School	Sept 29

school (they range from laundry duty to newsletter writing). Your SOS packet will be coming to you soon. We also have several clean up days each year, we require that all families participate in one. The first is September 2nd from 9:30 to 2:30, to help get the school ready to open. Please join us if you can for any part of that time, we appreciate all help!

Finally, many thanks to Sylvia Stater for her years of dedicated work on the Board. She has resigned as of this month after 4 years as Secretary. Many thanks Sylvia for all your assistance over the years. She is not gone though! Sylvia continues to teach our Music program at school, so we are lucky to have her continue with Montessori.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, any other board member, or Parent Organization officer. In addition, Tammy is in the office over the summer. I look forward to meeting you as school begins in September. Until then, keep cool!

Thanks,
Kim Sapunar, 503-474-1708

Parent Organization News

Welcome new Parent Organization officers:

Leslie Kelley, President

BJ Larmouth, Vice President

Andrea Bauer, Secretary

Linda Scherf-Gardner, Treasurer

Thank you for your support of the school

Hello and welcome to all of our new and returning parents!

The PO (parent organization) officers have been meeting this summer in the hopes of creating an exciting and eventful school year for everyone. If you have received your SOS packets you will see that we are trying something new this year! With the hopes of enhancing student minds and encouraging parent involvement we are going to put together a fully produced student play. The students will be creating a three act play with three different story lines on a stage with costumes, scenery and lights; the only way we can pull this off is with the help of you our wonderful parents. We are going to need help creating the costumes, sets, lights and sound and you our parents are the key to making this a success for the students as well as an entertaining evening for family and friends. So, when it comes time for SOS sign ups we need all hands on deck, especially those with designing minds to create this wonderful picture. More info to come but we are hoping that this year will bring friends together and smiles on faces. Once again if you have any questions or concern you wish to share with the PO please contact me at kellyb@onlinemac.com or (503) 383-8418. Our before school clean-up day and back to school picnic are scheduled so see Kim Sapunar's letter from the board for complete detail on those!
Thanks Leslie Kelley

Potluck!

Please join us on Friday, September 8th, 2006, at 5:30 for our "Kick of the School Year / Welcome Back / Orientation / Potluck Party". We will meet at the covered Shelter at West Wortman Park, off McDaniel Lane.

Our food was so great from the end of the year picnic last June, that we ask returning families to please bring the same thing! A similar dish for 6 to 8 people that you brought in June. For our new families, please bring whatever you would like.

New families, please join us whether your child has begun class. New students have a staggered start over the month of September.

We will have a chance to say hello, welcome back, meet new families, and answer questions as the new school year begins. Don't miss it!

Clean Up!

Help! We're holding a general school clean up, Sept 2nd, Saturday, 9:30 to 2:30. If you can assist during any of that time, please come. If you are planning to come or have questions, will you please let Leslie Kelley know at 503-383-8418 or email at: kellyb@onlinemac.com. We would appreciate having a heads up on who might be coming for the day.

“Children are human beings to whom respect is due, superior to us by reason of their innocence and of the greater possibilities of their future.”

–Dr. Maria Montessori

Back to School Packets:

Back to school packets have been mailed out to all families. Please sign and return the appropriate forms for your child or children by August 22nd.

- Tuition Contract
- Permission to Transport Form
- Immunization Form (new families)
- Handbook Verification Form
- Going out Permission Slip (Elem.)

If you have any questions, please call school at 503-434-5081. The first billing statements for the school year will be sent out on or about August 25th.

SOS JOBS:

Also coming in the mail this month will be the sign up forms for SOS jobs from the Parent Organization. Our SOS jobs directly help and support the school with jobs like cleaning, laundry, fundraising, publicity, social events, and maintenance. Look for your packet in the mail!

Board Meetings:

Our board meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month, beginning at 5:15pm. They are held at school. Parents are always welcome to attend. Generally, the agenda goes out to families via email before each meeting. Meeting schedule:

September 6th
 October 4th
 November 1st
 December 6th
 January 3rd
 February 7th
 March 1st
 April 4th
 May 2nd
 June 6th

Have some spare time and are tired of your own home improvement projects?

How about doing some of our instead?!

If you have the time, there are several “fix-it” projects we would appreciate your help on, scheduled at your convenience. Please contact Brad Kelley at 503-383-8418 if you are willing and able.

Thanks!

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