

Newsletter

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McMinnville



Montessori
School



Note from the Board

Dear Families,

The board welcomes all our new and returning families to school this fall.

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!

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 phone list.

This year we have created a specific Fundraising Coordinator position at school, which is being filled by Andrea Bauer. We feel extremely lucky to be able to have Andrea's great energy and organizational spirit in this role for the school. We want all parents to participate in fundraising activities, but we also recognize that we don't want parents to burn out. We hope that by having a main contact and coordinator for our fundraising activities that both our parents and school will benefit from the association. Thank you Andrea for taking on this new role!

Calendar of Events:

First Day of School	Sept 8
Board Meeting	Sept 16
Back to School picnic	Sept 11
No School/In-service	Sept 25

Board meetings are always open to the parent, and are generally held on the first Wednesday of the month, although for September, we are postponing for 2 weeks.

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

See you at the picnic!

Many thanks,
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SEPTEMBER'S BOARD MEETING HAS
BEEN RESCHEDULED TO
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH, 5:30PM.
ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE SCHOOL.



News from Primary

I would like to welcome all the returning students to Primary. The first week of school always amazes me. The children missed the classroom activities and each other so much that they have already immerse themselves in challenging activities. They are excited to have new lessons, and explore the changes in the environment. They look like a normalized class in the spring!

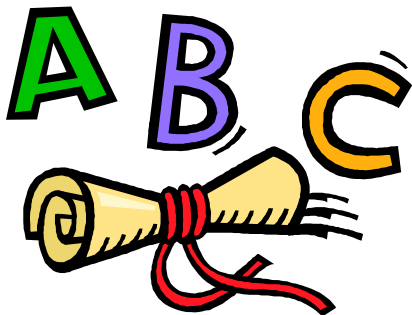
As we welcome the new students with joy, the experienced children will model classroom routines and boundaries. As the children guide new students, it is nice to observe the positive way in which returning parents help the new families throughout their first year at MMS!

There are also two new adults in the Primary Class that we would like to welcome. Sheri Bernal, formally of the Elementary class, has returned and will be providing Before School Care and assisting in the Primary classroom.

Michelle Finley is the second Primary Teachers Aide. She recently moved back into the area from Eugene and is a newly wed as well.

Welcome to ONE & ALL!!!

Leslie Scott,
Primary Teacher



**We are happy to
announce that
Sylvia Stater
has returned to
teach music.
Welcome Back!**

News from Elementary

A big welcome back to new and returning families! We look forward to another school year filled with exploring and learning.

The children are finding their way back to the routines of the day, work that needs to be completed, and the other responsibilities they have around our school.

Please help your child remember to take home their weekly spelling lists, and during the week, help them practice their words. If you need any hints or help with this, please let me know.

Take some time out of your busy schedules to listen to your child read out loud to you, and you reading stories to them is equally important. It is also a great way to open a dialogue with your child about how your day was and what they are learning at school.

Meghan will continue to teach art this year. Spanish will be incorporated throughout the school day by me.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Maria Eustrom

“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). Please refer to your parent handbook for more information.

RAINBOOTS AND WARM RAINCOATS ARE USED AT SCHOOL WHEN WEATHER PERMITS. PLEASE BE SURE YOUR PRIMARY CHILD HAS THESE ITEMS AT SCHOOL AT ALL TIMES.

WE HAVE SEVERAL CHILDREN WITH NUT ALLERGIES. PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILDREN THAT SHARING FOOD IS NOT O.K. PLEASE DO NOT SEND WHOLE NUTS TO SCHOOL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING!

Parent Resource Library

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 office, leave your name on the index card and enjoy!

Please remember **NO MEDIA CHARACTERS** on any items brought to school including clothing and shoes. For more information, please refer to your parent handbook.

PLEASE BE SURE TO VISIT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE. IT IS A GREAT RESOURCE FOR SCHOOL INFORMATION. THE SCHOOL CALENDAR IS POSTED ON THE HOME PAGE AND WE RECENTLY UPDATED THE SCHOOL PHOTOS. CHECK IT OUT!

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WHO WORKS TO KEEP OUR
WEBSITE UPDATED
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

2009-2010 P.O. OFFICERS

Sue Delventhal - President
Lisa Neal - Vice President
Diane McMillen - Secretary/Treasurer

This year The Parent Organization is responsible for the execution of all school socials. If you have any suggestions regarding fun events for our MMS families, please contact your P.O. Officers. All families are encouraged to participate in the social events scheduled throughout the year. It is a great way for parents to meet their child's friends.

Our first social is a trip to a local pumpkin patch, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 17th. SAVE THE DATE!

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