



January 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! Thank you for providing your child with all their snow gear. It has been a challenge when they come inside from recess with all the wet snow gear, but they are having a blast playing in the snow. It is especially nice that it has gotten warmer, and the sun has been out. The children have been sledding, making snowballs, snow cubes, and they make up many fun snow activities. Due to the wind from the last storm, the playground has high drifts and low drifts for the children to explore, and it has been a pleasure to watch the children enjoy their snowy playground fun.



Welcome to New Students

In January, we welcomed quite a few new families. Our new families and students are:

Classroom A: Beckett Shah and Olivia La Butti and in Classroom B: Mason Boday and Isabella Liu.

At the end of the month Levi Callion will also join classroom B. We feel so fortunate to have our new students at Sunrise. It is amazing how nicely they have settled into the classroom environments, and it is also so precious to watch our older children take on guiding them throughout their day.

Returning Students

At this time, we have received many returning student application forms. Thank you for being so prompt in getting your forms in. If you haven't returned your application form and you do plan to submit it for next year, please do this as soon as you can. There is no cost to register your child at Sunrise (*siblings and new applicants to Sunrise do pay a \$50 application fee*), but you should return the enrollment form no later than February 9th to reserve a spot for the upcoming school year. After this date, enrollment is open to all. Spaces for returning students are then pending availability. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

On Saturday, January 20th and Saturday, February 10th, we will host our Open Houses from 11:00am – 1:00pm. If you know of a friend or neighbor looking for a wonderful school, please refer them to Sunrise. Thank you.

Fundraisers

Thank you again to Nancy Hayden for organizing our school's Panera Day on January 11th. I saw quite a few families attending this event and enjoying the delicious food that Panera serves. Our next Restaurant Night is at Chipotle in the Franklin Village Mall on Tuesday, March 20th from 5:00 – 9:00pm. Flyers will be sent home after our February vacation.

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Other Upcoming Events & News

Looking Ahead

Valentine's Day

Again this year we are asking each child to bring in a plain shoe box to decorate for Valentine's Day in the classrooms. The shoe box should be big enough to hold small Valentine cards from 20 classmates. We will celebrate on Wednesday, February 14th Valentine's Day.

Please have your child bring a card for 20 children in their classroom. On each card, just write or have your child write their name. Please do not address the envelopes to the children in the classroom. It works well if your child can place a blank envelope with card into each child's Valentine Box. Please, just Valentine cards should be brought to school – no candy or toys, etc... Thank you so much.



Sunrise Parent Association Meeting

Our second Sunrise Parent Association meeting will be held on Tuesday February 13th at 6:00pm. Pizza and salad will be served. The meeting is for parents only, and all parents are encouraged to attend. Please bring your appetite and your thoughts on planning community involvements, the Annual Fair and events for the school.

Thank you for reading our newsletter!

Karen & the teachers

Keeping in touch

If you have any questions or comments, please know that you can reach us via email. As the teachers are working with the children during the day, please note that a reply to your question may come after the afternoon dismissal or later. If your message is urgent and you need to reach someone right away, please call the school at 508-541-8010.

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Weather delays and closures

As a reminder, Sunrise follows the Franklin Public School policy on delays/closings. Also watch Channel 5 for updates.

For a 1 hour delay, classroom A will begin at 9:30AM and classroom B will begin at 10:00AM.

For a 1 ½ hour delay, classroom A will begin at 10:00AM and classroom B will begin at 10:30AM.

2 hour delay means there will be NO morning programs but afternoon and full-day children may come to school at 12:00pm. (Please bring your lunch).



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please note that all current events, news and the academic year calendar are also found on the school's website: www.MySunriseMontessori.com

Saturday, January 20th - Admission Open House. All are welcome. 11am to 1pm

Please tell your friends, neighbors and co-workers. Applications for the 2018 - 2019 school year will be accepted.

Monday, February 5th – no school – Teacher's Professional Development Day

Saturday, February 10th - Admission Open House. All are welcome. 11am to 1pm

Tuesday, February 13th - Sunrise Parent Association Meeting – Pizza will be served at 6pm

Wednesday, February 14th – Valentine's Day Celebration

Monday - Friday, February 19th – 23rd - Winter Vacation Week

Sunday - Saturday, February 25th - March 3rd -

Montessori Education Week - Celebrating 111 years of Montessori around the world

Tuesday, March 20th – Restaurant Night at Chipotle – 5:00 – 9:00pm.

Website and Facebook

Throughout the year the school uses its website and Facebook page to inform parents of current events and to post pictures from recent events. Please take a look at www.MySunriseMontessori.com

Be sure to check out our “**Digital Backpack**”. This page can be found in the pulldown menu of the “Current Events” tab. Click on any of the hyperlinks to view the selected form or information page as a PDF.

On-going fundraisers

Sunrise participates in the Amazon Smile program. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices and shopping features as Amazon.com.



The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

Go to www.smile.amazon.com and sign in as you normally do on your desktop or mobile phone browser.

Go to Your Account from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to *Change your Charity* (look under Shopping Programs and Rentals) To select Sunrise as the charity you wish to support, type in Sunrise Montessori School in the search bar.

When you shop online, please keep Sunrise Montessori School in mind. Tell your family, friends, co-workers, neighbors....every eligible purchase helps our school. But remember, only purchases at smile.amazon.com (**not www.amazon.com or the mobile app**) support charity.

Recycle used ink cartridges - Do you have used ink cartridges hanging around at home? Don't throw those out – Sunrise has a collection box for cartridges next to the office. Each month we turn them in at Staples for credit towards office supplies.