



August 2017 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that the opening of school is just around the corner. This summer has been rainy and cool, sometimes hot and humid and at other times absolutely perfect. We got a little bit of everything! I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new families and welcome back our returning families.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday, September 6th for our **Visiting Day**. If the parking lot next to the playground is full, please drive up to the lot which borders Hayward St. There is ample parking available.

Visiting Day is a special time which provides an opportunity for the children to meet their classmates and teachers. Parents will also have an opportunity to chat with each other. The teachers will conduct a short circle time allowing everyone to introduce themselves. This will take place from 1:00 until 1:30pm. We hope you can attend as this is an important transition for both new and returning students.

Following the visit with your child's classmates and teachers, there will be an ice cream social for both classrooms. Weather permitting, the ice cream social will be held outside on the playground.

Information Presentations

At 2:00pm the lead classroom teachers will hold an information presentation, complete with a Q & A session in the front classroom while the assistant teachers will remain with the children on the playground. During the presentation the teachers will go over information that will help to make the transition into the school year go smoother for everyone. This is also a nice time to ask any questions that you might have. The following forms/flyers will be available: class lists, curriculum calendar, pizza program and more. General information is available on the school's website as well as copies of the forms that are enclosed in this packet. Be sure to look under **Current Events**. Scroll further down the page and you'll find everything you need in our **Digital Backpack**. Please refer to the website throughout the year: www.MySunriseMontessori.com

Parent Representatives

Parent Representatives act as liaisons between the families and the school. The Parent Reps also hold meetings to discuss possible fundraisers, events and ideas which enhance the school. Typically there are at least 3 SPA meetings (Sunrise Parent Association) each year. All parents are invited to attend and your participation at school is appreciated.

The Co-Parent Representatives for the 2017 – 2018 school year are Rachel Flum and Courtney Nappa. Rachel was the school's Parent Representative several years ago when her son, Nate, was enrolled at Sunrise. Her son, Ben, is currently a second year student in classroom B.

Courtney Nappa has served on the Sunrise's Board of Directors for the past two years. Her son, Micky, is currently a third year student in classroom B.

It is exciting to have two dedicated and supportive women as our Parent Representatives. They will be an excellent resource for all families at Sunrise. Feel free to contact Rachel or Courtney at: Parentrep@MySunriseMontessori.com

Summer Packets

Remember to return your child's paperwork prior to the first day of school. The deadline is **Thursday, August 31st**, but we understand that many families are still on vacation during the final week of the month. Paperwork may be mailed in or dropped off at the school. Please call ahead to make sure someone is in the office if you plan to stop by.

It is especially important to update your child's Developmental History Form with current information as the teachers read this so they are familiar with your child before school begins. Also note that on your child's health form – your physician should have recorded that your child has had lead screening done by them. Please check to make sure this screening has been completed and is written on your child's health form. MA State regulations require this **without exception**. Health Forms also must be updated annually. If your child is due for an appointment – and you have already scheduled it – please let us know the date so that we can write it down on your child's check list.

Slippers

Please provide comfortable and securely fitted slippers for your child to wear during class time. The slippers should be as simple and plain as possible so they are not a distraction. Montessori children will do a lot of their work on the classroom floor and slippers help with keeping noise and dirt to a minimum. Every child will be provided with their own labeled slipper box. Each morning as they enter, they take off their shoes, put them in their box, and then put on their slippers.

Cubbies and Cubby Boxes

Every child has their own cubby to store their belongings. On Visiting Day, your child can look for their cubby. As many children have not yet learned to recognize their written name, please provide us with a happy and recent picture of your child. A 4X6 sized photo is best.

The teachers will affix the picture to the child's cubby. Please make sure to write your child's name on the back of his/her photo. Cubby boxes are used for a change of clothes. Throughout the year, a child may need to change their clothing if these get wet or soiled. Please label each item with your child's name. It is nicer for the children to change into something that belongs to them and fits them.

Thank you to all the Sunrise Gardeners this year

We were so lucky to have families watering the Community Garden on King Street all summer long. The eggplants, kale, string beans, zucchini and tomatoes grew nicely. During the 2nd week of August the produce will be ready to take to the Food Pantry in Franklin. The Food Pantry always appreciates the food that we bring to them. Thank you, everyone.

Exciting playground addition this summer

As you arrive at the school, you will notice our newest addition to the playground – a cedar structure over the sandbox. This structure was built by Mr. Paul Roeber, and provides additional shade over the sandbox on hot, sunny days. The children who joined us for the Summer Program absolutely enjoyed it.



Dates to remember

August 31 Deadline for returning paperwork
September 4: Labor Day
September 6: Visiting day for parents/children beginning at 1:00pm
September 7: First day of classes & extended care program begins

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon. Please don't hesitate to contact me at Director@MySunriseMontessori.com or call the office at 508-541-8010 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Karen Roeber
Director of Sunrise Montessori School