

# June 2018 Newsletter

## Dear Parents,

It is always hard to believe that the end of the school year is here. With the crazy weather this winter and finally getting a beautiful spring, time just whizzed right by us. Our Community Garden is now growing healthy vegetables, and our summer program is ready to begin.

#### **Barn Yard Babies**

It was so nice to have Barn Yard Babies come to Sunrise Montessori School last week. The children were so gentle holding and petting each animal. We had a pot belly pig, a baby goat (with a diaper) chicks, bunnies, puppies, and kittens. The ladies from Barn Yard Babies explained how to care for the young animals, and they guided our children on how to gently pet and cuddle the animals. The weather was beautiful so the barn yard babies were in enclosures, but out on our playground. "What fun".

## **Father's Day Breakfasts**

Father's Day breakfast was enjoyed by all our special guests. The blueberry pancakes and plain pancakes were also very delicious. This was the first year that we offered iced coffee and a lot of dads seemed pleased with this decision. The children were able to eat their pancake with their dad or grandpa and everyone had a chance to talk to other families from Sunrise. Our main cooks were Mrs. Farida Ghadyali from Classroom B and Mrs. Alka Pai from classroom A. Thank you to both teachers who made such excellent pancakes.

## **End of the School Year Ceremony**

Our last day of school is on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. All children will come to school at their regular time for drop off on that day. There is a small private classroom ceremony that is done before we gather in the courtyard for the End of the School Year Ceremony @ 11:00am. This is followed by the Teddy Bear Picnic on the Playground. The Courtyard is in the center of Moseley Mills and in front of Sanctuary Salon. This is located to the right of the school. Once all the chairs are set up, this location will be hard to miss. The weather looks like it will be great - be sure to wear plenty of sunscreen. Remember to bring a picnic blanket. The school will provide pizza, lemonade and watermelon to enjoy.

## **Community Garden**

We are still in need of volunteers for watering the garden. Before you leave for the summer, please check the garden list and sign up for one week. All the beautiful produce will go to the Franklin food pantry. The Franklin food pantry is always happy to receive fresh produce. King Street Memorial, where are garden is located, is a beautiful playground park, too. If you like to walk, the field is big, and walking around it is encouraged with paved sidewalks. There are also swing sets and basketball hoops in the park. It is a great place to bring a picnic lunch and then walk over to water the school's garden. Our bed # is 23.

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## **Other Upcoming Events & News**

## "Housekeeping"

Please don't forget to clean out your child's cubby on the last day of school. Take home extra clothing, slippers and any other items you may have brought from home during the year. Also, if your child has any medication stored at school, please make sure to ask one of the teachers to retrieve it to give to you. We cannot send home medications in backpacks - these must be handed to a parent or authorized caregiver.



### **End of the Year Blues**

As teachers, we have often found that children who are moving on to kindergarten or first grade tend to have some struggles with the upcoming changes. Every child shows it in a different way. Some will cry more frequently or some will yell at their friends (just for an example). As adults, we sometimes forget how change can affect even young children. A child's sense of time and how far away a future event is can be somewhat confusing to them. We find that hugs are always good and as the fun of summer begins, we know the excitement of going to a new school will be great for them. We wish all our Sunrise children who are moving on much success, and we do hope that they will always come back to visit us.

### Summer

Next week, I will be in and out of the office. My son is getting married on June 23<sup>rd</sup> – so toward the end of the week, I will be focused on the wedding. A very exciting time, indeed!

The summer program begins on June 25<sup>th</sup> and Ms. Andrea and I are looking forward to fun weeks and exciting themes. If you still would like to sign up for the summer program, please just let us know as soon as possible. Final planning is underway, and we have a lot of exciting things that we will be doing.

Diane Edgecomb (a very talented storyteller who has been to Sunrise many times) is coming to tell us stories about the Rainforest. During week 2, Rosalita's Puppets will tell us all about Life in the Sea. Many creative projects will happen, and of course, we will transform our classroom into the themes we are working on each week.

Looking forward to a wonderful summer and wishing everyone a summer full relaxation and joy.

Sincerely,

From Everyone at Sunrise

### 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

June 14th – Last Day of School – End of School Ceremony @11:00am Dismissal around 12:15pm to the Teddy Bear Picnic on the playground. No afternoon extended care.

June 25th until July 27th - Summer Program is in progress.

Mid-August: Summer information packets sent to all enrolled families

September 5 - Visiting Day in the afternoon

September 6 - first day of classes and the Extended Day Program begins