



June 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Each year it seems incredible that the year went by so quickly. The children have grown so much, and they now know each other very well. In fact, sometimes they argue like brothers and sisters during recess time. However, just like brothers and sisters, they love each other and quickly make up and return to play. Hopefully during the summer months they will continue to get together, forming a bond that will last for many years to come.

Ward's Berry Farm

It was such a beautiful day at Ward's Berry Farm in Sharon. The hayride was enjoyable, and the children learned a lot about the different crops growing on the farm. Previously I never saw how asparagus plants grow; it was interesting to learn about the growing process and how the plants developed more each year until the asparagus was ready for picking.

After the hayride every child was able to plant a basil plant. Who doesn't love basil? The herb is so pretty and easy to grow. The farm is a great family trip for anyone. There is a place to buy vegetables, along with many beautiful trees and plants to purchase. Inside you can even buy sandwiches to eat in the picnic areas of the farm. There is also a playground for energetic children; the children can continue their fascination with animals as they watch sheep, chickens and other farm animal. Thank you to our Parent Rep, Nicole Hammerschlag, for organizing such a wonderful event.

Father's Day Breakfast – Calling all dads! Classroom B's breakfast is on Friday, June 7, @ 9:00 and Classroom A's is on Monday, June 10 at 8:30. All dads are welcome to come even if your child does not normally attend school on a Monday or Friday. Please bring your child along with you.

Summer Program

If you are planning to sign up for the summer program, please let Andrea know right away. Invoices for this program have been sent out to those families whose children have enrolled. There are so many fun things planned - such as Summer Cooking with Ms. Sandhya; Around the World with story teller, Diane Edgecomb, who is coming to tell interesting stories from around the world. The Easton Children's Museum will present a special program during physical science week and so much more. The weeks are full of fun things to do and learn; who wouldn't want at least one week at Sunrise this summer. Don't forget the final week of the Summer Program - Montessori Concepts. While it is a great introduction for our youngest students, there are also special things planned for returning students.

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Other Upcoming Events & News

Community Garden

In February, the children in classroom A and B planted seeds for our Community Garden at King Street Memorial Park. Rebecca DeBlois and her son, Ben went to the garden recently to transplant all the plants that the children started from seedlings. Ben is completing his Kindergarten program at Sunrise this year, and as one of the older students, he takes great pride in his tasks and accomplishments. The transplants adjusted to the garden well, and they are growing fast. However, now that the summer months are upon us, the garden will need to be watered at least once a week. The garden bed is made deep so we only need to water once during the week (unless the weather is really hot and dry). Our garden bed is number 23, and fortunately it is located near a tree that provides a little bit of shade. King Street Memorial Park is a beautiful park to visit with tennis courts, a playground, and the community garden. It is a nice place for a family picnic; while you are there for your picnic and playground fun, you can water the garden. All the vegetables grown in the garden are donated to the Franklin Food Pantry. (A few vegetables might go to Ms. Sandhya's Cooking week as well.) The signup sheet for watering the garden is in the entranceway of the school. Thank you.

Last Day of School & End of Year Ceremony

On Thursday, June 13 the school will host our End of the School Year Ceremony in the courtyard at 11:00. We are hoping for sunshine. If it rains – we will need to hold the ceremony and the picnic inside the school. If this does happen; it can be a little hectic and loud with so many people in one place.

Please plan to arrive a little bit before 11:00 – as we all know, children love seeing their parents as they walk into the courtyard at 11:00. Our older children will be handing out a program of our ceremony as you enter. Don't forget to take lots of pictures to share with family and friends!

A Special Thank you

Thank you, Nicole, for all that you did as Parent Rep for Sunrise this year. I know that we acknowledged you at Mother's Day Tea, but we all want you to know how much we appreciated you as our Parent Representative this year. You organized Sunrise's participation in the school's Box Top Program; in the fall, you gathered Halloween costumes and activities for Ronald McDonald; and you ran the raffle table at the spring fair. In addition, you planned Sunrise's Parent Association Meetings, Teacher's Appreciation Week and you organized our end of the year field trip to Ward's Berry Farm. **You did a terrific job, and we thank you!**

"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.



Transitions

As you know, Andrea Rossick will transition from Co-Lead Montessori Teacher to Head of School, effective July 1, 2019. I am confident that Andrea will continue to guide Sunrise according to the philosophy and dreams on which this school was founded.

During the past month Andrea and I have worked together to develop a smooth and seamless transition. I am leaving Sunrise knowing that my "pride and joy" will be in good hands.

Last Sunrise Newsletter for Mrs. Roeber

I don't know how emotional I will be next week. As the last day of school approaches, I find myself reflecting on my years at Sunrise. I am still in awe to think that throughout the years many things "just fell into place" for Sunrise.

For example, almost 14 years ago, on July 4, 2005, the founders of Sunrise Montessori School heard the news that the location we had planned for our school was not available. Suddenly, I found myself sending out my resume to schools to find a job for that September. Even while I was doing that, I still had trouble giving up the dream to open Sunrise Montessori School. Just by chance, I noticed a rent sign on a building in town, and I called the realtor to see if they would rent to Sunrise. She told me that the building I asked about was for offices only, but she would get back to me. I thought, "oh well – it was a good try".

Fortunately, we were able to locate the school in the building on Upper Union Street in Franklin. By August 2005 the Massachusetts Department of Early Education & Care granted Sunrise a temporary license, and we planned to initially enroll 3 students. By September 2005, we officially opened our doors with 6 students, and the school continued to grow. Fewer than 4 years later, we outgrew our original space and began our search again. It was during the summer months of 2009 that we looked for a new location. We found it on Hayward Street, but worried whether we would be able to get all the renovations, moving, paperwork, etc... done before the start of school. We even notified families that we might need to start school a week late, but somehow all the inspections got done in time, and we started school as planned. Sunrise has always been able to ride the waves of uncertainty, and it has become the beautiful school that it is today.

This beautiful school has been guided by many dedicated board members, teachers and families throughout the years, by people who support the vision of the school through good times and a few hard times. As I leave the school, I know that the school will continue on this path because within the office, classrooms and behind the scenes there are very hard working and dedicated board members, teachers and families who will carry on the legacy of the school. Thank you to everyone.

Karen M. Roeber





NEW! We're participating in the Big Y Giving Tag Program! Purchase a \$2.50 reusable Community Bag at any Big Y store and follow the directions on the attached Giving Tag to direct a \$1

donation to Sunrise Montessori School, Inc.

This program is designed to make it easy for shoppers to give back to their local community while supporting the environment.

Each time a shopper purchases the Community Bag with the Giving Tag, they will have the power to direct a \$1 donation to a local non-profit of their choice within 7 days of their purchase.

Sunrise participates in the Amazon Smile program. Go to www.smile.amazon.com and sign in as you normally do on your desktop or mobile phone browser. Help us earn a percentage of qualifying purchases.



Don't forget to recycle your used ink and toner cartridges with us. See the drop off box in the school's entranceway.

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.

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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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 7th & 10th - Father's Day Breakfasts

June 13th - Last Day of School & Teddy Bear Picnic

June 24th - Summer Program Week 1 begins

Enjoy the July 4th holiday with your family!

July 8th - Summer Program Week 2 begins

July 15th - Summer Program Week 3 begins