



February 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that it is now February. The children are still having an awesome time playing on the playground with the snow from Mother Nature. Thank you for sending them to school with their snow pants, gloves, hats and boots. It is a challenge to get them all ready for outside play, but it is so worth it to hear the laughter and fun they are having each day.



Sunrise Parent Association Meeting

Our second Sunrise Parent Association Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13th at 6:00pm. This meeting is for parents only. We will order pizza from Ciao Bella Italian Kitchen, which is Courtney Nappa's Pizza place. We will also serve soda, water and salad. Please join us and share your ideas. Some of the topics we will discuss include our Annual Fair in May, Sunrise's Community Garden, Mother's Day Tea, Father's Day Pancake Breakfast, the End of the School Year Celebration and more. Please bring your appetite, creative thoughts and ideas. This is also a great time to get to know other parents at Sunrise that you perhaps haven't had a chance to meet.

Enrollment for 2018 -2019

At this time, we have already filled half of our enrollment spots for next year. If you do plan to enroll, please send your forms in as soon as you can. We are hosting another Open House this weekend, and our goal is to retain as many returning students as possible each year. It is always a joy to watch the children grow over several years.

Summer Program brochures are going out this week. The program is also featured on our website.

Ms. Andrea and I will lead the summer program. It will be so much fun. This year we will explore the rainforest, discover dinosaurs, look closely at the ocean environment, and zoom with little and big trucks. All I can say is that we just love the summer program, and we know that your children will too. The summer program is open to all children between the ages of 3 and 6. Children do not need to be enrolled in our academic year program to attend the summer program so please help spread the word. Many children sign up for a week or two with a neighborhood friend. Please let the office know if you need extra brochures.

Donation Box for Gently Used Stuffed Animals

From February 12 through March 7 there will be a box in the entranceway for gently used Stuffed Animals.

My granddaughter Brooke, (age 6), who is a girl scout for troop 82926, will be collecting these Stuffed Animals for Emergencies (Safe) as part of her troop's Take Action Project. The troop will deliver the stuffed animals to local



organizations that are a part of (Safe). I'm proud of my daughter, granddaughter and this girl scout troop; this is quite an undertaking and they will be so thankful if you can help with donating a stuffed animal or several stuffed animals that will be loved by a child in need.

(please, no battery operated toys; small to medium stuffed animal sizes preferred)

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Other Upcoming Events & News



Looking Ahead

Valentine's Day – Wednesday, February 14th

Valentine's Day is next week. We have already begun to decorate the children's special Valentines boxes. Please remember to just have the children sign the cards and to leave the envelope blank. If your child can sign their name, that would be great, but if they can't, that is okay too. For our young children, just learning how to print, even a line is a gift from them. Parents can model for them in print on how to spell their name. It might be a little time consuming, but a learning process. Thank you for your help.

Mrs. Sandhya Jain

Mrs. Sandhya Jain is completing her Montessori Internship in classroom A this year. Over the years, Sunrise Montessori School has had many interns, however, we would like to point out that Sandhya is so creative. She puts a lot of time and effort into all the creative projects that she has made for the classroom. If you have a chance, when you come to our Sunrise Parent Association Meeting or when you come into school, please check out the water table to see Sandhya's latest and finest creation. The children are all enjoying the many works that she has created for the classroom. From all of us – Thank you, Mrs. Sandhya Jain.

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, February 10 – Open House - 11:00am – 1:00pm

Tuesday, February 13 – Sunrise Montessori School's Parent Association Meeting @ 6:00pm

Wednesday, February 14 – Valentine's Day – children will exchange Valentine cards

February 12 – March 7 – Stuffed Animals for Emergencies Donation Drive

February (19 – 23) – February Winter Vacation - no classes, no extended day program

February 26 – March 3 – Montessori Week

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

Friday, March 16 - Teacher Professional Day Vacation - no classes, no extended day program

Tuesday, March 20 – 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.