



## December 2017 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

### **Something to be Proud About**

The other day, I received a letter from the Franklin Food Pantry thanking Sunrise for delivering 335.5 lbs of food in November. The children and several parents walked from 31 Hayward Street to 43 West Central Street with 6 wagons full of food. This was not an easy task with tiny little feet, but they did it. They may have little feet, but they have a huge spirit of giving. Thank you to everyone who participated.

### **It is Conference Time**

The teachers always look forward to conferences. It is a time to sit down and talk about how unique and special the children are at Sunrise. It is also a time of sharing and supporting each other on the growth and development of each child. As I walk through the classrooms, I can see and hear how nicely all the children are growing. They are all working on classroom activities, and they move about the classroom with ease. Gone are the sounds of crashing trays or running feet or loud voices or crying; instead, as you look at all the children, they are busy and deeply concentrating on their work. It is always a joy to watch this transformation because I know that the children now feel comfortable and safe in their school environment. Their thoughts are now on the task of concentrating on their work. As adults, we know that they are learning and growing from their experiences with each activity that they work on each day. This, of course, is a special thank you to the teachers who work so hard to develop an environment that the children love to work in.

### **How to prepare for your child's conference**

Progress Reports went out this week, and I hope that everyone has had a chance to look at their child's progress. As parents, you might have a lot of questions for the teachers. If you can, please write your questions down and bring those to your child's conference. Also, bring your child's Progress Report. That way you will have a copy of what the teacher is going over. At the end of the conference, you do need to return the Progress Report back to your child's teacher as the Department of Early Education & Care requires this.

### **Usborne Book Fair**

During the conferences on Friday, December 8th, Alicia Bailey will be at school for the Usborne's Book Fair orders. Alicia plans to take orders from 8:00am until 3:00pm – so please place your order with her so your order will arrive in time for the holidays. Take your time to look at what you might want for your children; Usborne Books have some beautiful children's books, and these will stay in your child's memory for years to come. Thank you for your support with this very special fundraiser.

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## Other Upcoming Events & News

### Pot Luck Dinner

The Pot Luck will be held on Tuesday, December 19th. It is the very last day of school before Winter Break. A sign up list be available for what you would like to bring that night to share. The portion of what you bring should cover the amount that is your family size, for example enough food to feed 4, etc.... We also will need some volunteers for clean up at the very end. If one parent can stay for clean up, that would be appreciated. It will be a magical night with the children singing, and as always, being their adorable selves with their smiles and good wishes.

### Pizza Lunch Bunch

The new pizza schedule will be distributed next week for session 2 which begins in the New Year. If you can, please sign up before the holiday break. Thank you.

### Restaurant Nights

Thank you to Nancy Hayden who organized our Restaurant Night at Uno's on November 30<sup>th</sup>. I heard that many families participated in this fundraiser either by using take out, lunch menu or dinner time. Thank you again for all your support. On Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> – Nancy arranged for our second restaurant night at Panera. It will take place all day so you can support Sunrise with a Panera flyer for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Who doesn't love Panera? And this time, I hope to see you there. Thank you, Nancy.

### 2018 Sunrise Calendars

Nancy Hayden has placed the first order for Sunrise calendars - these should be in by the holidays. In addition, Nancy is willing to place a second order for families who forgot to place the order the first time around. When the first order comes in, a calendar will be in the entrance way to view. Once you see it, then, you will want to be included in the second order. The school picture is beautiful. Everyone had such a huge smile. Mr. Vicario, whose studio is next door to the school, worked his magic on the whole school picture that was taken on the playground. Thank you to all the families who supported this fundraiser.

### New Sunrise Students and Families

We have quite a few new students and families coming in the New Year. Starting on January 2nd, we will welcome Beckett Shah and Olivia LaButti in classroom A. In Classroom B we welcome Mason Boday, Levi Callion and Isabella Liu. A new class list will go out in the New year. Welcome to all our new families and students.

## Looking Ahead

### 2018 – 2019 School Year

The priority enrollment period for current students, their siblings and alumni families will be held beginning January 8<sup>th</sup> through February 9<sup>th</sup> and application forms for the 2018 – 2019 school year will be distributed to families in early January. 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Admissions Open House

Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Please tell your friends, neighbors and co-workers about our upcoming open house. Open House events are open to the general public and no RSVP is necessary. (We will also hold an additional open house on February 10<sup>th</sup>)

Parents and their children are welcome to explore the classrooms, meet the teachers, watch a Montessori lesson and learn more about our programs. Application forms for the upcoming year will be available. If you know someone who is interested in enrollment, please refer them and remind them to list your name on their admissions questionnaire.

## 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](http://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](http://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.

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**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.

## Weather delays and closures

So far we have been lucky with the weather in December. 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).

For clarification on snow days and delays, you are welcome to call the school @ 508 541 8010



## 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](http://www.MySunriseMontessori.com)

**Friday, December 8** – full Conference Day – (no school/ no Extended Day)

**Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** – ½ day of school – dismissal at noon for all children.

Completion of Conferences during the afternoon. No afternoon Extended Day

**Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>** – Pot Luck Supper – 6:00 pm -8:00 pm

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> through Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>** - Winter Break. No school/no Extended Day

**Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Classes and Extended Day program resume

**Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>** - Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. No school/no Extended Day

**Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** - Admission Open House. All are welcome.

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

### 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.

Thank you for reading our newsletter!

Best wishes for happy and healthy holiday celebrations!

*Karen & the teachers*



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