



## Summer 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that the opening of school is just around the corner. Welcome to all our new families and welcome back to all our returning families. We are looking forward to seeing you on **Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** 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 children and parents will meet in their classrooms from 1:00 until 1:30 to meet classmates and teachers. Around 1:20, the teachers will conduct a short circle time .

At 1:30, all Sunrise Families will gather for an ice cream social. Weather permitting; the ice cream social will be outside in the playground. We hope you can attend as this is an important transition for both new and returning students.

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

### Parent Representative

Our new Parent Representative for this year is Nicole Hammerschlag. Nicole is the mother to Ethan in classroom A, and Ethan will begin his third year at Sunrise Montessori School. Nicole lives in Pawtucket, RI with her husband, Keith. Last year Nicole ran our Raffle Table for our Annual Fair. We are very happy and thankful to have Nicole as our Parent Representative, and we know that she will be an excellent resource for all our families at Sunrise.

Throughout the year, there will be at least three Sunrise Parent Association (SPA) meetings to discuss possible fundraisers, events, and ideas to benefit the school. Feel free to contact Nicole at:

[Parentrep@MySunriseMontessori.com](mailto:Parentrep@MySunriseMontessori.com)

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## Other Upcoming Events & News

### Summer Packets

Remember to return your child's paperwork prior to the first day of school. The deadline is Friday, 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. Due to a very hot summer, it wasn't our best growing year. Nevertheless, we still managed to grow two beautiful zucchinis, a lot of tomatoes, and kale. This week I made the first visit to the Food Pantry with zucchinis and tomatoes. They were ever so grateful. At this time, we still have a lot of green tomatoes and the kale, but soon they will be ready to take to the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry always appreciates the food that we bring to them. Thank you, everyone.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Karen Roeber, Director of Sunrise Montessori School

### 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)

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