



## May 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

The end of the year is fast approaching – less than a week remaining this school year!

### **Father's Day Visit Tuesday, June 4th at 8:30 am**

On Tuesday, June 4th we celebrate "Donuts with Daddy" for both Classroom A and Classroom B. This event will begin at 8:30 am on the playground. Fathers, if you are not able to attend, you may wish to have a special visitor come in your place (grandfather, uncle, stepfather, or a special guest). Please plan to arrive on time, park in the parking lot, and walk with your child directly to the playground – all the classroom teachers will be waiting (with a Box of Joe and Donuts)! The event should last about 45 minutes. If it rains, the event will be held inside.



### **End of the Year Ceremony at the Courtyard in the Moseley Complex on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Details for the day of the outdoor ceremony are as follows:**

**Please drop your child off at the regular time for school (between 8:30 am and 8:45 am).** Reminder that this final day at school is a **half day** for all students. There is no afternoon Extended Day.

**When do parents arrive?** Arrive back at the school no later than 10 am and be sure to park in the parking lot (not along the circle). Additional parking is available in the top lot.

**Where is the ceremony?** Go directly to the courtyard area (this is located in the center of the Moseley Complex - just look up for the flagpole). There is a grass area in the center where families will sit. Do not come into the school.

**Who should attend?** - 2 adults please and siblings, of course. Due to space, we don't have enough room for extended family (if indoors). Thank you for your cooperation in advance.

**What should you bring?** - a folding chair to sit on or a blanket if you prefer. Please note that the school is not renting chairs for this event. The students will sit in their classroom groups (using classroom chairs) throughout the ceremony.

**Classroom A** will be on the left and **Classroom B** will be on the right for the entire ceremony. It is a sunny area; be prepared, please. Sunblock or a hat on your child is essential.

**When does the ceremony start?** Teachers and students will arrive in the courtyard at approximately 10:15 am to begin the ceremony. The ceremony will last about 45 minutes. A program of the ceremony will be available when you arrive at the courtyard for what to expect throughout the event.

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## Other Upcoming News & Events

There will be ample opportunity for that **perfect photo** as your child walks to his/her teachers to receive their certificate (they stand on a podium). Additionally, Mr. Vicario will be present, taking each child's photo as they stand on the podium and receive their certificate.

**Directly after the ceremony**, you may wish to bring your chairs/blankets back to your vehicle and then proceed to the school.

The students will head to the playground with their Classroom Teachers as a group. **Parents, before meeting your child on the playground, please go to your child's classroom and collect any of your child's items** (even if your child is returning for the summer program and/or the fall). Bring along a sturdy bag to hold cubby items (slippers, blankets, clothing, child's work, and any medications and sunscreens).

**Dismissal is at 11:30 am.** This is the time to say farewell (as hard as it may be). Please remember to take care when walking through the parking lot with your child and be aware of any moving vehicles.

**In the event of rain**, the ceremonies will be held inside the classrooms. The day before, a final decision will be made if the weather is questionable.

**If you have any questions about the ceremony, please let me know - thank you.**

### May 6th-10th was Teacher Appreciation Week

Thank you, Sunrise Parents, for making the Sunrise Team feel appreciated and valued! The lunch, treats, gift cards, and flowers were beautiful!



### Mother's Visiting Day Update

It was a beautifully planned Mother's Day Tea event. Thank you to all the mothers and special guests who attended their child's classroom.



Thank you to the Sunrise Team members for making the Sunrise Mother's Day Tea event special for our students and their guests.



## Spring Fair Event Update

The Spring Fair had a nice turnout! It was well attended, and the rain held off. In total 35 families stopped by. It was great seeing so many of our current families in attendance as well as future enrolled and alum families. Thank you to Sue Roecker, our school's co-founder & program licensee, and our two parent representatives, Marissa May and Susannah Barry, for helping to develop our raffle basket themes and for soliciting donations. Also, a huge thank you to Wyatt Correia's mother, Rebecca, for helping to get donations for the baskets. Rebecca collected six outside contributions from local businesses and organizations. These donations helped make our baskets unique and special and we are truly grateful for the generosity and support of our program. Please see the [donor/sponsor link on our website](#).

However, this event could not have been possible without the monetary donations and the raffle basket item donations given by many of our Sunrise current and former families, staff members, and board members – a huge THANK YOU to all the donors. The fair generated just over \$1,300! All proceeds will go directly towards classroom supplies and professional development opportunities for the Sunrise teachers.

To the Sunrise Team.....thank you to Ms. Anselmo and Ms. Karen for their face-painting table. The children loved this! Thank you to Ms. Samantha and Ms. Emily for supervising the bounce house. Thank you to Ms. Amanda and Ms. Jessica for their playground supervision. Thank you to Ms. Judy for serving pizza and cookies. Also, thank you to my husband Chris, for his ongoing support and help from start to finish at the event!

Please visit [Spring Fair Photos 2024](#) as Ms. Laura captured pictures of many families throughout the event – and thank you to Ms. Laura for doing this. We hope you enjoyed the fair!

### Summer Program Reminder

Our summer program option is still available (we have a few spaces left). Forms are available in the office or [download one from the school's website](#). Your child may attend one week or several, half day or full day. We are excited to have 17 students enrolled so far. Children attending the summer sessions are current Classroom A and B students and several new students who are enrolled at Sunrise this fall!

June 17 - June 21

Dinosaurs

June 24- June 28

Around the World

July 8 - 12

Zoo Explorers

July 15 - 19

Maria Montessori

## Board of Directors – open spaces available for 2024-2025

Sunrise Montessori School, Inc. is governed by a Board of Directors whose experiences and various backgrounds provide a solid and knowledgeable foundation for the management and daily operation of the school. Our board is represented by founding members of Sunrise Montessori School and by parents whose child(ren) are either currently enrolled or whose child(ren) previously attended the school. With the exception of our Head of School, all board member positions are volunteer. If you are interested in helping to guide the school as a board member, parent representative or serve on a committee, please reach out to Andrea. The school welcomes your talents, interests and support.



## 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 “**Parent Corner**”. This page can be found on the menu tab of our website. 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

**June 4:** “Donuts with Daddy” for both classrooms

**June 6:** Last day of classes; early release (11:30am) after the End of Year Ceremony

**June 17:** Week 1 of the Summer Session begins

**June 24:** Week 2 of the Summer Session begins

*No summer session the week of July 1*

**July 8:** Week 3 of the Summer Session begins

**July 15:** Week 4 of the Summer Session begins



## Passive Fundraisers are just one of the many ways you can support Sunrise Montessori School!

### Box Tops for Education

For over 20 years, Box Tops for Education has given families an easy way to earn cash for their school, with products they already buy. You have seen and clipped those rectangular box tops. Now you can simply scan your store receipt with the Box Tops mobile app to identify participating products and instantly add cash to the school's earnings online. Go to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) to learn more.



### Recycle your printer ink cartridges

Do you have used printer ink cartridges hanging around at home? Don't throw those out – Sunrise has a collection box for printer cartridges. Each month we turn them in at Staples for credit towards office supplies.



### Restaurant Dine-In Events

Throughout the year our fundraising coordinators will set up local restaurant dine-in events. Enjoy a great meal and the company of family and friends all while supporting local businesses and Sunrise Montessori School.



### Grocery Shopping / Giving Bags

Purchase a \$2.50 reusable community bag at any Big Y, Shaw's or Stop & Shop store, follow the directions on the attached Giving Tag and direct a \$1 donation to Sunrise Montessori School (must be completed within 7 days of purchase).



### Mabels Labels

This on-going fundraiser provides great ideas for labeling your child's items. Check out: <http://campaigns.mabelslabels.com/> and click on the school's name.

### For Small Hands

Montessori items and activities for your child. Use the school code #573412 and Sunrise will receive a credit towards future material purchases through Montessori Services. For online orders, please visit [forsmallhands.com](http://forsmallhands.com) or the eCatalog: [forsmallhands.com/flip](http://forsmallhands.com/flip). You may also order via phone at (888) 513-3998.

### Scholastic Books

Each month parents will receive flyers from Scholastic Books which offer titles for children of all ages. Points from your purchases accumulate for the school which are then redeemed for new books and materials for the classrooms.

### The Giving Tree

Check out the listed items on the tree, just inside the school's front door.

### Amazon Wish List for Sunrise

Did you know? Sunrise has a Wish List on Amazon. Be sure to check out the following link: [Sunrise-Amazon-Wishlist](#). New items are added each month.

# Thank you for supporting Sunrise Montessori School!



## Classroom A Newsletter May 2024

Dear Classroom A families,



It was wonderful getting to see all the guests who came to visit the classroom for the Mother's Day event! Thank you so much for joining us and sharing such a special day celebrating all moms!

The children did an amazing job learning the songs and we loved sharing a special treat with all the guests! We hope everyone had a beautiful Mother's Day!

This month in **Science**, we have been learning about the life cycle of a seed! We read books about seeds, roots, and stems. We learned that plants are living things that need sunlight, water, and soil to grow! The children have also been learning about sunflowers and how the seeds are transported to begin the life cycle all over again. The children heard how seeds can be carried by the wind and birds or buried by animals like chipmunks! The children have been on the lookout for the signs of Spring and have made some amazing discoveries at the playground like worms and ladybugs! The children loved singing along to "Ladybug, Ladybug", by Frank Leto, which we often sing during our morning circle time.



In the **Geography** area, we wrapped up the continent study of South America and heard about some important landmarks of South America. We finished reading *South America* by Allan Fowler and learned about landmarks like the Andes Mountains, Amazon River, Salt Flat, Perito Moreno Glacier, and Angel Falls. The children used the 3-part matching work to discover facts about these natural wonders of South America!



During **Kindergarten afternoon**, Luca finished his continent map and also began working on the writing and illustrations for the end of the year ceremony! He is working hard to write what he likes most about being a student at Sunrise Montessori School and his Kindergarten year. He will illustrate his story writing paper which will then be laminated and presented at the end of the year ceremony!



We loved seeing everyone at the Spring Fair! Congratulations to the Lekatsas Family for winning the painting “A Beautiful Sunrise” that our classroom worked so hard on. Thank you to all the families who were able to attend and for all of the generous contributions. Please be on the lookout for invitations to the end of the year ceremony and other events that will be sent home with your child. We look forward to welcoming fathers/special guests on Tuesday, June 4th for Donuts with Daddy!



*“A Beautiful Sunrise”*

We would also like to say Happy Birthday to Theo and Mason who both celebrated birthdays this month!

Thank you!

Sincerely your teachers,

Ms. Laura, Ms. Samantha, and Ms. Karen



## Classroom B Newsletter May 2024

Hello Classroom B Parents,

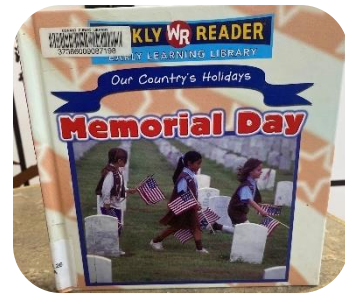
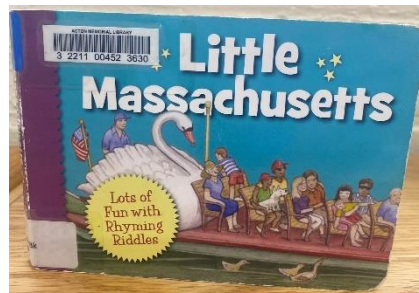
Happy May! It has been such an exciting and busy month. Our annual Mother's Day Tea Party was a huge success. The children did an amazing job as they honored their mothers by singing songs, serving delicious treats, tea and spending the morning together.



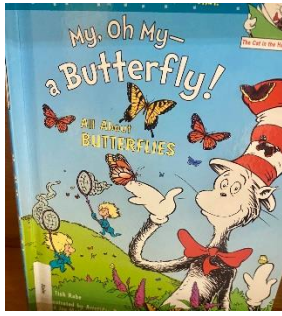
The Sunrise Spring Fair was also very successful; everyone enjoyed themselves and the weather held out. Thank you to all the parents for coming. It was so nice to see you and to meet new students who will join Sunrise in September. It was great to see that the children as well as adults had a blast.



In **Cultural Studies** the children are learning about the American flag, the pledge of allegiance, and many facts about the state of Massachusetts. Our class also learned about Memorial Day. We had a group discussion and talked about what this special day means - a day to honor family and friends who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country to keep it safe and free. The children also heard about the history of the American Flag, the stars and stripes and their meaning. They learned that Betsy Ross made the very first flag and that George Washington, our first President of the USA, asked her to do this.





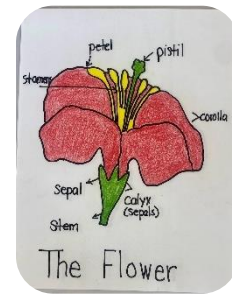


In **Zoology** we studied the parts of a bee. The children were introduced to these great new words: insect, head, thorax, abdomen, eyes, antennae, forelegs, middle legs, hind legs, forewings, and hind wings. However, there is one amazing life cycle like no other that is very special - that is the life cycle of the butterfly. The butterfly is a majestic insect. It is almost magical talking to the children about the process of metamorphosis that the insect goes through as it changes from a caterpillar into an amazing butterfly.

Our classroom discovered that butterflies and moths undergo a complete metamorphosis, which means there are four separate stages in the life cycle (egg, larva, pupa, and adult). This was a great lesson that the children enjoyed.

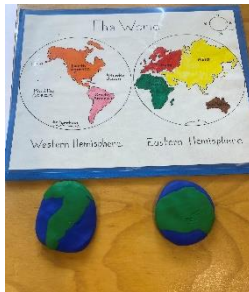


In **Botany** the children are learning about the parts of a flower. This lesson teaches the child the different parts of the flower from the stem to the sepal, pistil, stamens, and stigma. The children also enjoyed taking apart a fresh flower and then labeling each part.



### Kindergarten Area

In the Kindergarten area we worked on the Western and Eastern hemispheres. This was an extensive lesson that took a while to complete. Luca felt quite a sense of accomplishment upon completing this lesson. He did an amazing job! The picture on the right shows Luca working on the multiplication bead board. He loves to work with these materials and has nailed some of his **Math** facts by doing so.



The picture on the next page exemplifies what the children have learned throughout this year in our wonderful Montessori environment. **Grace and Courtesy** lessons are taught to our children to help them learn how to interact with others in a polite, respectful, and considerate manner. This is a huge fundamental aspect of the Montessori curriculum, and it is an essential part of Montessori philosophy, which emphasizes the importance of respect, empathy, and kindness.

This student, without hesitation or guidance, went over to the sand box as he noticed another younger child was having trouble placing her sneaker back on. The care and compassion shown was priceless. As a teacher I can't tell you how proud and happy I was to see this beautiful moment. My heart was full of pride and happiness for this beautiful act of kindness.



As we come to the last few days of school, we wanted to say thank you for choosing Sunrise Montessori School for your children. It is a beautiful environment to learn, grow and love. We appreciate all of your support!

### **June, July and August Birthdays**

Happy birthday to our friends Suhanth, Sebastian and Miss Emily  
We wish you an exciting year ahead full of special wishes!



“The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of Independence.”  
Maria Montessori

Love, learn & grow!  
Ms. Anselmo, Ms. Emily and Ms. Jessica