



## March 2019 Newsletter

### New England's Weather

It is hard to believe that March could bring so much snow; you would think it was the middle of winter. Nevertheless, we thought that the children would miss out on a real winter, but "surprise", March changed all that. However we were ready because most of the children came with winter gear, and it was a lot of fun to play in the playground covered with snow. Thank you for providing your children with their winter gear; we will try to get outside as much as we can. When the weather temperature is around 40 degrees, and the playground is full of beautiful white snow, it is such a memorable joy to watch the children play.

### Spreading the Word

Hopefully, your children told you that it was Montessori Education Week last week. The children learned a lot about Maria Montessori and how she developed Montessori Education. In addition, the children learned how important it is to be a "Peace Maker". Both classrooms delivered roses to our neighbors in the Moseley Mills Complex. When each child gave a rose, a Peace Poem was presented, too. Some of the children even recited the poem, and everyone was delighted to hear how well they knew it. Our cute Sunrise children brought smiles to many adult faces. The neighbors said that our children made their day.



In addition to giving out roses, Sunrise exhibited a "Montessori Overview" in the Bellingham Library display case. We displayed pictures of Maria Montessori's Time Line, pictures of her working with children and two important books: *The Peaceful Classroom* and *The Peace Rose*. Our display was at the library from February 11<sup>th</sup> until February 28<sup>th</sup>, and when I went to take the display down, the two librarians stated how much they liked our display.

### Fundraisers

Thank you again to Vera and Kevin Holmes for organizing the Uno's Fundraiser in January. We received \$69.00 from this fundraiser. Thank you to all the families that supported Sunrise. Our next Restaurant Fundraiser, organized by Vera and Kevin, will be on April 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 9:00 pm at Ninety Nine Restaurant in Franklin. Please save the date and tell your friends, co-workers and neighbors.

In addition to our Restaurant fundraisers, in November we held a catalog fundraiser through Small Hands. We received a credit in February to order from the Montessori Services catalog in the amount of \$129.79. Thank you to Rebecca De Blois, who organized this fundraiser, and thank you to all the families who placed an order.

With the combination of our Small Hands credit and the generous donation from Reyansh Chaudhari's family who took all the items off the Giving Tree – totaling \$251.35 – Sunrise has ordered several new items for both classrooms from the Montessori Services Catalog. The order should arrive any day now, and the children will have many new items for their classroom. Thank you to everyone.

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## Other Upcoming Events & News

### Maple Sugaring

Last year on a Saturday in March many Sunrise Families traveled to Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary in Sharon to learn about Maple Sugaring. This year on March 11 from 9:30 until 10:30am, a guide will come to the school to present information about Maple Sugaring at Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary. In the classrooms, we will also present books and activities on how Maple Sugaring is done. We will learn firsthand if this has been a good maple sugaring year. Has it been cold enough at night and warm enough during the day? And so much more.....

### Sunrise Parent Association Meeting

Our second SPA Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12 @ 6:00pm. Please come. We are planning to serve a delicious salad, pizza, and encourage a lot of community-building conversations. This is your chance to tell us what is on your mind, plan for events and to socialize among friends. You can finally meet the parents of your children's friends and maybe even continue with play dates outside of school.

### Please slow down

It is okay to be a little late – so if you come down the hill of the parking lot, please take it slow. We want everyone to be safe. Thank you.

### Extended Day – Early Care

We have Extended Day from 7:30am until 8:30am or 9:00am – depending on your child's classroom. Please let us know, at least a day ahead, if you are planning to drop your child off early. Thank you.

### Conference Times

It is hard to believe that it is almost spring conference time. A form will be sent home soon to ask for your three preference times for your child's conference. Please return your form quickly so you have a better chance to get the time slot that you are asking for. The teachers will do the very best to meet your request. **The conferences are scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup> (all day) and April 8<sup>th</sup> (afternoon only).**

### Annual Fair

Our Annual Fair will be here before we know it.

(Hard to believe with so much snow on the ground now)

I have already reserved the train for the children's train ride.

We will also have games for the children and a Bouncy House.

Inside the school we will hold a silent auction, raffle table,

baked goods table, pizza/water for sale and a plant table. Sarah, Yu Lu, Swetha and Soumya are already working on collecting donations for the silent auction. This year the fair is on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am – 1:00pm.

Please save the date and please let friends and families know to come. Thank you.



### Snow Storms and our school calendar

Due to so many half snow days and a full snow day, the school year has been extended. Please make a note of the changes on your calendar.

We had scheduled a professional teacher day (no school) for **Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**, but this has now been changed to an early release day. Dismissal will be at noon for all children that day. There is no afternoon extended care as the teachers will then have their professional development time in the afternoon.

The last day of school has now been moved to **Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**. This is also an early release day, and we also hold our End of Year Ceremony and Teddy Bear picnic on this day. More details to follow as the date gets closer. Let's hope that we will have no more weather delays or days off.

### Thank you

We have had several parents come in to school to share their culture or background. Everyone has done such a beautiful job with their presentations. We thank you so much for taking the time to be in the classroom and for sharing diverse cultural knowledge with all the children of Sunrise. Teachers and Staff are so appreciative for so many wonderful families.

### Looking Ahead

#### Summer Program

Weeks of summer fun are coming soon, and several children have already signed up. Please remember that the deadline to reserve a spot is Friday, April 26th. Participants do not need to be enrolled in our school year program to attend so let your friends, co-workers and neighbors who have young children know about the summer program. Forms are available from the office. They may also be downloaded from the school's website.

Until next time,  
Please stay warm. I promise, spring is coming,

Sincerely,

Karen M. Roeber  
Director of Sunrise Montessori School

### 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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### Annual Fund Drive

Our Annual Donation Fund continues to grow; more than \$1000.00 has been donated. We have been fortunate that current families, board members, teachers, alumni and matching employer donors have given towards this fund. No matter how big or small your donation is – it is truly appreciated, and it helps to maintain the quality of education and supports Sunrise. Our Annual Fund Drive will continue through the end of the current fiscal year - until June 30<sup>th</sup>.



### On-going fundraisers

#### Box Tops 4 Education

Box Tops are fun to collect with your child and to place on the Box Top Paper that Nicole Hammerschlag provided for us. Every box top is worth 10c. Thank you for supporting this program. Our goal is to reach \$250.00 by the end of the school year. I think that we can do it.

Sunrise participates in the Amazon Smile program. 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.



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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.

### **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.

### **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)**

March 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunrise Parent Association Meeting @ 6:00 (Pizza will be served)

March 15<sup>th</sup> – Scholastic Book Orders due.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Early Dismissal - @ noon – no afternoon extended care due to Teacher Professional Day

April 5<sup>th</sup> - Conferences all day; No school; no extended care

April 8<sup>th</sup> - Classes in morning; conferences in afternoon; no afternoon extended care

April 10<sup>th</sup> – Restaurant Night at Ninety Nine in Franklin from 4:00 – 9:00

April 16<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> - April Break – No school

