

Family Newsletter

May/Early June 2018

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear BB-MCH Parents,
The school year has gone by so quickly; it's hard to believe this is our last newsletter for the 2017-18 academic year! As the year winds down, our activity level goes up! Be sure to read the newsletter and calendar carefully and note on your home calendar all the events for this busy end of our school year.

Thank you to our families for all you have done and continue to do to make our school the warm, dynamic, supportive community it is. None of us could create this alone; it takes that intangible "electricity" of parents, teachers, assistants, grandparents and other family members, and of course the children to create something so special. I am grateful to be part of this school and to know all of you!

With appreciation,



Marsha Hirschhorn, Principal

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"How often is the soul of man – especially that of the child – deprived because one does not put him in contact with nature."

Maria Montessori



MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S HOUSE

Educating the Whole Child



MCH 9th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FAMILY FEST

May 5, 2018

On the Grounds of MCH!

The excitement is building as we are just days away from our 9th International Family Fest spring fundraising event! Parents continue to show their support through ticket orders and donations to the IFF Giving Campaign. The wonderful hand-made class projects are on display, ready for bidding! Thank you to all the parents and teachers who have volunteered to make a dish for the International Buffet; this year's menu is truly international and reflects the "delicious" diversity of our school community! We thank our families for being so generous in supporting Blue Bell Montessori Children's House – we are fortunate to have such a special community. And a big thank you to our teachers and assistants for all their help before and during the event. Thanks, thanks, thanks, and we look forward to being with you Saturday, May 5th from 4-7PM!

Thank you to our "Librarians"

Library day is always a favorite for the children. The library is entirely parent run, and it would not be such an integral part of our school without the dedication of our parent library volunteers. Our heartfelt thanks to Emily Singer, our library coordinator, and our team of volunteers who staff the library every Tuesday morning: Sarah Bellezza, Antonette Brigidi, Katie Capecchi, Lara Chang, Jennifer Fiorenza, Kim Fogg, Andrea Jordan, Juliea Jue, Nora Lin, Tara Mastroieni, Katie McMenamin, Lauren Olivetti, and Diana Peng. Thank you for another great year of "Library Tuesdays"!

Thank you to our Teachers and Assistants

We are so very fortunate to have such warm, talented, skilled, dedicated, and professional teachers and assistants at our school. Thank you for all you do to guide our young students. Our thanks to our entire faculty and staff: Andrea Castaneda, Valerie Lush, Brenda Nolan, Pauline Rosa-Martir

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Kindergarten Graduation

Our Kindergarten children's graduation program will take place on Thursday, June 7th (also the last day of school) at 6:00PM. We congratulate all our graduates, Alexandra, Charlotte, Dylan, Elle, Ethan, Roman, Ryan, and Thomas. We are proud of each one, and we look forward to sharing this special evening with the graduates and their families!

School Picnic and Art Show Service Project

Parents, bring lunch for yourself and your child and join us for our end-of-school-year picnic and art exhibit and sale!

Prep A (Miss Val) and Prep B (Miss Andrea) parents are invited to come from 11:30AM-12:30PM on Thursday, May 31st.

Primary A (Miss Chandana), B (Miss Brenda), and C (Miss Pauline) parents are invited to come from 12:00-1:00PM on Friday, June 1st.

We'll provide beverages and dessert! While you are here for the picnic, be sure to visit the children's art gallery and show. As their spring service project, the children will be selling their artwork to raise money for **Heifer International**. **Heifer International** is an organization working to end hunger and poverty around the world by providing livestock and training to struggling communities. Read all about this organization at www.heifer.org !

Teacher conferences –school closed/sign up for supplemental

School will be closed on Friday, May 11th and Friday, May 18th for parent/teacher conferences. Supplemental care is available for those who need it; all children must sign up in advance to attend, even if they are regularly contracted for supplemental care during school days. Children not regularly contracted for supplemental care on Fridays will be accommodated only if space and staffing allow and will be billed at the hourly rate. Your child may attend supplemental care just during your conference time at no additional and must be signed up in advance.

Important Seasonal Clothing Reminders

Spring weather always keeps us guessing. Please prepare your child by sending them to school with sunscreen already applied, and with clothing flexible enough to keep them comfortable throughout the day. Layers are best so children can take them off or put them on so they don't overheat or become chilled! Also, please be sure your child has a set of season- appropriate extra clothes here at school.

Check spare clothing for fit as well as children have a way of sprouting up with the spring!

Playground Shoes

We know the children like to wear sandals in the warm weather, but these can be troublesome during outdoor recess time. We require that children wear enclosed shoes such as sneakers, to protect their feet and toes on the playground. Any sandals should be ones which cover the toes and are strapped to the foot rather than the slip-on variety, which are dangerous when the children are climbing or running.

Memorial Day Holiday

Please note that both school and supplemental care will be closed on Monday, May 28th for the Memorial Day holiday.



Camp Discovery at Montessori Children's House

June 18-August 24, 2018

The word summer triggers a sense of freedom in children, a chance to have fun and discover in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere. Our mission at Camp Discovery is to enrich the physical and social life of each camper in an environment consistent with Montessori principles. We will inspire, challenge and excite campers as they explore new adventures and develop lasting friendships. New this summer: Five exciting two-week sessions! Enrollment is still being accepted.