

July 2019

Hello Families,

I cannot believe we are about to embark on our 9th year of providing Montessori education to the families of the Lewiston and Clarkston valley. As I reflect on the past, and prepare for the new school year ahead, I am so proud of all that we have accomplished together and I am hopeful for all of the places we are going. At CHMS we work every day to provide your children with a place where they are loved and accepted and in turn will love and accept others. We are excited for the new school year and all of the possibilities it holds. Each new school year does bring growth and change. I am so excited for the changes occurring this school year.

Here are some of the big changes:

- Ms. Jennifer, formerly the assistant in Primary and Lower Elementary, is in the final phase of her Montessori age 6-9/Lower Elementary certification and will become our new lead Kindergarten teacher beginning in August. Ms. Jennifer has several years of classroom experience in private and public schools as well as holds her masters degree in biology. She brings with her a passion for Montessori education, CHMS, the outdoors, science, literature and the world around her. We are very excited for this next step for Ms. Jennifer.
- In order to maintain class size balance, the incoming 3rd grade class will join the Upper Elementary class for this upcoming school year (please do not hold us to this for the 20-21 school year; we cannot predict that far in advance). I am excited to welcome our third grade friends to my classroom.
- Our Little Building continues to thrive and grow! We are excited to welcome Ms. Daisey to our teaching team. Daisey is a CHMS parent and is excited to become a part of our team. Daisey has many years of experience in management as well as childcare.
- Ms. Natalie will be an assistant teacher at our big building. She will focus her efforts on Kindergarten and Lower Elementary.
- We welcome Ms. Sydney as our After Care teacher. Sydney is in the Early Childhood program at LCSC and is excited to be a part of CHMS.

Thank you for being a part of CHMS! The community we are building together is a rare gift which our children will carry with them their whole lives. Here's to another fabulous school year of learning, growing and making the world a better place!

Best, Ms. Megan and the entire CHMS team

Invoice for Tuition: CHMS is a private, tuition based school. Our tuition schedule is spread out over ten months, unless you choose a different payment option. Tuition is due on or before August 1st.

- ***Due to the nature of banking and business days, those of you who have chosen to have your payments on automatic payment (ACH) will have the tuition drawn from your account on July 23rd.***

Tours and Practice Day: We will welcome our new Toddler, Pre-Primary and Primary students to a scheduled tour (see enclosed letter and schedule) on Monday, August 19th and a Two Hour Practice session on Tuesday, August 20th. *This is only for our new families and new students in our Primary Community or Primary big building preschool class.*

New this year! Kindergarten and First Grade Practice day: We are inviting our Kindergarten and First Graders to attend a two hour practice day on Tuesday, August 20th from 8:30-10:30 a.m. This will allow our Kindergarteners and new elementary friends to set up their supplies and learn classroom procedures. This will help with any first day jitters!

Elementary Supply Drop Off: The 2nd-6th graders may drop off their school supplies and visit with their teacher's right before the ice cream social on Tuesday, August 20th from 12:30-2:30. Please note that the ice cream social begins at 2:30 and the teachers love to attend, so if you plan on attending both events, make sure and have your supplies dropped off before 2:30!

Ice Cream Social and Welcome Back: All students and families are invited to attend our annual Ice Cream Social and Welcome Back gathering in front of the main school/big building in Pioneer Park on Tuesday, August 20th from 2:30-3:30. This is always a fun time to reconnect, see the teachers and celebrate the start of another school year!

The First Day: The First Day of School is **Wednesday, August 21st**. Please keep in mind that this is always an exciting and emotional day for students. Please prepare to say goodbye to your Primary aged child with confidence, allowing them to come up the stairs on their own! The teachers will assist them with changing their shoes and preparing for their day. Kindergarten and Elementary students not enrolled in Before Care can be dropped off at 8:45 a.m. and do not need to be signed in.

Request for Items: We would greatly appreciate donations of: white & colored copy paper, colored pencils, markers, foaming hand soap, tissues, crackers and dried fruit. These are the items we use most often throughout the school year.

Newsletter and Snack Calendars: Each month you will receive a newsletter and snack calendar. The newsletter will include important events and updates. Each family will be asked to provide snack once a month OR every other month, depending on class size. The snack calendar will list items and amounts to be shared with the class. *CHMS will provide snack during the first week of school. Families will begin bringing snack during the last week of August, or the second week of the school year. Calendars will include the month of September.* **Please be on the lookout for calendars and newsletters to be handed out during the first week of school.**

All of us at CHMS are looking forward to another wonderful year together. The 2019-2020 school year marks our ninth year as a school community and we are so grateful to share it with all of you. Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us!

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