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Wausau Area Montessori Charter School

Head of School Message:

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! Thank you to all of our new and returning families that attended Open House. We have enjoyed connecting with everyone in these first two weeks. This is going to be another wonderful year with several exciting learning experiences for our students.

It is important that families become involved in the education of all children. Here are some ways you can get involved:
joining and/or attending Governance Council meetings
supporting Parent Connect events
registering online to be a Volunteer

We extend a sincere thank you to the warm welcome that has been provided to our new staff members. Many thanks to all who contributed food to our Back to School Potluck. We would also like to extend gratitude to all staff and parents who helped set up and clean up after our festivities.

Breakfast:

It is important to have a balanced-nutritional breakfast every day to help students grow and learn! Any children having breakfast at school must be here at 7:45am.

Newsletter Changes: This will be the only PRINTED newsletter the school will be sending out this year. The rest of the newsletters will be sent via email. If you desire a paper copy to continue coming home, please send a note with your student's name requesting such to the office.

Snack Policy

By now, you should have received your child's classroom snack policy. Please follow the information you have received to ensure the safety of all students.



Volunteer



**WE
NEED
YOU
TO
VOLUNTEER**

Just a reminder, volunteer opportunities will be posted online **throughout the year**. You must sign up online and **not** with the teaching staff.

If you already have a volunteer account, log in at myvolunteerpge.com, select the opportunity you are interested in and sign up. (If it is full/locked, you have the option of being put on a back up list.)

If you haven't created an account yet, visit tiny.cc/WSDONE and click the "For Volunteers" tab on the left.

Complete Step 1 and Step 2 (if the opportunity requires a criminal background check)

Remember, volunteering in the classroom and going on field trips requires a criminal background check. They do take time to process so please PLAN AHEAD.

For questions or to learn more contact Roxane Hagedorn, rhagedor@wausauschools.org (preferred) or 715.261.0584.

Calendar

September 18	Governance Council Meeting, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Longfellow Board Room
September 28	Virtues Assembly, 8:30 am, Special Person Day
October 4	Grades 2-6 to Grand Theater - Dr. Kaboom!, 9:30 - 11:30 am
October 10	Grades K-3 to Helene's Hilltop Orchard, 9:00 - 11:30 am
October 11	Fall Walk, 5:00 - 6:00 pm
October 12	Picture Day
October 16	Grades 4-6 to Cranberry Bog, 7:30 am - 2:30 pm
October 16	Governance Council Meeting, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Longfellow Board Room
October 24	Virtues Assembly, 8:30 am
October 24	Harvest Game Night, 5:30 - 7:00 pm
October 25-26	NO SCHOOL , Staff Inservice Day, First Quarter Ends
November 2	EARLY RELEASE , Students release at 11:15 am
November 8	Parent/Guide Conferences, 4:00 - 7:00 pm
November 14	Parent/Guide Conferences, 4:00 - 7:00 pm
November 20	Governance Council Meeting, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Longfellow Board Room
November 21-23	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

Office News

SCHOOL ARRIVAL

Playground supervision is provided from 7:45 - 8:10 am. Please DO NOT drop off your child prior to 7:45 am, as there is no adult supervision. Students wanting breakfast will be taken inside at 7:45 am for breakfast. All students will remain outside on the playground until 8:10 am, when they will line up to go inside. In the case of inclement weather, students will be allowed to enter the building and go to their classrooms.

ATTENDANCE

Our instructional day begins at 8:15 am. Children arriving at school after this time are considered tardy. Students are required to bring a note from a doctor/dentist/other to be excused for an appointment during the day. Please call the office by 9:00 am if your child will not be attending school. You can also send Ms. Kris an email at kbusch@wausauschools.org.

STUDENT SNACKS

Student snacks must be free of nuts or nut butters, such as peanut butter or Nutella. Students can have these items in their lunch. If you choose to send a food item for your child to celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday, it will need to be store bought with an intact ingredient label. Allergy information on the label should ensure that the treat is free of all nut and nut ingredients. We encourage non-food items for celebrations.

HOT LUNCH

Click on the following link for the [HOT LUNCH MENU](#). We follow the Horace Mann menu. Parents can also sign up to receive menus via email.

HANDBOOK

Important information can be found by clicking on the [PARENT HANDBOOK](#) link. Please take the time to read through the handbook, as it is a great resource and may help to answer questions you have regarding many areas of the school.

Please click on the following link [E-FLYERS](#) for a listing of family friendly activities and events sponsored by the Wausau School District and non-profit community agencies and organizations.

The Montessori Market is in Need of Donations!

The 2018-2019 school year is off to an incredible start. We've already been able to send home several bags of food with students who need them! The Montessori Market is proud to make life easier for families by providing additional nutrition for after school and on weekends. We are so thankful to teachers, families, and local businesses for your support in this program!

To keep this amazing program running, we are always in need of additional donations. If you are interested in making a donation of a non-perishable food item, please contact Jena Treu (jtreu@wausauschools.org), or bring items to the main office in the morning before school.

Right now, we are most in need of: Tuna Helper, canned spaghetti sauce, noodles, canned vegetables, peanut butter, jelly (plastic containers!), rice (small boxes), and instant potatoes.

To receive items from the Montessori Market, students or parents can contact their school counselor or a classroom guide.

If you have questions, concerns, or if there is something you specifically need, we can help!

Counseling Corner

Hello Parents, Guardians, and Friends of Montessori! My name is Jena Treu, and I am the School Counselor at Montessori. This is my second year in this role, and I'm excited to continue to build my relationships within this community!

I work with students in many different ways throughout the school year. One of those roles is to work with children in the classroom through classroom counseling lessons that focus on many different topics such as success in school, coping with emotions, and making and keeping friends. These lessons occur bi-weekly and are 30 minutes each.

I also work with students in small groups. These students get a more individualized meeting to help work through specific topics that may have become a barrier to being the very best students they can be. I will offer groups on a variety of topics, such as social skills, friendship, academic skills, and anger. All groups are formed based on the needs of the students.

Individual counseling is another way that I work with students. It is student-centered and solution-focused, meaning that I work with a student to process through specific stressors to appropriate solutions to increase success. At times, these stressors range from divorce, to death of a loved one, to anger issues, to behavior concerns, and everything in between. Any student can request to meet with me.

Not only can students request to meet with me, but a guide, head of school, or parent can also refer them. Everyday, I collaborate with staff about student needs. If you would like me to meet with your student, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am always here to help!

During the 2018-2019 school year, like last year, I will be splitting my time between three schools. Therefore, my time at Montessori will be on Thursday afternoons and Friday all day until further notice. Whether I am at Montessori or elsewhere in the district, I am always accessible via email (jtreu@wausauschools.org). I look forward to continuing to get to know each of you!

Parent Connect News

Welcome back! We have had our first meeting and decided on a few new things for this school year. With that being said, we are looking at recruiting more members for our Parent Connect family. We have decided our monthly meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm at Thrive Foodery. Please feel free to join us! We are asking families to commit to one event and help with planning and running the event. The ball is rolling on our Harvest night party which will be held Wednesday, October 24, 2018 (evening time TBD) We are adding a raffle to this night in hopes of raising funds for field trips, dances, picnics, teacher start up monies, classroom supplies, etc. If your family, business or place of employment would like to donate an item for the raffle please contact Erin Noll at wamcsparentconnect@gmail.com or 218-779-9804.

We are also planning a school wide garage sale! Please hang on to items you are looking to donate. We have a tentative date of Saturday, October 13, 2018 but are still working on the details. Watch for a flyer going out later this month in regards to this. We hope you all have had a great beginning to our school year and look forward to planning awesome activities for all our children! Please help where your family can....it takes a village!

