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Wausau Area Montessori Charter School

Head of School Message:

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! We are so happy to welcome back our returning families and are excited to meet our new families!

Being part of our Montessori Charter school means that family members have many opportunities to become involved. Here are some ways that you can volunteer your time:

Governance Council Member

Parent Connect

registering online to become a volunteer for in-class projects

We look forward to seeing you at our Back to School Potluck on Thursday, September 12th!

Breakfast:

It is important to have a balanced-nutritional breakfast every day to help students grow and learn. Any children having breakfast will pick up their packet at 8:00am.

Newsletter Changes:

This will be the only PRINTED newsletter the school will send out this year. The following newsletters will be sent via email. It is your responsibility to read through this information to stay informed of our school events.

School Arrival:

Playground supervision is provided from 7:45am-8:00am. DO NOT drop off your child prior to this time, as there is no adult supervision.

No children or family members should be inside of the playground area without a Montessori staff member present.

Attendance:

Our instructional day begins at 8:05 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 and 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.

School Safety

Safety and security are high priorities at WAMCS and for Horace Mann Middle School. Please help our drop-off/pick-up area run smoothly and quickly. For the benefit of every student and staff member on our shared campus, please adhere to the policies and procedures that are in place to keep everyone safe.

Important Reminders

Drive slowly through the drop-off/pick-up zone and follow the staff members' directives.

Follow the yellow traffic pattern shown on the map below. Refrain from using the lanes through the parked cars to advance more quickly in the line.

Drive up as far as possible before dropping off your child. Be prepared for a quick drop-off. Please have all conversations finished before dropping off and have items ready. If more time is needed for drop-off/pick-up please park in the parking lot and carefully proceed to the sidewalk.

All students should be exiting the vehicle onto the sidewalk, to avoid moving traffic.

If you would like to walk your child to the playground you will need to park your car.

There should be NO UNATTENDED VEHICLES or VEHICLES LEFT IDLING WITH OTHER ADULTS WAITING in the drop-off/pick-up lane.

*****If you want to walk your child to his/her classroom at 8:00am, you must use the front entrance of the school to sign in. Once you have a visitor's badge, you may walk your child to the classroom.*****

Drop-Off

Morning recess begins promptly at 7:45am. If you arrive before this time, be mindful of not blocking any of the Horace Mann buses.

If at any time you are respectfully asked to move your car from the drop off line by a Horace Mann staff member, the expectation is that you will graciously comply.

Students are not permitted to be released from family vehicles until a Montessori staff member (in an orange vest) has arrived on the playground. It is imperative that students are monitored during the morning drop-off time.

Please refrain from entering the playground area prior to a Montessori staff member arriving on the playground.

We will line up at 8:00am and will begin entering the building. There will be a staff member waiting at the Montessori entrance until 8:05am. If you arrive exactly at this time or after, you will be redirected to enter the building through the front doors of Horace Mann to receive a tardy slip.

Pick-Up

If you arrive early to pick up your child, we ask that you do not park in between or block the Horace Mann buses. This becomes a safety issue for the middle school students and impedes the departure of buses operating on time limits. Please wait patiently until the buses have exited the parking lot (usually around 3:05pm) before pulling forward to wait for your child.

If you would like to walk to the sidewalk to pick up your child, you will need to park your car in the Montessori parking area.

Please do not go into the student area to find your child. All parents should refrain from going past the cones. Notify one of our staff members and s/he will get your child.

Once you pick up your child, move off of the sidewalk area so that we can proceed with moving other children to their vehicles or parents.

No students will be permitted to walk across the parking lot to meet their parents.



Playground

You are welcome to pick up your child and use the playground, however, we kindly ask that you and your child remain in this area during the 3:15pm-3:30pm pick up time.

If you would like to socialize with other families - which we encourage - please move your conversations to the playground area to avoid congesting the sidewalk dismissal area.

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 myvolunteepage.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 6	MMUN Informational Meeting (5th & 6th Grade), 5:00 - 6:00 pm
September 10	Parent Connect Meeting, 6:00 pm at Thrive
September 17	Governance Council Meeting, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Longfellow Board Room
September 25	E2 (Grades 4-6) to Heritage Hill State Park, Green Bay

Art News

Looking for Newspaper

The art room is looking for newspaper. We use newspaper on our tables when painting or doing ceramics. It really helps to cut down on our clean up time. If you have extra newspaper and are looking for a way to recycle it, please consider donating it to the art room.

Thanks for your help~
Ms. Lucareli