

Sierra Montessori Academy Weekly News

August 24—28, 2009

As we finish our first full week of school, I just want to thank you for your patience. A few of our programs and procedures have been a little chaotic, but it looks like everything is coming together. Coming on board just 10 days ago, my learning curve is really extreme and each new day brings a new adventure, but as we move into next week, I have to say everything seems to be moving forward smoothly. I am truly thankful for the cooperation of our community of parents in helping me learn all about my new school. My weekly news will be sent home on Fridays along with other "office" messages/flyers of interest, so do check those backpacks! As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to give me a call or email me –Mrs. Beilby

Back to School Night/ Spaghetti Dinner

Wednesday, August 26st beginning at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 will be our first family night dinner which will be incorporated into our back to school event! The menu will be spaghetti, bread and salad bar. There will be soda and water available to purchase also. **Family tickets will be on sale that night for \$15.00 for the whole family to eat or \$5.00 ticket.** Proceeds will be used to purchase play toys/equipment for the playground. We will be serving on a first come basis and unfortunately might run out, so I apologize in advance if this should happen. After eating or before eating you will have the opportunity to attend one or both of the sessions being held in the classrooms. **First session will begin in your child's classroom at 6:00 p.m. to 6:25 p.m. with a second one beginning at 6:30 p.m. and ending at 6:55 p.m.** Classroom presentations will be done twice to accommodate parents with more than one child at our school. This will be a good time to stop by your child's classroom to learn about at what will be happening throughout the school year. Each teacher will have a summary of classroom experiences and class schedule as well as year long expectations. This is not a good time to conference with the teachers, but a signup sheet will be in each room for you to let them know you would like to talk. The classrooms will be open beginning at 6:00 p.m. Our event will conclude at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in helping to serve food, please contact Mrs. Beilby at 268-9990 x202 or email at dbeilby@sierramontessori.org

Parent Club Meeting

Our first Parent Meeting will be Wednesday, August 26th at 7:15 p.m. (**same night as our back to school**) in the front quad area (where the tables and umbrellas area). All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. Our first meeting will be to discuss possible goals for possible fundraising and activities.

Dress Code

Wearing appropriate clothes to school is important and enforced daily. Please check the Family Handbook (will be sent home on Monday!) if you are unclear as to what is appropriate to wear to school.

End of Day Pick Up

I have decided it doesn't matter what school you attend, there are always student pickup issues! I want to thank you for your patience and am sure we will need to continue to fine tune this issue as time goes by, but please remember during release time to be aware of the students walking in the parking lot. Also, there are two lanes for you to wait in, so please to not "hang out" at the top entrance to where it might cause traffic issues on Wolf Road. Students will be lined up outside at 2:00 (Kinder) and 3:30 waiting for you with their teachers. Please do not get out of your car if you are in the pick-up lane, this causes much distress for others that are trying to leave. If you would like to park your car and meet your child in the quad area, please park in a designated parking area down below.

Before/After-School Kids Club Program

Our before and after-school "Kids Club" program is going well thanks to Amy Howell. It is the goal to keep this service available to the families, but we have to be conscious of budget constraints and at this time the program will not run with less than 5 students. Currently we have one student in the morning needing care starting at 8 a.m., so to keep costs down for time being morning care will be available beginning at 8 a.m. Should you need care earlier than 8 a.m. please contact Amy at 268-9990 x204 or email at ahowell@sierramontessori.org. Kids Club is open from 8:00 a.m. and closes at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 per hour **pre-paid** and \$7.50 drop in, **not pre-paid**. Might be a good idea to prepay a few hours just in case! Give Amy a call if you need more information.

District Website

Our website is located at www.sierramontessori.org We are in the process of reconstructing some of our links and hope to have easier access and information up and running soon! Keep checking back.

Have a great week! 😊