



January 2018 Newsletter



Mark your calendars:

JANUARY 19

Montessori Mornings:
A Parent Series
Meeting & Breakfast

FEBRUARY 9

Valentine's Day Tea
Classes end at 4:00pm

FEBRUARY 16

Annual Hope Professional Conference
School Closed

A Note from the Director

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to all the new families and children that have joined our community this week. The children have had a great few days back, despite the chilly outdoor temperature.

Please read through the newsletter for some important changes and events coming up.

If we need to close or delay opening this month because of weather, we will do so via our automated system, Honeywell. It doesn't happen very often, but we will try to give as much notice as possible.

Wishing you and your family a warm and healthy new year,

Hannah



Some Administrative "House-Keeping"

Although we are a relatively small school of 70+ families, our records can quickly become out of date, or unorganized. Please let us know if your address, important phone numbers, emergency contacts, or authorized pick-up people change.

We have transitioned to a new accounting software this month. Your tuition receipts look a bit different, but should have all the information you need for tax and reimbursement purposes. If you notice any incorrect information on your new receipts please let me know, so I can correct it in our system. The preschool is using the same software to better link our schools.

In February, along with the preschool, we will launch an electronic sign-in and out system that correlates with our existing record-keeping software. This will require an initial registration from you, and anyone who regularly does pick-up/drop-offs. Please keep an eye out for a separate email later in the month for details.

Lastly, I ask that you bring your child's most up-to-date vaccine record for our files too. With little ones getting vaccines frequently, we require the most current data. Thank you for your help!



Magic House Field Trip.....RESCHEDULED

Due to a scheduling conflict our Annual Magic House Field Trip will be rescheduled for Friday, March 9th from 9:30-11:00a. The parent luncheon will begin upon return to school. More information about this field trip will be in the February newsletter, but please mark your calendar of this change and plan to attend with your child.

Montessori Mornings: A Parent Series.....Friday, January 19th, 7:30a
"Big Picture Parenting" with Hannah Musselwhite

Since we are moving our Magic House Field Trip to March, we will host a parent meeting and breakfast on this morning. Hannah will talk about strategies and practical help for your family that will have long lasting benefits for the future. A later portion of the morning will be dedicated to a Q&A session. As always, a delicious breakfast will be prepared for you.

Federal Tax Identification Number:

It's tax season. You may need this number while completing your return:

Federal Tax #: 23-7240338. Your 2017 tuition receipts have been printed and are at the front desk. Just ask for your copy if you need it.



Valentine's Day Tea.....February 9, 4PM

Our children are very young and don't really understand Valentine cards, so for years we have substituted a Valentine's Day Tea. This year will be no different.

Come celebrate this event with the one you love most—your child. We will have wonderful decorations, freshly baked croissants with raspberry jam, homemade chocolate treats, raspberries with fresh whipped cream, tea and sorbet punch.

Classes end at 4:00PM

Parents: Arrive a bit early to join the celebration. This is a great party.

Hope & Andrews Annual Professional Conference

February 16th School Closed

On February 16th, the entire staff from all of our schools will be attending a professional conference at the Chesterfield Doubletree Conference Center. Approximately 300 of our St. Louis staff will be in attendance. Per our calendar, we will not have school on that Friday. We will resume classes on Monday.

Open House for Perspective Families

We are hosting an open house at the end of the month to showcase our Montessori Infant Environments. This event is specifically for families of infants, under 12 months of age. If you have any friends, neighbors, or coworker who might be interested, please spread the word, or pass on a flyer.

Thank you!

