

SEPTEMBER

# Du Page Montessori School

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year! We look forward to seeing our new students and our returning students.

### Morning Arrival

There is a drop off area in front of the school gate. We will have a staff member at the walk to greet and supervise your child into the school from 8:20 to 8:40 a.m. If you would prefer to walk your child in to school, please park only in the marked parking spaces. **Please do not leave your car unattended in the drive.** Class begins at 8:30. Please ring the bell if you arrive after 8:40 and a staff member will let you in. Please do not enter the classroom with your child after 8:40 as it disrupts the class. Early arrivals (before 8 a.m.) please always ring the bell.

### Dismissal

The staff will expect you at your appointed pick-up time and will prepare your child to get ready to go home. Late fees apply for pick up after your scheduled time. **It is important that parents with children who are picked up at 11:30 & 12:30 be on time as the teachers/assistants must attend to lunch and nap time.**

### Lunch Program

Plum Catering is our school lunch provider. There will be two choices for lunch daily. (Vegetarian meals are available). Lunch forms are available in the office, and online. **Lunch must be ordered in advance.**

### Parent Task Force

Volunteers for the 2010-2011 school year are needed to fill positions in the Parent Task Force. We are trying to schedule our first meeting in September. Please look for information about our first meeting and also at Curriculum Night, Thursday September 23rd.

### Picture Day

We will be taking school pictures on Wednesday, September 15th. Pictures will start at 9:00 a.m. It is not necessary for your child to wear their school T-shirt. Please send your child to school in clothes you would like to have in the picture.

### Tuition Payments

Tuition is due by the first of the month. Late payments are subject to late fees as described in the Tuition Fees Policy in the parent handbook.

### Parent Curriculum Nights

An overview of the Montessori Curriculum will be presented by the teachers from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday September 23rd. We will provide childcare. Please let the office know if you will be using the childcare for this evening.

### Kline Creek Farm Field Trips - Sept. 17

Our classes will go to Kline Creek Farm to experience life on a farm. The bus will leave school at 9:00 a.m. and return to school by 11:00 a.m.

**Please remember that the field trip fee is due September 1st. You may pay for your field trips up front or in two installments, due Sept. 1 and Jan. 3. The field trip fee is \$100.**

### Mr. Z's Wrapping Paper and Candy Sale Fundraiser

The annual wrapping paper sale is our most successful fundraising project of the year. This is an opportunity to stock up on wrapping paper and candies/cakes for the holidays, birthdays and other occasions. The order forms will be sent home to all families by September 15, 2009.

### School Spirit Day

School Spirit Day is on September 17th. On School Spirit Day the staff and children wear their school T-shirts. Shirts order forms are posted at the front door and classroom doors. The children will learn the school song, "Welcome to the School for Heroes", which was written by Ellen O'Keefe, a parent. T-shirts should also be worn on field trip outings.

### After School Classes

Mon. Art Class - 2:30 - 3:15  
Wed. Piano Class - 2:30 - 3:00  
Thur. Morning Yoga Class - 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.