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Welcome!

After a very peculiar and sui generis summer, we are back into the ordinary activities of the new school year. It goes without saying that now we're operating under the COVID-19 circumstances around us. It's like walking on eggshells. Nonetheless, we feel blessed and fortunate to be able to open the doors of our school one more time. And of course, we're doing more than 100 % to follow the protocols as stated on the document "Operating Plan Under COVID-19." Presently, we are offering: 1) On-campus learning; 2) Hybrid learning (morning session on-campus; afternoon session virtual), and 3) Virtual learning. It is with great affection that we welcome returning and new families to the new school year 2020-2021 through any of these three modes of learning. We hope and pray that this semester will see the last vestiges of the corona virus and that we return to more normal and peaceful times.

ORIENTATION SEMINARS

This year we had to adjust the Orientation Seminars to a virtual mode. You may find them by logging into our webpage (www.nworldmontessori.org). If you haven't done so, please go through the Orientation Seminars video and the power point presentation pertaining to your child's environment, specially if you are new to the school. You will need a password to access the O. S. presentations. Mr. Oscar Gonzalez will

provide you with the password (if you need access) upon request.

FUNDRAISERS

Due to the present pandemic, we did not deem it prudent to have our traditional fundraiser for the first semester. Not that it wouldn't be needed. If anything, this, would be just the appropriate time to have, not one, but even 10 fundraisers! Currently we are not operating at full capacity, but instead we've seen our student enrollment dropped down to only two thirds from last year's. This is not only due to the several families that did not return to school due to the fear this pandemic has instilled in people, but also because the protocols require a reduced amount of students per classroom. From the administrative perspective, we clearly see the need to make up for that third fraction we are missing in our student body, and are actively seeking to bring the necessary funds to cover such big deficit. If things change in the second semester, we'll be conducting the other major fundraiser then.

P.E. Instruction

Physical Education Classes, directed by Mrs. Margarita Amaya, will begin on Tues., September 1st.



Please take a look at the starting days below:

Lower Elementary – Sept. 1st

Upper Elementary – Sept. 2nd

Children's House "D" – Oct. 1st

Children's House "E" – Oct. 2nd

Young Children's Comm. – Oct. 5th

With the exception of the Young Children's Community ("C"), all the other levels must wear the complete P.E. uniform on these days and every P.E. day thereafter. Please make sure this truly happens. Thank you for your committed cooperation.

Enrichment Activities

At this point, we are still pondering if and when these extracurricular activities will take place. Please keep an eye on further announcement regarding these most cherished activities.

Health Questionnaires

Please be aware that Health Questionnaires need to be turned in to the school on a daily basis. This protocol appeared for the first time in the New World Montessori School Operating Plan Under COVID-19. All you have to do: 1) Download the form from our website; 2) Fill it out; and 3) Turn it in when you drop off your child. Very simple!

ARRIVALS

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage all families to do their best to be punctual to school, even if we do not keep a tally on tardies due to the long lines formed due to the protocols we're presently following. Neither do parents who have children enrolled in the Infant Community – Class "C" will be required to complete the sign in/out sheet. All these lawful requirements are temporarily suspended until further notice.

Thank You For Your Patience

We appreciate your patience at arrival and dismissal times.



The staff members in charge of receiving and dismissing your children are doing everything they can to expedite both processes as much as possible. Please continue to bear with us; we

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will truly appreciate it! And yes.... please proceed the parking lot with caution.

Labor Day Holiday



To commemorate Labor Day, the school will be closed Monday, September 7th. Classes resume Tuesday, September 8th.

Sept. 16 - Mexican Independence Celebration



In order to honor the cultural heritage of the El Paso-Juarez region, we will celebrate this Mexican holiday on Friday, Sept. 18th. As every year, and specially this year with all the intricacies created by the COVID-19 pandemic, this will be an in-house activity with the students being allowed to wear a Mexican traditional outfit. If there are students who do not have that type of outfit, no problem. They may come in their regular uniform.

SCHOOL PORTRAITS



The school portraits will be taken Sept. 28 and 29. On Monday, Sept. 28th, Children's House and Elementary will wear their gala uniform to get their individual and group photos taken. On Tuesday, Sep. 29th, Infant Community children and staff members will have their photos taken. We suggest Sunday best outfit for the Infant Community children. **Order Forms are available at the front desk.**

Staff Development Day

Our first Staff Development Day will take place on Friday, Sept. 25th. We will have full day schedule, but **NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE**. This will allow the Staff to begin and be done with our monthly meeting promptly. We appreciate your cooperation on this matter by picking up your children just as promptly.



Tuition and Fees- A friendly reminder to all N.W.M.S. families, that our tuition fees are not monthly fees but rather yearly fees divided by 10 installments. The first installment is (was) due on August 1st, the second on September 1st, and so on, until May 1st. Also, please don't forget that we allow payments to be done from the 1st of the month until the 10th. Payments made after this date will incur a \$35.00 late fee automatically ascribed to your account. Thank you for your prompt attention to this point.



The Month in a capsule

- Sept. 7 Labor Day Holiday** - School Closed
- Sept. 18** Mexican Independence Celebration
- Sept. 25** Staff Development Day – Regular School Schedule. **NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE**
- Sept. 28 & 29** School Portraits

Next Month's Preview

October

- 12 Columbus Day Holiday** – School Closed
- 23** United Nations Celebration (in house activity)
- 29 & 30** Parent/Teacher Conferences