

MVM

NEWSLETTER

Hello MVM Families,

Happy August! We hope you have had a chance to do something special with your family this summer whether it be enjoying the beauty of Missoula or traveling afar. We look forward to hearing all about it! The halls of MVM have been filled with the sounds of children playing all summer. Camp was a big success thanks to Alyssa and the many different faces who supported her: Kelli, Sunny, Derek, Lillian, Maggie, and Jamie Moe! We are grateful to each of them for their hard work and dedication to providing a fun filled summer for all campers.

Now it is time to look ahead to the school year. Can you believe it? We hope you can join us for the **Welcome Picnic on August 24th from 5:00-7:00**. The picnic is a potluck event. MVM will provide drinks and dessert, but if you could help us out with the meal we would be grateful. If your last name begins with **A-M would you please bring a side dish?** If your last name begins with **N-Z would you please bring a main dish?** Thank you in advance.

The **first day** of school is **August 26th** if your child's schedule includes Wednesdays. Otherwise your child's first day is the 27th. If you have not done so before the first day, please bring your child's immunizations record, contract, and emergency contact form. We have included the supply list in this newsletter in case you misplaced it. You can bring supplies to the picnic or on your child's first day. Thanks so much.



NEW AND FAMILIAR FACES...

There are just a few new faces on the MVM staff this year. Many of you got to know Sunny Busby last year from her time as After Care Coordinator. We are thrilled that Sunny has chosen to get her Montessori training and will be an intern in the blue room. Alyssa is now a certified Montessori teacher and will be the lead teacher in the taupe room. That room has been expanded to hold 16 children. We are delighted to introduce Alyssa's assistant, Annie Wei. Annie is the mother of Luoyi who will be a student in the blue room. In the Early Learners' room you will find Maggie and Lindsay again. Catherine and Jessica are returning as the green room team and Kim and Kelli will be together with Sunny in the blue room. Derek Heckman will also be helping out again this year during recess and after care. We are also excited that Jamie Moe, Kenzie's mom, will be assisting us in a variety of ways this year.

Extra! Extra!

We are pleased to announce that we will continue to offer a focus on art, music, science and foreign language once a week to the primary children.

Catherine and Kim will offer art and music, Alyssa will teach science, and Lindssy will teach Spanish.

The children really loved this special time last year.

In addition Animal Wonders will return with their amazing program. Beginning in October they will visit MVM ten times and share their unique animals with your children. In the spring our extracurricular program is still to be determined, but it is bound to be something special.

FIRST DAY JITTERS...



The first day of school is filled with excitement and anxiety for children and adults! Some children will waltz into their classroom, give their parents a hug and dive right into an activity. Others will cling to their parents with all their might and with a tear stained face beg to go home. Sometimes the child who is up at the crack of dawn, giddy with excitement about school will walk through the doors and freeze. We have seen it all. Please know that whatever behavior your child shows it is normal and we are prepared to help them handle their emotions. We suggest you spend a few minutes in the classroom with your child helping them get settled. Then give your child a hug and a big smile and then go to the all important "waving window". The long, drawn out farewells are much harder for the children. We know this can be really difficult, but remember that a smiling face will go a long way to putting your child at ease.

SUPPLY LISTS...

SUPPLIES FOR PRIMARY (3-6) STUDENTS

1 Crayola colored pencils - 12
count
4 Crayola watercolor palettes
4 Elmer's glue sticks
1 packet "fat" pencils
1 packet "skinny" pencils
1 pink or white eraser
1 box tissues
1 package paper napkins
1 complete labeled change of
clothes for your child
1 *vertical* 4x6 photo of your child
for his/her coat hook
A nap blanket and pillow for those
who will be napping

SUPPLIES FOR EARLY LEARNER STUDENTS

Two full changes of clothes,
including socks, to be kept at
school
A nap blanket and pillow
A labeled package or supply of
diapers or pull-ups
2 packages of wipes
A picture that can be used for your
child's hook in the classroom
If your child is full day, a healthy
lunch packed in containers your
child can open
1 *vertical* 4x6 photo of your child
for his/her coat hook