



## Westpark Montessori School of Irvine – August 2018

### “DOWN ON THE FARM” SUMMER 2018

This year our summer theme is Down on the Farm. Get ready for our special summer program, as it takes a closer look at the wonderful world of farming life! The children will be learning about the different types of farm animals, crops, farm equipment and much more.

Join us this *summer for DOWN ON THE FARM. Yee-haw, what fun it will be!*



### ART DISPLAYS AND BROWN PAPER BAGS

Watch for the children’s end of summer art show, “Art Affair” on Thursday, August 23 in the afternoon. On this day, the children will be displaying art projects from the summer program. All projects will be sent home on Friday, August 24. Please send a brown paper bag, labeled with your child’s name on it, by Thursday to hold these precious items!

### KEEPIN’ IT GREEN!

The monthly newsletters and menu are emailed to each enrolled family, please make sure we have your correct email address. They are also posted on our website: [www.irvinemontessori.com](http://www.irvinemontessori.com) A printed copy will be posted in the front office for “quick” reference. Thank you for helping us “Go Green”!

### CONTINUING STUDENTS - FORMS AND INFORMATION UPDATE

As autumn approaches, it is time to update your child’s records and fill out state required forms. Packets will be put in the children’s Friday Folders on August 17.

Each fall, we ask families to complete a new ID Emergency form to ensure that we have current information for your child. Also, the State checks your child’s immunization records to verify that they are properly immunized. Please bring in a copy of any NEW immunizations your child may have received since beginning their enrollment at Montessori Schools of Irvine. As these immunizations are required by the State for enrollment, children showing deficiencies will need to receive the required dosage in order to continue attending school.

### TEACHER IN-SERVICE WEEK

Friday, August 24 is the last day of the regular summer session. The week of August 27-30 (Monday-Thursday) is TEACHER IN-SERVICE WEEK. Montessori classes **will NOT** be in session during this week. Day care for continuing students is available. A good part of our days will be spent outside having the last of the summer fun! Since so much of our time is spent playing outside, please be sure to apply plenty of sunscreen to your child before they come to school, and feel free to have them wear a hat! Lunch and both AM and PM snacks will be served by the school. Montessori Schools of Irvine are **CLOSED** Friday, August 31, 2018.

## **STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY– SCHOOL CLOSED!**

Just a reminder: **Friday, August 31** school will be **CLOSED**. Each year our staff participates in a full staff, in-service continuing education seminar. Closing this day allows us to better prepare your child's teacher for the coming year!



## **LABOR DAY HOLIDAY AND FIRST DAY OF THE FALL TERM**

Montessori Schools of Irvine will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, September 3** in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

**Tuesday, September 4, 2018 is the first day of the fall term.**

## **YUMMMM!! FAMILY SPAGHETTI DINNER NIGHT – Day care ends at 5:30**

Our annual "Family Spaghetti Dinner Night" is one of our most popular events! We welcome both our new and returning families to join us on this evening. Remember – chefs are preparing the spaghetti dinner! **The dinner buffet line opens at 5:30 and closes at 6:15. Please pick your child up before proceeding to the dinner.**

Please sign up to bring a desert, that serves the number in your family, which will be shared on a dessert buffet table. We recommend that you bring a picnic blanket for you and your family to relax with your dinner on that evening.

Spaghetti Dinner will be held at the school on Wednesday, September 26 from 5:30 to 7:00 on the school playground. Please note that day care closes at 5:30.

## **NEW STUDENTS, "MEET YOUR TEACHER"**

Tuesday, August 28 at 8:30 a.m. is "Meet Your Teacher" for all new students. This time is set aside for all **NEW** students (September start date) and their parents to stop by the classrooms to meet their teachers for the first time. Continuing parents who have already met their child's teacher while invited, are not required to attend.

We would like to remind ALL new parents that our entire staff is prepared to assist your child with entering their group of children each morning. Please feel free to go to any staff person in the classroom or on the playground to transfer your child into the school day. Please be sure to let the teacher at hand know that YOU, the parent, are *ready* to relinquish your child for the day. Teachers will not interfere with the separation process if they feel you are not ready to let them help you!

## **Congratulations to the Tuition winner!**

Each year our schools donate for auction, a full year of tuition and a cut to the front of our waiting list for immediate preschool entry in September. This year the winning child is Max Mo (Ms. Alma's class) whose family is not only joining our Montessori Schools of Irvine family but also supporting the Irvine Public Schools with their generous donation! The full price of the tuition is being paid directly to the Irvine Public School Foundation!



## **SCHOOL HOURS REMINDER!**

Montessori Schools of Irvine open at 7:00 AM for our early childhood – primary programs and **7:30 AM for our infant toddler program**. Please be so kind as to allow our staff to open the school before dropping off your children for safety and security reasons. School closes at 6:00 PM. After 6:00 PM, our late fees are \$1 per minute paid to cover the staff time of those who remain after this time with your child.



## **2018-2019 TUITION RATES**

All of us at the Montessori Schools of Irvine thank you for the privilege of sharing the precious moments of your child's early childhood years with us. We take our partnership very seriously.

Our mission is "to provide the highest quality of Montessori early childhood education and care available – anywhere!" We continue to be an NAEYC accredited school and an American Montessori Society Affiliated Program. Compromising on the quality of your experience is not an option for us. This requires an extraordinary, stable staff of highly qualified professionals as well as an environment that is both beautiful and enriched with a multitude of appropriate materials.

Our tuitions are set annually for the school year which begins September 1 and ends August 31. This year our program has been impacted, just as many others have with increased staff health care costs as well as changes in employment law. Additionally, the cost of procuring healthy foods in order to provide nutritional fresh lunches and snacks daily also increased our operating costs.

We have budgeted very carefully and will need to increase rates \$50 per month to cover our increased operating costs.

Thank you again for your continued patronage. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Richard Ruszat, Executive Director of Business Management at the school office (949) 854-6030.

### **Tuition Rates for the 2018-2019 School Term – Effective Sept. 1, 2018**

Infants \$1,795.00/mo. (3 mos. – 1 yr./walking)

Toddlers \$1,745.00/mo. (walking to 3 years)

Full Day Preschool \$1,485.00 /mo.

Kindergarten-Primary \$1,525.00/mo.

All tuitions continue to include extended child care, lunch and afternoon snack

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

August 14	Petty Zoo & Ponies: On-site Field Trip
August 23	Children's art display, "Art Affair"
August 24	Last day of the summer session
August 27-30	Teacher In-service Week - "Outside Daycare Only"
August 28	"Meet the Teacher" for all <b>NEW</b> incoming students
<b>AUGUST 31</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> - Staff Development Day

<b>SEPTEMBER 3</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> - Labor Day Holiday
September 4	First Day of the 2018-2019 School Year!
September 26	Family Spaghetti Dinner Night

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### **AUGUST STAFF BIRTHDAYS:**

August 11	Miss Ruby
August 18	Miss Joyce
August 29	Miss Mayra
August 30	Miss Vannesa



### **AUGUST STAFF ANNIVERSARIES:**

Richard and Cheryl **THANK** our wonderful and loyal staff members!! Your dedication and contributions to the children and families you work with are appreciated more than words can express!

August 1	Miss Dona	27 years
August 1	Miss Ina	13 years
August 21	Mr. Tomas	17 years (Facilities Manager)
August 23	Miss Trinh	10 years
August 28	Miss Genna	8 years



## SCHOOL CALENDAR AND ACTIVITY GUIDE 2018 - 2019

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR THE NEW SCHOOL TERM- SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

### HOLIDAY AND VACATION DATES WHEN THE SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED

VETERANS DAY	NOVEMBER 12
THANKSGIVING	NOVEMBER 22 - 23
WINTER RECESS	DECEMBER 24 - JANUARY 4
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	JANUARY 21
PRESIDENTS' DAY	FEBRUARY 18
CESAR CHAVEZ DAY	MARCH 29 (Friday)
MEMORIAL DAY	MAY 27
SUMMER RECESS	JULY 1 - 5
TEACHER INSERVICE DAY	AUGUST 30 (Friday)
LABOR DAY	SEPTEMBER 2

### WINTER HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSES (2017) (\*CHILD CARE ENDS AT 5:00)

Village – December 10, 2018	University - December 11, 2018
Westpark - December 12, 2018	Northwood - December 13, 2018

### GRADUATION & YEAR END PERFORMANCE (2018) (\*CHILD CARE ENDS AT 5:00)

Village - June 17, 2019	University - June 18, 2019
Westpark - June 19, 2019	Northwood - June 20, 2019

### PRESCHOOL THROUGH THIRD GRADE PARENT CONFERENCES (ALL SCHOOLS)

All Day conferences:	November 14, 2018	May 15, 2019
Early Morning conferences:	November 16, 2018	May 17, 2019

### THE SUMMER MONTHS

Montessori Schools of Irvine provide a year-round program. During July and August, a special learning theme is selected around which additional field trips, visitors, and projects revolve to provide extra summer fun. Brochures and information about special trips and the summer theme are released each June. Please consult the school office for more details.

### TEACHER PREPARATION WEEK (ALL SCHOOLS) August 26 – 29, 2019

High caliber teachers continue to develop their skills by learning new techniques, refreshing seasoned ones and taking the time to plan and organize. Montessori Schools of Irvine provide a teacher preparation/in-service week before sessions to ensure your child a teaching staff of the highest caliber. June 25-29, 2018 and August 27–30, 2018 our childcare staff will provide child care only. Montessori classes will NOT be in session.

**(NOTE: All schools will be CLOSED on Friday, August 30, 2019)**

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL TERM - **SEPTEMBER 3, 2019**



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## ***Chef Cyndi's Kitchen***

### **Quinoa Salad**



#### **Ingredients:**

**For the Quinoa:**

½ c. quinoa  
1 c water or stock

**For the Salad:**

1 c. shelled edamame  
1 c. loose corn  
½ c Diced tomato  
½ c. chopped fresh cilantro

**For the Salad Dressing: (note: bottled dressing can also be used)**

¼ c. fresh Lime juice  
2 t. olive oil  
Salt and pepper to taste

#### **Preparation:**

Prepare Quinoa by simmering in the liquid approximately 15 minutes until water is absorbed then remove from heat and cool

Toss quinoa with salad ingredients

Combine dressing ingredients to make the dressing

Thoroughly mix the dressing and ingredients

Chill before serving