



Montessori Schools of Irvine – August 2019

“OCEANS OF FUN” SUMMER 2019

Our summer theme, Oceans of Fun is off to a great start. The children have already been enjoying our special summer program, as we take a closer look at the wonderful world of the ocean and all the creatures within! The Traveling Tidepools were here in July and some of the children have traveled to the Aquarium of the Pacific. *The Blue Sub will be on-site this month.* The children are enjoying learning about the different types of sea life and much more!



ART DISPLAYS AND BROWN PAPER BAGS

Watch for the children’s end of summer art show, “Art Affair” on Thursday, August 22 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 23. 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 A printed copy will be posted in the front office and at each classroom 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. Forms will be put in the children’s Friday Folders on August 16. 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 23 is the last day of the regular summer session. The week of August 26-29 (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 PM snacks will be served by the school. Montessori Schools of Irvine are **CLOSED Friday, August 30, 2019.**

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY– SCHOOL CLOSED!

Just a reminder: **Friday, August 30** school will be **CLOSED**. Each year our staff participates in a full staff inservice professional development seminar. Closing this day allows your child’s teacher to be better prepared for the coming year!



LABOR DAY HOLIDAY AND FIRST DAY OF THE FALL TERM

Montessori Schools of Irvine will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, September 2** in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. **Tuesday, September 3, 2019** is the first day of the fall term.

YUMMMM!! FAMILY SPAGHETTI DINNER NIGHT

Day care ends at 5:00- late fees apply on this day!

Please note: All children must be picked up BY 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 23.

Our annual "Family Spaghetti Dinner Night" is one of our most popular events! We welcome **ALL our school's parents and children** to join us, **Monday, September 23** from 5:00 to 6:30 on the toddler and kindergarten playground. Come and meet the other families in your child's classroom as you enjoy a great, stress free, family spaghetti dinner. It is suggested that you bring a picnic blanket for you and your family to sit on and relax with your dinner on that evening.

Parents are asked to bring only desert to share with others. Please sign up to bring a dessert in a disposable container (enough for a family of 4-6). You can bring it with you that night and give it to the front desk. We will put it on the desert table for you to enjoy after dinner.

Our chefs are preparing the spaghetti dinner and our staff will be your servers! The dinner **buffet line opens at 5:00 and closes at 6:00.**

Please pick up your child before proceeding to the dinner.

Again, please remember: due to the large number of attendees for this event, our program closes day care at 5:00 to insure the safety of the children. Please sign your child out, and pick them up upon your arrival. The playground will be open to all at 4:45. **The late fee of \$1 per minute late applies beginning at 5:00** for all children remaining past 5:00 on this night.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW, SEPTEMBER START, STUDENTS!

AN INVITATION TO "MEET YOUR TEACHER"

Thursday, August 29 at 8:30 a.m. is "Meet Your Teacher" for all new students. This time is set aside for the new students who will be starting school on September 3. Children and their parents are invited to stop by the classrooms to meet their teachers for the first time. Continuing parents who have already met their child's teacher 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 guaranteed placement from our waiting list for immediate preschool entry in September. This year the winning child is Christopher Hsuan who will be attending our Northwood Montessori School. We wish to thank Christopher's parents who are 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 for all programs. 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.

2019-2020 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 our rates less than 5% to cover our increased operating costs.

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

Tuition Rates for the 2019-2020 School Term – Effective Sept. 1, 2019

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

Infants \$1,875./mo. (3 mos. – 1 yr./walking)

Toddlers \$1,825./mo. (walking to 3 years)

Full Day Preschool \$1,545. /mo.

Kindergarten - \$1,575./mo.

Primary \$1595./mo.

Chef Cyndi's Kitchen

Quinoa Salad

Ingredients:

For the Quinoa: ½ c. quinoa, 1 cup 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 2 Aquarium of the Pacific - Field Trip
August 16 The Blue Submarine: On-site Field Trip
August 22 Children's art display, "Art Affair"
August 23 Last day of the summer session
August 26-29 Teacher In-service Week - "Outside Daycare Only"
August 29 "Meet the Teacher" for all **NEW** incoming students
AUGUST 30 SCHOOL CLOSED - Staff Development Day

SEPTEMBER 2 SCHOOL CLOSED - Labor Day Holiday
September 3 First Day of the 2019-2020 School Year!
September 23 Family Spaghetti Dinner Night

AUGUST STAFF BIRTHDAYS:

August 7 Miss Rita
August 12 Miss Denean
August 21 Miss Emily
August 26 Miss Elizabeth
August 26 Miss Victoria



AUGUST STAFF ANNIVERSARIES:

Richard and Cheryll **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 10 Miss Nancy 15 years!
August 18 Miss Karla 5 years
August 21 Mr. Tomas 18 years! (Facilities Manager)

Please see following page for our School Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year.



2019 – 2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR AND ACTIVITY GUIDE

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

HOLIDAY AND VACATION DATES WHEN THE SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED

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| VETERANS DAY | NOVEMBER 11 (Monday) |
| THANKSGIVING | NOVEMBER 28 - 29 |
| WINTER RECESS | DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 3 |
| MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY | JANUARY 20 |
| PRESIDENTS' DAY | FEBRUARY 17 |
| CESAR CHAVEZ DAY | MARCH 27 (Friday) |
| MEMORIAL DAY | MAY 25 |
| SUMMER RECESS | JUNE 29 – JULY 3 |
| TEACHER INSERVICE DAY | SEPTEMBER 4 (Friday) |
| LABOR DAY | SEPTEMBER 7 |

MODIFIED SCHEDULE DAYS

SPAGHETTI DINNER (2019) *CHILD CARE ENDS AT 5:00

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| Village – September 24, 2019 | University - September 23, 2019 |
| Westpark - September 25, 2019 | Northwood - September 26, 2019 |

HALLOWEEN- ALL SCHOOLS (OCTOBER 31, 2019) *CHILD CARE ENDS AT 5:00

WINTER HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSES (2019) *CHILD CARE ENDS AT 5:00

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| Village – December 9, 2019 | University - December 10, 2019 |
| Westpark - December 11, 2019 | Northwood - December 12, 2019 |

GRADUATION & YEAR END PERFORMANCE (2020) *CHILD CARE ENDS AT 5:00

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| Village - June 15, 2020 | University - June 16, 2020 |
| Westpark - June 17, 2020 | Northwood - June 18, 2020 |

PRESCHOOL THROUGH THIRD GRADE PARENT CONFERENCES (ALL SCHOOLS)

Day care provided. Montessori program may be modified. Schedule varies by classroom.

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| Conference week: | October 21-24, 2019 | May 11-14, 2020 |
| Early Morning conferences: | October 25, 2019 | May 15, 2020 |

THE SUMMER MONTHS

Montessori Schools of Irvine provide a year-round full time 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.

TEACHER PREPARATION WEEK (Child Care Only) June 22-26 and Aug 31-Sept 3, 2020

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 22-26, 2020 and August 31-September 3, 2020 our childcare staff will provide child care only. Montessori classes will NOT be in session. **NOTE: All schools will be CLOSED on Friday, September 4, 2020**

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL TERM - **SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**



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