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MCH Back to School Newsletter

Welcome Back to the 2018-2019 school year at Montessori Children's House of N. Barrington!

We hope that you and your family have enjoyed a wonderful summer! We have had a terrific Summer Camp season and in these next weeks will be working to refresh the classrooms in preparation for the start of the school year - we look forward to welcoming you and your children back to school in the coming week.

Back to School packets were handed out and mailed to families in July. Included is program confirmation information, the 2018-2019 calendar and a variety of forms and flyers. If you have not done so already, please take the time to look carefully at all of this important information as it will serve to inform you on many details, necessary procedures and upcoming events at MCH. Please also read through the entire newsletter for important reminders and upcoming dates.

As a reminder, all school forms are due back to the office no later than the **Thursday, August 9th** in order for your child to begin school as scheduled. If you need additional forms, please contact the office at (847) 550-0917 or at office@mchnb.net.

In your packet you should have found your child(ren)'s individual schedule for the academic year.

The Back to School **Parent Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, August 23rd**. The Toddler Program (ages 18 mo - 35 mo) will meet from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and the Preprimary Program (ages 3 - 6 years) will meet from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Parent Handbooks will be distributed at that time.

Looking forward to a great year!

New Payment Method - Bank Transfer



Bank Transfer

MCHNB is excited to announce an additional payment method for Tuition Installments - Bank Transfers. Beginning with the the Tuition Installment due September 1, 2018 you can utilize bank transfers as a method of payment. Invoices will continue to be emailed on the 15th of the preceding month. A box titled "Bank Transfer" will be an option as a method of payment on your invoice. Checks, Money Orders and Cashier's Checks will still be accepted as payments as well. Please note that all Late Fees will be applied as per our payment policy outlined on the Tuition Payment & Fee Information Sheet included in the Fall packets.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office at (847)550-0917 or via email at Office@mchnb.net.

Parent - Child Classes

Our Parent - Child Class, led by Ms. Loreto will be held on Monday mornings from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Classes begin **September 24th**. All registration forms are due to the office by Tuesday, September 4th.

This class is for children from birth to 2 years of age and is a wonderful opportunity to share the earliest school experience with your child and to get to know other parents with children the same age.

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If you, or someone you know, would like more information about this program, please contact the School Office.

Invite your friends and family with young children to join our community!

Arrival and Dismissal Procedure

Please use this information as a reminder of your child's arrival and dismissal procedure. We ask your cooperation in order to keep the arrival and dismissal process moving smoothly and safely.

Please SLOWLY drive in and out of the campus parking lot using the designated entrance and exit. All traffic must enter the school premises heading south on Clover Hill Lane from West Miller Road. Exiting school traffic must drive north on Clover Hill Lane to West Miller Road. As you wait on Clover Hill Lane to enter MCH campus, be sure to stop your vehicle at least 20 yards from entrance. This will allow thru traffic to pass safely. Do not pull into the driveway until your vehicle can fit FULLY onto our drive.

Stay in the arrival and dismissal lines and drive up to the building entrance. During regular arrival and dismissal times a teacher will take your child from or to the car and walk him/her to the class. If you are late, parents must park in the designated areas or upper parking lot and WALK THEIR CHILD(REN) INTO THE CLASSROOM. Please make sure the teacher has greeted your child before you leave. If you wish to pick up your child earlier than the scheduled times please park in a designated area and come inside and collect your child. All families are asked to have their children to school NO LATER than within 30 minutes of the start of the scheduled class time. If you are late for your dismissal time, please inform the office. Upon arrival kindly park in the designated areas or upper parking lot and walk into the classroom to greet your child.

Thank you for your cooperation in making arrivals and dismissals a safe time for your child and staff of MCH.

Smart Lunches

Smart Lunches Lunch Program

Lunch program will begin on August 22nd for the Toddler Program and no registration is required

For the Preprimary Program the new lunch program will begin on August 22nd and registration is required.

Registration deadline is August 20th for August Preprimary lunches.

Montessori Children's House is pleased to offer the Smart Lunches Lunch Program as an option for the Preprimary Extended Day and All Day Programs.

Lunch is provided for the All Day Toddler students.

Smart Lunches has worked with nutritionists and chefs to create fun, nutritious meals kids will enjoy. Ingredients are healthy and all natural, and sourced from local farms as often as possible.

Lunches include a main, vegetable and fruit side. Daily vegetarian and vegan options are available. Please see www.smartlunches.com for



Important Dates

August 22nd
School Begins

Wed., August 23rd
Back to School
Parent Meeting

Toddler Program
5:00 p.m.-6:00p.m.

Preprimary Program
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Wed., August 29th
MCH Kick-Off Dinner
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

September 1st
Tuition Payment Due
Nine Payment Plan

Mon., September 3rd
Labor Day
Observance
NO SCHOOL

Tues., September 4th
Parent Child Class
Registration Due

Tues., September 12th
Montessori 101 Course
Part 1
6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Wed., September 13th
Montessori 101 Course
Part 2
6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Mon., September 24
Parent Child Classes
Begins

Mon., October 1
Picture Day
9:00 a.m.


Please feel free to [download our updated School Year Calendar](#) or [use it online](#)

Quick Links

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To enroll your child in the lunch program, please register directly with Smart Lunches at <https://www.smartlunches.com/order/signup>

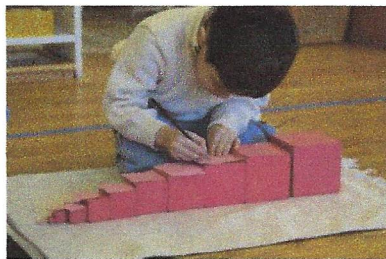
You will need to create an account at www.smartlunches.com Once you create an account you can add profiles for your child. You will create one profile then click lunchers settings and then add luncher. There are currently two ordering options. One option is a la carte (as needed basis). The other option is a subscription meal plan which runs monthly. You will want to choose the ordering option that you think will work best for you.

Registration must be received no later than two business days before the start of any week.

To assure the classroom is prepared to provide the best mealtime experience for your child, no late orders will be accepted.

Payment is made directly to Smart Lunches through the website.

Montessori 101 Course for Parents



Each year Montessori Children's House offers a "Montessori 101" Course for Parents with discussions about Montessori philosophy, child development, teaching techniques and ways to include Montessori in the home. The parents who have completed this course, given by the MCH Staff, have all been pleased and have expressed their gratitude for the help and information given.

Parents are strongly encouraged to attend this course, even if they have attended in the past. This year's course will take place:

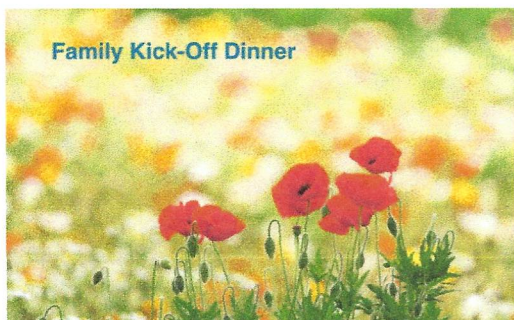
Wednesday, September 12th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 13th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The cost is \$15.00 per couple or individual and includes the cost of the book, [The Child: What Every Caring Parent Needs to Know](#), by Desmond F. Perry. A flyer with more detailed information was included in your packet.

Child care is available for \$10.00 per child per evening.

We look forward to seeing you!

MCH Back To School Kick-Off Dinner



Bring your picnic blankets and join us for our Back to School Kick-Off Celebration Dinner on

Wednesday, August 29th
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

We will be serving a delicious meal to eat together outside on the lawn. This is a great way to meet and socialize with all the school families!

More information to follow.
We look forward to seeing you all!

The Montessori Children's House staff thanks you for sharing your children with us!

Sincerely,



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Montessori Children's House of North Barrington

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