

# Creative Montessori School

## September Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year! We're hoping to see you all at the Ice Cream Social on Thursday evening, but in the meantime here are some announcements about our upcoming year. Let us know if you have any questions!

Susan

### **2016-2017 Staff**

Our staff this year includes Susan Vorhis and Staci Senatore as co-head teachers, with Jessie Field as our Montessori intern teacher. Heeyoung Kim and Erin Smith will be helping in the classroom, as will Beckey Breeze. Be sure to meet our teachers at the Social. We are looking forward to a great year with your children!

### **Enrollment Forms**

Susan will collect your child's completed enrollment forms Thursday night, including the predated checks for this year's tuition. If you have your child's immunization certificate with you, we'll make a copy of it for your child's file. Otherwise we will need a copy by Sept. 30.

### **Bulletin Board Announcements**

Please check the bulletin board (located right inside the foyer) for announcements and sign-up sheets. Each month we post a **Snack Calendar**, and ask parents to sign up to bring one or two items, either fresh foods we taste on circle and offer for snack, or paper products we keep on hand as staples. We appreciate your help with our food curriculum!

### **Parent Involvement**

We like to provide families with opportunities to get together socially, so we plan monthly get-togethers ranging from a Halloween Party to a Road Rally. We also hold several "parents-only" meetings each year. The first of these, an **"Introduction to Creative Montessori,"** is **Monday, Sept. 19**, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting is geared especially for our new families, although everyone is welcome. After brief talk we'll answer any questions you may have about our program and the school year thus far. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board so we'll know how many to expect. Unfortunately child care is not available for the evening parent meetings.

### **Orientation Week**

School begins next Tuesday (Aug. 30) for all new students. The first week of school is designed to introduce newcomers to the school environment and its daily routines. Class will be shorter each day—from 10:00 a.m. to noon—to aid in the child's transition. We will open the "front" patio door (nearest the playground) promptly at 10:00 and ask that you bring your children into the "foyer" of our classroom, and help them change from outside shoes to slippers.

Outside shoes can be stored along the wall under the coat hook labeled with your child's name. After you've helped with slippers please say goodbye and encourage your children to enter the classroom on their own, where a teacher will be ready to greet them and help them begin an activity.

We will dismiss school each day this week at 12:00 noon, and ask that you come to either the playground or patio to pick up your child. If you have any questions about orientation week, please don't hesitate to ask!

### **Supplies Needed for First Day**

Please bring a pair of slippers and a change of clothing for your child on or before the first day of school. The slippers will be kept at school in your child's cubbie. (Ballet or dance slippers are popular choices for girls, and crocs work fine for either boys or girls.) The change of clothing should be in a zip-lock bag, labeled with your child's name. If you have a very young child, please bring several extra bags of clothing. And don't forget to put your child's name on all articles of clothing, even slippers!

This year we are also asking for a one-time **supplies fee of \$50.00 per family**. This will help us very much as we equip the classroom for another great year! You can give your check to Susan on Thursday, or bring it in during the first week of school.

### **Second Week of School**

On Tuesday, Sept. 6, we will welcome back our returning students, and will begin our normal operating hours: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for the morning class, plus Tuesday and Thursday till 2:00 p.m. for our extended-day class. We will also begin our **morning drop-off car line** that day. This means you will drop off your child at the parking lot, where he or she will be escorted down the hill to the classroom. This gives your child such a feeling of independence! To form the car line, please continue straight on the church driveway to the back of the parking lot, then circle back to form a line alongside the sidewalk. A teacher will open your car door, greet your child, and help him or her out of the car. **Do not allow your child to get out of the car unless accompanied by a teacher!** Once your child exits your car, please pull out so the next car can pull up to be greeted. Let us know if you have any questions!

### **T-shirts for sale**

Please be sure to pick up a school t-shirt for your child, if you don't already have one. We like children to wear these identifying shirts when we go on our off-campus field trips. T-shirts are \$10.00 for children, and \$15.00 for adults. If we don't have a size you need let us know!

### **Fundraising Opportunities**

Our school has one big fundraiser each spring which features an adults-only party and silent auction, and we will be asking for everyone's help with that when the time comes. In the meantime there are several simple ways to earn money for our school simply by doing your regular shopping:

**Box-tops:** When you buy an item with a box-top symbol on it, please cut it off and bring it to school. (There is an envelope for them on the bulletin board.) They are each worth 10 cents to our school, and we redeem them quarterly.

**Kroger Plus Card:** If you shop at Kroger you can link your Kroger plus card to our school, and Kroger will donate money to us every time you shop. To link your card go to [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) and enter your plus card number. Then link your card to our school, either by our name or our Kroger number: 10997. These links need to be renewed every August, so if you signed up last year, please take a minute to renew. And if you have any trouble linking let us know--we'll be glad to help.

**Amazon Smile:** Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to our school when you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). Same products, prices and service. Just register at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), and select Creative Montessori Inc. (it will show as a Danville school). From then on eligible purchases will help us earn money while you shop!

## September Calendar

Aug. 30 – Sept. 2	Orientation Week: all new students attend from 10:00 to noon
Sept. 3	Judah Jones is five years old
Sept. 5	Labor Day, no school
Sept. 6	School begins for all students at 9:00 a.m.
Sept. 19	Parent Meeting: "Introduction to Creative Montessori," 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.