



CORNERSTONE
MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Parent Partnership/Education 2021-2022 – Cornerstone Montessori Elementary School

Dear Cornerstone Families,

Following a year of online interaction, we are excited this year to anticipate our Parent Partnership/Education events taking place in person! At the same time, we recognize the advantages that Zoom has, particularly in reducing your time spent out of the home and in getting your children to bed at a reasonable hour. As such, we will look for ways to combine virtual and in-person events, and to alternate as is appropriate. Updated information will come prior to each evening with the model for attendance (i.e., in-person, virtual, or hybrid).

If there are changes necessary to our calendar, whether in response to guidelines from the Minnesota Departments of Education or Health or for other reasons, we will notify you as early as possible. We are exploring ways that we can provide dinner during on-site events in a safe manner and look forward to sharing that information with you closer to these events.

Please let me know if you have any questions. We are excited to see you this fall!

Alyssa Schwartz
Head of School

September 1 – Back to School Fair

Children meet with their teachers and parents pick up or turn in important paperwork. Flu shots will be available this year, along with school pictures.

September 2 – 10:00-11:00 AM – New Family Orientation, Day 1

New children to the Children's House are invited to an orientation in their classrooms, while parents join Molly O'Shaughnessy, Director of Primary Training at the Montessori Center of Minnesota, Liesl Taylor, CMES Director of Elementary Pedagogy, and Say Vang, Acting Head of School, for an introduction to Montessori and to life at Cornerstone. All new parents are invited to attend.

September 3 – 10:00-11:00 AM – New Family Orientation, Day 2

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September 27 – 5:30-6:30 PM – Montessori 365: Montessori At Home *and* At School
Join the guides for a conversation ranging from your child's day at school to how you can support independence at home.

October 18 – 5:30-6:30 PM – Interventions at Cornerstone
Hear from our specialists about how their work supplements and supports the Montessori environment at Cornerstone. These interventions/supports include behavior, math, reading, English Language Learning, and Special Education.

November 15 – 4:30-5:30 PM – Upper Elementary Options Night and Alumni Reunion
Cornerstone graduates share their experiences in middle school and beyond and options for 7th grade programs are presented.

November 15 – 5:30-6:30 PM – Partnering for Social-Emotional Well-Being
Children who are grounded emotionally are children who have the capacity for academic challenge and rigor. Join us in a rich conversation about how we can partner around the topic of the social-emotional well-being of our precious Cornerstone children.

December 4 – 3:00-6:00 PM – Movie Night (Zoom)
A delightful age-appropriate movie viewing and discussion with the entire school!

January 29 – 4:30-6:00 PM – Stone Soup
Families gather together to celebrate warmth and light during the heart of winter. Soup and bread will be provided by the classrooms and by volunteer families.

February 28 – 5:30-6:30 PM – The Three-Year Cycle
Join the guides and administration to learn more about sixth grade capstone year, the significance of the 3-year cycle at all levels, and to hear from children in their own words about their experiences at Cornerstone.

April 25 – 5:30-6:30 PM – Children Teach Adults
Everyone's favorite event! Children will give lessons on their favorite Montessori materials to parents and family members.