

## **Parent Partnership/Education 2020-2021 – Cornerstone Montessori Elementary School**

Dear Cornerstone Families,

As we enter a year with a great number of unknowns, we recognize the need to strengthen community in new ways. We are expecting that our fall Parent Partnership events will take place online, making use of recordings when possible so that families can access content on their own schedules, and then coming together to process and discuss the information previously shared. Two events scheduled for the spring do require children and parents be able to be on-site. We expect to have each family choose one event to attend, so that we can maintain social distancing requirements within the environments.

If there are changes necessary to our calendar, in response to guidelines from the Minnesota Departments of Education or Health, we will notify you as early as possible. We are exploring ways that we can provide dinner during on-site events in a healthy 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** – 5:30-6:30 PM – New Family Orientation (Zoom)

*Join Molly O’Shaughnessy, Director of Primary Training at the Montessori Center of Minnesota, and Alyssa Schwartz, Head of School, for an introduction to Montessori and to life at Cornerstone.*

### **September 2** – Back to School Fair (In-Person)

*Children meet with their teachers and parents pick up or turn in important paperwork. Flu shots will be available this year. Please register for a time slot at [www.myconferencetime.com/mtcm](http://www.myconferencetime.com/mtcm).*

### **September 21** – 5:30-6:30 PM – Montessori 365: Montessori At Home and At School (Zoom)

*Join the guides for a conversation ranging from your child’s day at school to how distance learning can work for your family.*

### **October 19** – 5:30-6:30 PM – Parenting Your Elementary Child (Zoom)

*Liesl Taylor, Director of Elementary Pedagogy, will lead a joyful workshop supporting parenting of children in the second plane of development.*

### **November 16** – 5:30-6:30 PM – Literacy at Cornerstone (Zoom)

*How did you learn to read? Megan Riemer, Cornerstone’s Literacy Specialist, will walk parents through our reading program and share strategies for supporting your child’s literacy at home.*

**January 30** – 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 22** – 5:30-6:30 PM – Curriculum Spotlight

*Join the guides to learn more about your child's work in a specific area of the Montessori classroom.*

**April 26** – 5:30-6:30 PM – Children Teach Adults Part 1

*This always popular event returns twice this year! Children will give lessons on their favorite Montessori materials to parents and family members. (Half the community will be invited to this session.)*

**May 24** – 5:30-6:30 PM – Children Teach Adults Part 2

*This always popular event returns twice this year! Children will give lessons on their favorite Montessori materials to parents and family members. ((Half the community will be invited to this session.)*