



MONTCLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

EDGEMONT MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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Principal

September 15, 2023

Good afternoon Edgemont families,

Happy Rosh Hashanah to all those celebrating. Wishing you a happy, healthy and sweet New Year!

Today we distributed flyers and sent emails about the Edgemont PTA Enrichment after school program. On Tuesday, September 19, at 9:00PM, Enrichment enrollment will open on Homeroom. Enrollment will end on Tuesday, September 26. The Fall session takes place from October 2- December 8. Please check your email, or your child's backpack, for more information.

We are excited to see everyone on Tuesday, September 19 for our Back-to-School Night. Please see the schedule below. We will also have tables set-up in the MPR and look forward to hearing/receiving information from the Edgemont PTA, MFEE, Montclair Public Library, Montclair Bike Bus, PILOT Initiative, Food Service, etc.

6:00PM- 6:20PM- Welcome in MPR
6:20PM- 6:25PM- transition time
6:25PM- 6:55PM- Session 1
6:55PM- 7:00PM- transition time
7:00PM- 7:30PM- Session 2

***Please note, there is a modified schedule for 5th grade. 5th grade families- please check your email for information from Ms. Sheehan and Ms. Passamano.*

September 15- October 15 we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. We are excited to celebrate, explore and recognize Hispanic culture and community, which is a fundamental part of American history. "Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402. The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30 day period."

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International Peace Day is Thursday, September 21. We have been studying and exploring the meaning of International Peace Day, and will continue to do so over the following weeks. Please feel free to join us at our Peace Parade on Thursday at 1:45PM.

We hope that all Edgemont families will join us for our third annual Hispanic Heritage celebration on Friday, September 22 at 6:00PM, where we will celebrate Hispanic culture and our Latinx community. The event is free and made possible by the PTA. Activities will include dancing with a Latin dance teacher, a Restorative Justice crafts table with Ms. Olivi and an outdoor movie. You can bring your own food or you can purchase tacos and quesadillas from Taqueria Los Gueros. Please also bring blankets and chairs for the outdoor screening. The PTA is also looking for **volunteers** so sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/bXOtvym>

Please remember, our doors open at **8:10AM**, and instruction begins at **8:20AM**. Please make every effort to have your child arrive before 8:20AM.

During arrival and dismissal, please do not double park, block driveways, nor park on the right side of Edgemont Road. Our buses have an extremely difficult time navigating Edgemont Road and Berkley Place when cars are illegally parked. Our children have a difficult time crossing at crosswalks because of illegally parked cars.

For this school year, **lunch applications** must be submitted to determine a student's eligibility for free/reduced meals. Please access the [2023-24 online lunch application](#); it is important to submit the completed application as soon as possible (please note only one application is needed per household).

Please note, our building is **peanut and tree nut aware**. We have children in every grade with severe allergies to peanuts and tree nuts, as well as other food items. **These allergies can be life threatening if the child were to be exposed to any of these allergens.** Please be mindful of the food you send in with your child for lunch. We understand that this may cause some inconvenience, but hope that each of you will take care when sending in food with your child. We thank you for your ongoing cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Nurse Alfaro at galfaro@montclair.k12.nj.us.

The Kiwanis Club of Montclair is collecting new or gently used sneakers, athletic shoes and sturdy hiking or work boots. Collection bins are placed in the front entryway.

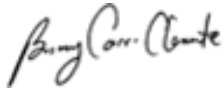


School Lunch Application can be found here: <https://www.nlappscloud.com/>

Lunch Menu information can be found here: <https://www.fdmealplanner.com/>

Merchandise can be found here: <https://edgemontessori.memberhub.com/store>

Take care,



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Important Date/Reminders:

Our doors open at ***8:10AM***.

Drop-off takes place between ***8:10AM-8:20AM***.

Dismissal is at ***2:35PM***.

Back to School Night- Tuesday, September 19

Peace Parade- Thursday, September 21

Hispanic Heritage Month- PTA evening event- Friday, September 22
(rain date Friday, September 29)

District Closed- Monday, September 25

