

# Harbour Oaks Montessori School

## Back to School Newsletter

### Welcome Back to School!

#### HOMS Mission

We at Harbour Oaks Montessori are dedicated to providing a safe and healthy environment while nurturing a child's natural desire to learn, to teach valuable skills, and to instill the love of learning that will last for a lifetime. We will follow the educational philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori.

#### HOMS Purpose

Harbour Oaks Montessori is dedicated to providing an optimum school environment based on Dr. Maria Montessori's philosophy of individualized education of the whole child, ethically, socially, academically, physically, spiritually and artistically, thus enabling each to become a self-reliant, satisfied, confident and productive citizen.

#### Dates to Remember

<b>August 7</b>	First day of school for all <b>returning</b> students (This includes students that attended summer school)
	First day of school for all elementary/middle school students
<b>August 12-14</b>	New student phase in ~ Toddler and Primary
<b>August 21</b>	New parent/PTO coffee 9:00 AM
<b>August 29</b>	Curriculum Night 7:00 PM

#### Early Morning Program

The early morning program hours are from 7:00 – 8:15 AM. You may choose a part time or full time program. You must register by 8/6/13 by emailing [harbouroaksanna@bellsouth.net](mailto:harbouroaksanna@bellsouth.net).

#### After School Program

The after school program hours are from 3:00 – 6:30 PM. You may choose a part time or full time program. You must register by 8/6/13 by emailing [harbouroaksanna@bellsouth.net](mailto:harbouroaksanna@bellsouth.net).

#### Drop Off/Pick Up

All students need to be dropped off between 8:15 and 8:30am. At 8:35, your child will be considered late and will need to be signed in at the lobby. Please do not drop your child off after 9:00 as it is a disruption to the other children in the class. Pick up is between 11:45-12:00 or 2:45-3:00.

#### Important Information

- All Toddlers and primary children need to have an extra set of clothes at school. Toddlers should each bring 1 box of wipes and diapers (if needed).
- We do not allow clothes, shoes or lunch boxes with characters that display any type of violence such as Spiderman, Star Wars, Power Rangers, X-Man, Ninja Turtles, Batman or Pokemon.
- Students will not need backpacks.
- Please pay careful attention to the new lunch guidelines when packing lunch.
- We are looking for 2 more volunteers to serve on the PTO board. Please email or call Anna if you have an interest.
- Please note that the school will be closed starting July 22 and will reopen August 5.

*I want to hear from you...my door is always open. Please feel free to call or stop by the office with any questions that you have throughout the school year.*

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