



Welcome to 2021-2022 School Year

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A message from the Head of School:

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We hope you had a great summer break and are ready for an exciting year ahead. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential.

In 2020, when Covid came into our lives, we quickly and competently turned our focus and attention on disease prevention, community health, and adopting new technologies to help us complete the school year.

Last September, once we became more comfortable with Covid procedures and became "experts" in educational technology, our focus shifted to wellness, mental health, physical health, and social & emotional wellbeing of our students and staff.

This year, while disease prevention and mental health for ourselves, students, and colleagues continue to be very important, we'd like to also add as part of our 25th anniversary initiatives another focus which is creating a school community that is equitable, inclusive and celebrates diversity. Thank you for choosing CMS to ensure the success of your child.

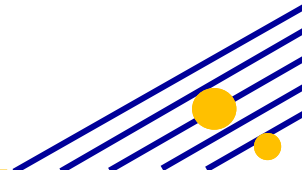
Yours in education,

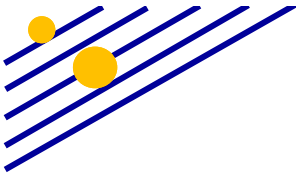
*Mrs. Minoo Mohajer
Founder & Head of Central Montessori School*

Important Information:

CMS POLICIES & PROCEDURES (PARENT HANDBOOK)

The COVID-19 Policies and Procedures is an important and informative document available on our website at www.cmschool.net. Please ensure to read the entire document and familiarize yourself with all of our policies & procedures. Feel free to contact the office if you have any questions or need clarification about anything.





ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

Throughout the school year CMS will be sending newsletters and notices (called “hoots”) home to families via a software/app called *Owlwise*. If you have not received an invitation to join *Owlwise*, please let the office know as soon as possible so that you won’t miss any important notices. Make sure you keep the school up-to-date with changes to addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. Once you are set up with *Owlwise* please make sure to check your e-mail regularly for notices or other important information. You can download the *Owlwise* app on your Android or iPhone for easy access and notifications as well.

COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR CHILD’S CLASSROOM TEACHER

If you wish to communicate to your child’s teacher throughout the day, you may contact the office or email us as it may be difficult during busy classroom hours to talk to the teachers directly. There are telephones in classrooms; however, incoming calls are restricted during the school day to avoid unnecessary classroom disruptions. Messages can be left at the office and the admin will ensure that they are passed on to the teachers.

STAGGERED DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

We have staggered arrival and dismissal times, and different entrance and exit doors have been assigned to the students. This will allow us to maximize physical distancing and keep the mixing of cohorts to a minimum. For this very purpose, we need your support to ensure that the students are dropped off and picked up at their allotted times from the correct places.

SCHOOL SAFETY

When dropping off or picking up your child, please drive slowly through the parking lot, and always watch for children! For the safety of your child, never leave them in your car unattended.



PICK-UP PROTOCOL

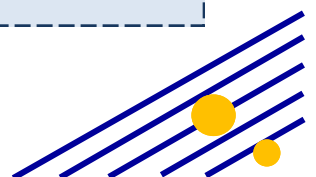
Only parents/guardians or other adults identified on the pick-up list will be able to pick up your child from school. If you would like to have additional adults on the pick-up list for your child, send an email stating the name and contact number of the adult and the conditions under which they have access to your child.

When they arrive to pick up your child, if the teacher or administrator does not recognize the individual you have designated for pick-up, they will be asked for photo identification.

ONLINE SCREENING FORM

Please use the link or the QR code below to complete the online screening form for your child before arriving at school daily.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPom_BKvRfTl0PpQS-At-4FrDISMt3p3wjlhMQk-HSyDUVkg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0



BELT BAG

Kindly send students to school with a belt bag or a cloth bag to store their masks in before eating lunch or when they go for recess.

SICK CHILDREN

In order to contain illnesses we follow the procedures and guidelines as set out by Public Health (*please refer to the Parent Handbook for more details*). In order to help with preventing the spread of illness, we ask parents to keep sick children at home. If a child seems to be unwell at school, parents will be notified and will be asked to pick them up as soon as possible. In such cases, the child will be separated from their peers and will be taken care of in the isolation room while waiting for their parents.

REPORTING ABSENCES If your child will be absent for the day, kindly inform the school office before 9:00 a.m. either via email or a message on the phone.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Please label your child's personal belongings with your child's name.(e.g. water bottle and snack container)

ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU

Kindly find attached CMS elementary lunch menu.

GUIDELINES TO HELP UNDERSTAND THE ELEMENTARY PROCEDURES

Please read the attached guidelines for more information on the elementary procedures. Grade one parents may find this especially helpful. If you had any questions, please contact the elementary department at (416) 510-1200 ext. 3.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

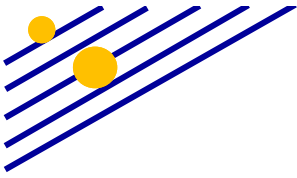
Kindly find attached the school calendar for this academic year with dates when the students will not be attending school.

PREPARATION We are prepared to switch to distance learning should we have to switch to it at any point during the school year.

WE ARE A NUT AWARE SCHOOL!



There are a number of students attending CMS who have severe and life-threatening allergies to nuts and nut bi-products. Any type of contact with nut products may result in severe reactions or anaphylactic shock which can become fatal in a matter of minutes. We ask that families refrain from sending any products to school with their children that may contain nuts, nut bi-products or say "may contain traces of nuts". If you have doubts about what is in a product or do not know what the ingredient word means, do not send the product to school. We thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.



ORIENTATION DAY

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for Orientation Day.



Please call or email us if you have questions, comments, or ideas for ways we can continue to make CMS a great school for everyone! Best wishes for the 2021-2022 school year!

