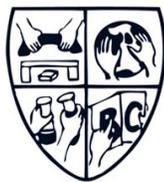


Charlotte Montessori
School

Established in 1971

Parent Newsletter

Back to School Edition

DATES TO REMEMBER

August

Aug 6: Last day of school

Aug 9-13: Teacher work week
school closed

Aug 13: Coffee Morning - New &
Rising Parent Orientation
8:30am - 9:30am

Aug 16: New & Rising Student
Orientation, 8:30am - 11:00am

Aug 17: New & Rising Student
Orientation, 8:30am - 2:30pm

Aug 18: Normal day for all
students.

Aug 26: Pie Registration begins

September

Sept 2: Pie Registration ends

Sept 6: Labor Day
School Closed

Sept 9: Parent Education
Workshop (more info to follow)

Sept 13 - 17: Spirit Week

Sept 17: Welcome Back Picnic/
50th Celebration
(more info to follow)

Sept 27: Teacher Workday
School Closed

New and Rising Student Transition

Our transition plan allows for all students to feel comfortable in the classroom, with their new routines, and with any new expectations or responsibilities.

For all children who will be new to the school, or those who are moving up to a new classroom, we will follow the following transition plan for the first three days.

Given the volume of families, we are asking that you follow the zones of times we have outlined below for pick-up and drop off. Our hope is that this will alleviate some of our parking-lot congestion and traffic in the hallways at the start of school. Thank you.

August 16:

Toddlers **8:00-8:30** drop-off **10:30-11** pick-up
Primary **8:30-9:00** drop-off **11:00-11:30** pick-up

August 17:

Toddlers **8:00-8:30** drop-off **2:00-2:30** pick-up
Primary **8:30-9:00** drop-off **2:30-3:00** pick-up

August 18:

Toddlers **8:00-8:30** drop-off – your typical pick-up time
Primary **8:30-9:00** drop-off- your typical pick-up time

Reminders:

- **Hours** - For the new school year our hours will change to 7:45am to 5:15pm moving forward.
- **Drop-off** - We will continue with exterior doors for drop-offs into the fall, and will consider in-door access after the year starts for end-of-day.
- **Change of clothes** - Please be sure your child has a full change of clothing appropriate for the season, including shoes.
- **Sunscreen** - Each morning, please apply sunscreen to your child. Teachers will apply additional sunscreen in the afternoon. If you would like to use your own sunscreen, please send in a bottle (non-aerosol spray) and a medical form.

You're Invited!

Who: Rising or New-to-School Families

What: Coffee Reception

Where: Charlotte Montessori School, Kingston Campus

When: August 13, 8:30am - 9:30am



Why: The Welcome Coffee Reception is a chance for all new and rising families to meet their child's new teachers, tour the new environment, ask questions to settle all first day jitters, and connect with the parents who now make up your new community. We will be serving coffee from the Coordinates Coffee traveling coffee bar. More info. to follow.

This is an adult only event.

Covid Screening at Drop-Off



Charlotte Montessori School uses the SchoolCues app for morning drop-off screening. See below the instructions to download the app and get started.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen Dombkoski at adminassist@charlottemontessori.com.

1. Download the SchoolCues app and sign in (and/or create a new account). TIP: there are two versions, you'll want the parent platform which is green in color.
2. Watch the following video for how to use the app <https://vimeo.com/452702543/fffb77e00> (just as a point of clarification when watching the demo, we do not require anything other than the questions which will automatically populate for you to click through).
3. Once in the app, click on "check in screening" & submit your responses to the questions. While you will not be required to enter your child's temp, we do recommend taking your child's temp at home to make sure they do not have a fever ahead of arrival (see #5 below).
4. At the door, you will click on your QR code to present to your child's teacher, who will then scan it at the door for entry.
5. Your teacher will take your child's temperature at the door as the final step and enter their reading into the app.

We will also monitor the children (officially) twice daily for symptoms and check their temperatures.



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Fall PIE Classes Are Back



We will be starting back in the Fall on a limited basis. Registration forms will be sent home with your child on August 26. Registration for Fall PIE classes is open from August 26 - 2. The classes fill up quickly, we will not be able to accept submissions after September 2.

Our partners in Education (PIE) programs offer students the opportunity to attend extra curricular activities, hosted by outside vendors, without having to leave our campus.



We offer these optional classes as a parent service so our families do not have to drive across town to these programs. These classes are for children three and older and fully potty trained.

The Fall PIE classes are:

TENNIS
ART
SOCCER
TUMBLING
FUN FITNESS



What to Bring on the First Day of School



- Pack of child's diapers (toddlers only)
- Pack of wipes (toddlers only)
- Crib sized sheets for naptime mats and a soft blanket
- Clothing box (the size of a shoebox), it should contain:
 - Two changes of clothing
 - A spare pair of shoes
 - Extra underwear (if applicable)
- Child's lunch (Returning students starting on the first day, new and rising students will bring lunch on Tuesday.)
- Family Photo

What Your Child's Teachers Would Like You to Know...



There is so much for you to think about when raising young children. We honor you as your child's first and best teachers, and our goal as your child's Montessori teachers is to collaborate with you. In service of that collaboration, we'd like to share with you some suggestions that will enrich your child's Montessori experience: When we ask you to arrive on time, it is to enhance your child's start to the school day. When your child arrives at the same time as the other children, they observe the morning routine, and thus naturally joins in, doing what comes next—greeting teachers and each other, putting belongings away, and entering the classroom with peers. This is a joyful time for your child. Arriving late means they miss this start to the day and must join the class already in progress. While this may be no big deal to adults, for many children it can be disorienting.

On the journey to and from school, we urge you to create the space for your child to engage with you, rather than with an electronic device. We also ask you to refrain from being on your own cell phone on the way to and from school. When you are using your phone in your child's presence, you have left your child. You may be in the same space, but you are not present. The same is true if you are on the phone during the moment of separation at the school door. You have already left, and your child feels it. Please save your calls and texts until after your child has separated from you. To learn how to leave (and to return to) loved ones is an important skill. Transitions can be challenging for both you and your child, but, nevertheless, separation is a significant ritual that happens best in the moment, in real time, rather than slipping gradually away through use of electronic devices.

One of the most important ways you can help your child gain confidence is by allowing him or her to take increasing self-responsibility. Allow them to walk into the school, rather than be carried by their own body. Your child can also take responsibility for their jacket, backpack, lunch box, and any other belongings. When you tell them to walk into school, carrying their own possessions, you foster their development of responsibility as a natural part of learning how to be independent.

At school, we seek to limit the number of parent events so as not to overwhelm your schedule. At the same time, we urge you to attend our parent education events. We create them especially for you. Our goal is to enhance our partnership with you by spending time together with you as adults, without children present. We offer topics that we think will be useful to you as parents and will further your understanding of Montessori. It's also a time for you to socialize with other parents who are doing exactly what you are doing—raising children in today's modern culture. There is much to learn from each other. Your questions and concerns are important, relevant, and useful for other parents as well.

And finally, please know that we want to see you, hear from you, and welcome you to be a part of our school. When your child sees you are happy to be here, he or she gets the message that this is a great place to spend the day!

Thank you for your partnership, Your Child's Montessori Teachers

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SAFETY BULLETIN



As a reminder, when on school grounds with your child please follow the same limits that the school has in place with your child during the day.

- Children **should walk at all times** when not in a gated playground space, this includes our sidewalks and our parking lots.
- When on a walk, our primary children buddy up and hold hands. Our toddlers hold a rope and when old enough, a friend's hand. Hand-holding helps to keep everyone safe—please role model this for your child and practice while on school grounds.
- The stairs going to our second-floor offices and teacher lounge on the Cleveland side are not available to children or families—please refrain from allowing your child to climb or play on the stairs.

If your child is struggling to follow these limits, consult with your teacher for tips on how to keep them safe while with you at school. Often-times, it just requires a few pep-talks, and the expectation is clear. We are here to help if this is an area of struggle!

Our parking lots are busy areas, especially in the mornings and late afternoons. For the safety of all of us:

- Please remember to always drive with caution in our lots—even if you are running late!
- Remember that the lot at East is also part of an alleyway. There are cars that go through our lot and may not be as aware as all of us, especially about the presence of young children. We have installed some signage as reminders to our community and as an alert to others that they are in a “school zone.”
- Once a child is released to a parent, it is the parent's responsibility to ensure their safety. Children must always be accompanied by an adult on school grounds and should either be holding an adult's hand or be picked up while going to and from their classroom and vehicle for added safety precautions.

Following these simple rules with your child will assist the child in understanding these limits while at school with their teachers and keep them safe with you when you are on campus.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in these important ways to keep all of us safe!

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CHARLOTTE MONTESSORI SCHOOL CALENDAR

2021 - 2022

AUGUST '21

August '21						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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9-13-Teacher Work Week

12-Coffee Reception Reception - New & Rising Families

16- First Day for all students - **WELCOME BACK!**
New and rising students 8:30-11:00am

17-New & Rising Students 8:30am - 2:30pm

18-Normal Day for all students.

SEPTEMBER '21

September '21						
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6- Labor Day SCHOOL CLOSED

7-10-School Spirit Week

9-PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOP

17-Welcome Back Picnic

27-Teacher Workday, SCHOOL CLOSED

OCTOBER '21

October '21						
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5-PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOP

16-Morning of Montessori 9:00-10:30 - Bring your Parent to School Day!

29-Parent Teacher Conferences, SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PRIMARY CLASSES

TODDLER CLASSES IN SESSION

NOVEMBER '21

November '21						
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1-Parent Teacher Conferences for Toddler & Primary Classes, SCHOOL CLOSED

2-Teacher Workday, SCHOOL CLOSED

4-PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOP

8 -12 Book Fair

24-Teacher Workday, SCHOOL CLOSED

25-26-SCHOOL CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING BREAK

DECEMBER '21

December '21						
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16-School Closes @ 12:00pm

17-Teacher Workday SCHOOL CLOSED

20-31 NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK

JANUARY '22

January '22						
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3-School Re-Opens - **WELCOME BACK!**

17- MLK Holiday - Teacher Workday - SCHOOL CLOSED

27-PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOP

CALENDAR KEY

1/2 DAY

WORKDAY

MOM

CONFERENCES

1st DAY

CLOSED

February to July 2022 At A Glance

This calendar is subject to change. For up-to-date information, please check our website at www.charlottemontessori.com

February '22						
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May '22						
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June '22						
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July '22						
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FEBRUARY '22

- 24-Parent Teacher Conferences, SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PRIMARY CLASSES
TODDLER CLASSES IN SESSION
- 25-Parent Teacher Conferences for Toddler & Primary Classes, SCHOOL CLOSED
- 28-Teacher Workday, SCHOOL CLOSED

MARCH '22

- 1-Re-Enrollment Deadline
- 3-Parent Education Workshop

APRIL '22

- 8-Teacher Workday, SCHOOL CLOSED
- 11-15-SPRING BREAK, SCHOOL CLOSED
- 19-Parent Education Workshop
- 23-Morning of Montessori 9:00-10:30 - Bring your Parent to School Day!
- 29-Peace Day 2022-Friday Evening

MAY '22

- 6-Mother's Day Tea, TBD
- 12-Parent Education Workshop
- TBD-Family Night at BB&T Ballpark/Charlotte Knights
- 26-Kindergarten Graduation - End of 9-month program
- 27-Teacher Workday, SCHOOL CLOSED
- 30-Memorial Day Holiday, SCHOOL CLOSED
- 31-Beginning of Summer Semester

- 17-Father's Day Breakfast/Fire Station Visit

JUNE '22

JULY '22

- 4-5 Happy 4th of July, SCHOOL CLOSED