



MPP Summer Messenger

Summer 2016

from the Director



Mark Your Calendar

August 1 - September tuition due
August 8-19 - Teachers return for prep, home visits & class room visits
August 9 - CPR/First Aid Training
August 15 - Paperwork Due
August 18, 6:30 p.m. - Meet & Greet
August 22 - First Day of School for 3 and 5-day students
August 23 - First Day of School for 2-day students

I hope that everyone has had a fabulous summer! I have stayed in town this summer enjoying some stay-cation time (including a visit from my much taller cousins!) and having fun at Summer Camp. We had record attendance in our five weeks of summer camp this year and appreciate your understanding that we needed to be closed for construction these last three weeks. We look forward to returning to eight weeks of summer camp next year. Installation of the new HVAC system is almost complete. Then we move on to painting, deep cleaning and the return of the teachers to prepare for a great school year with your children! Student packets were mailed 10 days ago, so if you did not receive yours for any reason, please contact me in the office.

- Melinda



CPR/First Aid course that is offered for teachers and staff on Tuesday, August 9, 9 a.m.-12:30 is open to ALL - parents, grandparents, nannies, neighbors - \$30 cost. There are just a few spots remaining at this time, so contact us immediately if you are interested in this opportunity.

Fall Enrollment

Spread the word with neighbors and friends that there is one opening available in the 3-day Threes class. Just this week, we heard from a family that they won't be with us next year and have already contacted everyone on our wait list. Joining the MPP community in the three year old year is rare, so please share the news with others.

Introducing New Staff

Two of our 5-day positions are now being filled with three day and two day teachers, so we are pleased to introduce the following new staff to the MPP Community! Donna Kadis will be leading the 2-day Twos assisted by Kay Monroe. Sabine Markham will be the Younger Twos Assistant working with Betsy Appleby and Liz Forehand will be the Younger Toddlers Assistant working with Julie Ann Rice. Even if your child doesn't have one of these fabulous women as their teacher, please introduce yourself and welcome them to MPP.



Donna has been working with preschool-kindergarten age children for over twenty years! Her favorite age throughout these years has been the twos. Donna resides in the Virginia Highland neighborhood, and has lived in Atlanta on/off for 22 years. When not teaching she enjoys traveling - near and far - checking out new restaurants, and spending time with family in Colorado and North Carolina.

Sabine Markham is originally from Germany and has now been living in Atlanta 12 years. She has two daughters 10 and 15 years old. She has taught two year olds as first an assistant and then a lead teacher for the last four years and was able to join us for a week of summer camp, so a few of you may have met her at that time. Sabine shares that she is very excited to get an opportunity to do what she loves at MPP and can't wait to start!



Liz Forehand has a masters in Early Childhood Education. She first taught older students in Special Education and then was a GA PreK teacher in south Georgia. Since she has moved to Atlanta, she has volunteered with Genesis Shelter in the infant room and is excited to get down on the floor and play with the little ones here at MPP. With her daughter starting college this year, Liz is looking forward to becoming more deeply connected with the Morningside community.

Age Group Gatherings

We are pleased to welcome everyone back at the end of the summer with age group gatherings at a local playground. Watch for Evites from the Preschool Committee member who is the representative for your age group and RSVP today. Hope to see everyone there - catching up with old friends and making new friends.

- Saturday, Aug. 13, 10-11:30 a.m. PreK Families at Sidney Marcus Park (Bernadette Porter)
- Saturday, Aug. 20, 9-10:30 a.m. Toddler Families at Orme Park (Kelly Cobb)
- Saturday, Aug. 20, 10:30-12noon Threes Families at Orme Park (Stephanie Libby)
- Saturday, Aug. 20, 3:30-5 p.m. Twos Families at Orme Park (Megan Graddy)