

# The Montessorigram

California Montessori Project - Elk Grove Campus

## Welcome to the 2017-2018 School Year

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What a wonderful first day of school we had! The start of the school year is always filled with so much promise and excitement. The joy on the students' faces as they see old friends, greet the teachers, and start their day is heartwarming! And I am always a little surprised to realize how much the children have grown over the summer vacation.

As is our tradition, we kicked-off the new school year with a Back to School Assembly at both Elk Grove Campus sites. The purpose of the assembly was to introduce our teaching teams and support staff.

We also held the first of three safety drills that will be conducted this first week of school. On Wednesday,

we held our fire drill, on Thursday we will be practicing our earthquake drill, and on Friday, the students and staff will practice our lockdown/shelter in-place procedures. These are drills that we practice regularly throughout the school year.

Lastly, I would like to ask that we all be aware and sensitive to the fact that we have students and staff with severe food allergies at both sites. Signs are posted on classroom doors identifying the specific type of food allergies a student or staff member may have within the classroom.

Again, welcome to the 2017-2018 School Year...it is going to be AMAZING!

~ Ms. Kathleen

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## Back-to-School Nights Are Next Week

An *adult only event*, please join us for Back-to-School Night next week! This is best way to learn more about your child's classroom and have your questions answered.

We hope you are able to join us.

Back-to-School Night Schedule:

**Mon., August 21<sup>st</sup> – 5:00** Coral (K), Sapphire (K), and Middle School classes

**Tue., August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 5:00**  
Diamond (K), Amethyst (1/2/3), Emerald (1/2/3), Ruby (1/2/3), and Sunstone (1/2/3)

**Wed., August 23<sup>rd</sup> – 5:00**  
Aquamarine (1/2/3), Garnet (1/2/3), Peridot (1/2/3), Tanzanite (1/2/3), Topaz (1/2/3), and Turquoise (1/2/3)

**Thu., August 24<sup>th</sup> – 5:30** Jade (4/5/6), Jasper (4/5/6), Malachite (4/5/6), Onyx (4/5/6), Quartz (4/5/6), and Serpentine (4/5/6)

And we want to remind everyone that we will have the **Mobile Live Scan** company out during our Kindergarten Back-to-School Nights. They will be at the Bradshaw Rd. site on Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> and at the Elk Grove Blvd. site on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The cost is \$45, and they will be accepting cash or credit card. They will be there from 4:00 to 5:30, so be sure to arrive early so that you have plenty of time to get to your Back-to-School Night.

Ms. Dorothy will be hosting a **7 Habits Training** for families immediately following the August 22<sup>nd</sup> Back to School Night at the Elk Grove Blvd. site at 6:30 pm. This is a one-time pre-requisite for individuals who would like to participate/volunteer/supervise the children.

## A Big Thank You to Our Saturday Helpers!

Each summer the campus gets a little “sprucing-up”, and this year was no different. We would like to thank our many wonderful families that came out to help us as we prepared for the start of the new school year! Without your assistance with painting, washing/wiping down of tables,

walls, and doors, and incredible weeding, we couldn’t have done it! People often ask what makes the Elk Grove Campus so special, and this is a great example! Our community came together, worked together, and together prepared the school for the students and new year. *Thank you!*

## Participation Opportunities

We have several great parent participation opportunities coming up!

The first is the Elk Grove Multicultural Festival on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 5:00. We are looking for parent volunteers (and even students) to help work our information booth. Each “shift” is 2 hours long. This is an opportunity to share information about our school and Montessori education. Please go to <http://signup.com/go/mBjpJFp> to sign-up for one of our 2 hour shifts.

Another opportunity is to join the Campus Advisory Council (CAC). CAC functions as an Advisory Committee to the Principal. The primary function of the CAC is to provide support for the success

operations of the school campus and furthering the overall Mission of California Montessori Project (CMP). Made up of five members (the school principal as Chair, two

**“We shall walk together on this path of life, for all things are part of the universe and are connected with each other to form one whole unity.”**  
~ Maria Montessori

teacher representatives and two parent representatives), who meet once per month in an open forum for observation and participation by the school community. The meetings are held in the evening, typically the first Thursday of the

month. If you are interested in being part of CAC, please email Ms. Kathleen at [kmmerz@cacmp.org](mailto:kmmerz@cacmp.org).

Lastly, though certainly not least, please keep your eye out for information from our Parent Teacher Fundraising Committee (PTFC). PTFC is in search of parent volunteers for events and class representatives (class parent). PTFC’s next general meeting is scheduled for August 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm at the BR site.

## Quick Reminders

**Club M On-Line Payments:** We are so excited to offer an on-line payment option for Club M payments, and many families have already started to take advantage of this opportunity. We just want to remind everyone that students are enrolled in the Club M program through a signed contract. We must have a current contract on file for your student before they may participate in the program.

**Free Dress Friday:** Tomorrow is our first Free Dress Friday of the school year! Students who were at school each day this week, on time and in dress code, may wear free dress attire tomorrow, Friday, August 17, 2017.

**TOMORROW – Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>** is the last day for your child to earn a FREE DRESS PASS. Please turn in your pink form (FES) in the envelope provided with your child’s name and the blue form (Beginning of the Year). Thank you for your attention to this very important information.