

The Montessorigram

California Montessori Project - Elk Grove Campus

Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year!

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, support staff, and to welcome new and returning students.

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. Due to the severity of some specific allergies, please **do not bring mango or shellfish onto the Bradshaw site.**

Additionally, signs are posted on classroom doors identifying specific type of food allergies a student or staff member may have within the classroom.

Again, welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year...it is going to be AMAZING!

~ Ms. Kathleen

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Funding Eligibility Survey

Tomorrow, the 2018-2019 Funding Eligibility Survey (FES) forms are being sent home with your child. This is a pink form with an attached envelope.

The statistics generated from the information you provide goes into the state Local Control Funding Formula and allows CCMP to apply for a variety of alternative funding opportunities. Your cooperation in completing this

form is essential to CMP's budget.

Using the envelope provided, please return a completed form for each of your children attending CMP by Monday, August 20th. Please do not put multiple forms in one envelope.
One form per envelope.

Each student returning their completed form by Monday, August 20th, will receive a Free Dress Pass.

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 20th – 5:00 Coral (K), Sapphire (K), and Middle School classes

Tue., August 21st – 5:00 Diamond (K), Amethyst (1/2/3), Emerald (1/2/3), Ruby (1/2/3), and Sunstone (1/2/3)

Wed., August 22nd – 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 23rd – 5:30 Jade (4/5/6), Jasper (4/5/6), Malachite (4/5/6), Onyx (4/5/6), Quartz (4/5/6), Serpentine (4/5/6), and Tourmaline (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 Monday, August 20th and at the Elk Grove Blvd. site on August 21st. 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.



Participation Opportunities

We have several great parent participation opportunities coming up!

The first is the Elk Grove Multicultural Festival on Saturday, August 25th from 8:00 to 6:00 (includes set-up and take-down). Our third year participating, 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 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b49a5ad2eaaf85-multicultural> to sign-up for one of our 2-hour shifts.

Another opportunity is to join the Campus Advisory Council (CAC). The CAC is made up of five members (the school principal as Chair, two teacher representatives and two parent representatives), who meet once per month in an open forum for observation and participation by the school community. CAC members serve a two-year term. We are currently seeking one new parent rep for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are interested in serving on CAC or have any questions, please do not

hesitate to contact Ms. Kathleen at kmmerz@cacmp.org or 916-714-9699. Members of CAC provide support to Ms. Kathleen by serving as a positive communication channel between the campus, parents, teacher and the community; allocating donated resources in support of the campus' educational program. Parents will be asked to vote in the fall for their choice of for CAC Representative from identified candidates.

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 to help in the planning, organizing, and running our campus fundraisers and events. PTFC's next general meeting is scheduled for August 29th at 6:30 pm at the BR site.

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Every Day Counts!

At CMP, attendance is a priority and is crucial to your child's academic success. As a school of choice, families who enroll their children in the California Montessori Project have opted for an educational program, with all of its rich researched-based Montessori materials, lesson presentations and experiential learning. This cannot be duplicated outside the classroom environment, which makes your child's daily attendance even more critical for success. As a public seat-based school, in addition to your child missing their experience, the school's funding is based on an anticipated 96% attendance rate. We realize that sick days cannot be avoided, and we appreciate families following our policy of students returning to school when they have been symptom free, without the assistance of medication, for 24 hours. Should your child become ill and unable to attend school, please notify the school office as soon as possible, as we may need to send out a notice to our larger community regarding highly contagious illnesses (conjunctivitis, measles, etc.).

Upcoming Important Dates:

- 8/17** – 7 Habits Training @BR at 5:30
- 8/20** – K @BR/MS Back to School Night at 5:00
- 8/21** – All classes @EG Back to School Night at 5:00
- 8/22** – All 1/2/3 Grade classes @BR Back to School Night at 5:00
- 8/22** – **8/24** - MS Immersion Trip
- 8/23** – All 4/5/6 Grade classes @BR Back to School Night at 5:30
- 8/25** – Parent Participation Opportunity: Multicultural Festival
- 8/29** – Minimum Day – Initial Parent Meetings
- 8/29** – PTFC Meeting @BR at 6:30
- 8/30** – Minimum Day – Initial Parent Meetings
- 8/31** – Assembly: Maria Montessori's Birthday! at 11:00
- 8/31** – Minimum Day – Initial Parent Meetings
- 9/3** – School, Club M, and Office Closed – Labor Day Holiday
- 9/5** – Trait Assembly: Be Safe, Respectful, Responsible @both sites at 11:00
- 9/6** – Fall Pictures (FREE DRESS)

