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## FEBRUARY 2023 PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

### EVENTS TO TAKE NOTE OF IN FEBRUARY 2023

**Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>:** First day of the 2023-2024 closed enrollment  
First day of the 2023 summer school enrollment

**Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>:** Parent Information Meeting: **Cultural Materials and Discipline cont**

**Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>:** Acknowledgement of Black History Month.

**Monday - Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>:** Winter Break. No school.

**Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>:** End of the 2023-2024 closed enrollment

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Black History Month was **created to focus attention on the contributions of African Americans to the United**

**States.** It honors all Black people from all periods of U.S. history, from the enslaved people first brought over from Africa in the early 17th century to African Americans living in the United States today.

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/black-history-month#:~:text=Black%20History%20Month%20was%20created,in%20the%20United%20States%20today.>

On **Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**, we will be acknowledging Black History month. The children will be reading books and doing activities in the classroom related to this topic.

### 2023-2024 CLOSED ENROLLMENT



We would like to remind you that closed enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year will begin on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

We reserve the month of February for the re-enrollment of currently enrolled children and any siblings prior to accepting new students from outside our school community. Your re-enrollment packet for the 2023-2024 school year will be handed to you at the beginning of February.

**If you wish to re-enroll and/or enroll an additional child:**

- Please read the Parent Handbook that accompanies the contract to be sure that you are aware of any policy changes that have occurred.
- Fill out the contract, indicating the program of your choice, and return it to the office **signed and initialed by both parents or by the custodial parent** in the case of sole custody, by **February 28<sup>th</sup>**. The contract should be accompanied with the \$500.00 annual enrollment fee.
- This reserves your child's space for the 2023-2024 school year.

**If you wish to withdraw:**

- **Please submit a written notice of withdrawal by February 28<sup>th</sup>, or your deposit will be forfeited.** Withdrawal forms will be available in your classroom's drop-off/pick-up area.
- Verbal notice or e-mail cannot be accepted.
- The security deposit cannot be applied to summer school.
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Before discussing changing schools with your child, please talk about the transition with your child's guides so that they can help make the change as positive as possible for all of the children. We urge you to wait to tell your child about his/her new school until the end of the school year. This minimizes the level of stress and anxiety present in your child's learning environment.

Please remember that the withdrawal of an older sibling prior to the completion of the kindergarten year precludes the possibility of the reenrollment of any younger siblings.

**SUMMER SCHOOL 2023**



This year, we will be offering 7 sessions of summer school, from **July 10<sup>th</sup> to August 25<sup>th</sup>**. There will be no school and no daycare from August 28<sup>th</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup>, as the staff uses this time to thoroughly clean and set-up the classrooms in preparation for the next school year.

Summer school applications are included in your 2023-2024 re-enrollment packets. Summer school enrollment is on a first-come, first-serve basis and we encourage you not to wait until the last minute to register your children, as we expect to fill up quickly.

**Note:** This year we will have 32 spots available in summer school. We have limited staffing over the summer, so please return your summer school enrollment ASAP.

Parents need to commit to their dates as we cannot accommodate changes or cancellations due to staffing considerations after May 31st. Changes will be accommodated depending on availability.

Summer school is only available to students enrolling in the 2023 -2024 school year.

**VALENTINE'S DAY: February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**



This year, once again, instead of exchanging cards and candies, the children will be working on a group mural. NO CARDS and NO GOODIES please. This saves paper and time and allows us to focus on caring about each other and our world.

## PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION MEETING



We will have our next Parent Information meeting on **Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** at 4:00 to 5pm. This month's topic will be **'Cultural Materials and Discipline cont'**.

We regularly hold Parent Teacher Information meetings. The dates and topics will be shared through newsletters and emails.

## WINTER WEEK



We will be closed for the annual Winter Break from **Monday – February 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**.

There will be no school this week.

**IMPORTANT:** Before returning to school, on **Monday February 27<sup>th</sup>**, all students and staff need to do a COVID test. Please send the negative test results to the office with your child's name and date on the test strip.

Please stay home if you have any symptoms and follow protocols.

## TAX TIME IS COMING



If you need a recap statement for 2022, please contact our bookkeeper, Lisa Claindoux, at

[bookkeeper@oneworldmontessori.org](mailto:bookkeeper@oneworldmontessori.org)

Our tax I.D. number is 94-2630042.

## AUTHORIZED PICK-UP LIST

Please remember to update your child's authorized pick-up list in the office if there is any change to the list, including replacing a nanny or babysitter.

**Note:** Emergency contact people can't pick up your child if not indicated on your pick-up list.

## ANNUAL DONATIONS



Families are required to donate \$500 per school year. We would like to remind you that a minimum of \$250 is due by the end of January.

If you have not already made the first half of your annual donation, please do so as soon as possible. The remaining amount can be donated any time before the end of May 2023. Thank you to all the families who have already donated at least \$250.

There are many companies that have matching donation programs. Some even offer matching donations for the volunteer hours you contribute. Please check with your employer to see if your company offers a similar program.

## GRADUATION



As you all know, the 2022-2023 Kindergarteners will be graduating in June.

For the graduation ceremony (which will be held on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Leigh campus), the children will need to wear their blue One World t-shirt, white shorts, skirt or pants, white socks and **PLAIN** white shoes. If you need to buy a new t-shirt, let us know as soon as possible so we can be sure to order enough of them. ***It is sometimes difficult to find white pants, skirts or shorts so we are notifying you now to give you plenty of time to shop for them.*** Easter is often a good time to find these items. Don't wait until May to do your shopping!

We would also like to let you know that the graduates will be practicing for the graduation ceremony **from June 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>**. Their attendance at school is very important during these weeks. During

some of these days, the children from the Foxworthy campus will be transported to and from the Leigh campus by bus.

Please keep in mind that these plans are dependent on the latest COVID-19 directive mandated by the County. We will be sure to keep you updated if our plans change.

### WELCOME NEW STUDENTS



We would like to welcome our new students and their families, Valeria Garcia Medina and Adam.

Welcome Valeria and Adam!

### A NOTE OF APPRECIATION



Congratulations to Kimberly Thai and Wella Bai-Lim for winning last month's newsletter giveaway – one free slice of pizza for her child for the month of January. Thanks to all the parents who take the time to read the newsletter and participate in our giveaways!

Thank you to the Hou family for the gift of books in celebration of Abby's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Thank you to the Lim family for the gift of books in celebration of Henry's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Thank you to the Shah family for the gift of books in celebration of Abhay's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### Thank you so much to all the families who prepared presentations for Asia Immersion Day:

Henry's family – Laos  
Kudrath's family – Cambodia  
Lenie's family – Lebanon

Anvi's family – Sri Lanka

### Thank you to the dumpling makers/helpers:

Wella Bai Lim  
Lei Shao  
Wong Shi Rong  
Zho Guang Xing  
Liu Xiao Ping  
Jean Hsu

### Lunar New Year volunteers:

Thank you to Jack Hou, Abby's dad, for reading the book of Nien.

### A big thank you to the following families, for donating the Lunar New Year lunch:

Hebert family, Wella Bai -Lim, Jean Hsu, Stacy Swenson, Rashi Agrawal, Roberta Wang, Lei Shao, Kao family and Ashely Walker.

We are so happy to welcome a new baby to the One World Family – Raavi's new baby brother, Raghau, arrived on December 18<sup>th</sup>

Welcome Raghau!

### MARCH PREVIEW



#### Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

First day of 2023-2024 open enrollment

#### Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

Minimum day. School ends at 12:00 pm

#### Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

Nowruz acknowledged

#### Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Ramadan acknowledged

#### Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

Europe Immersion Day

#### Tuesday/Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>

Spring school photos