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LEIGH FEBRUARY 2023 PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

EVENTS TO TAKE NOTE OF IN FEBRUARY 2023

FEBRUARY is Black History Month

Friday, February 1st: First day of the 2023-2024 closed enrollment

First day of the 2023 summer school enrollment

Wednesday, February 15th: Leigh Parent Information Meeting: Language

Thursday, February 16th: Europe Immersion Day

Friday, February 17th: February Group Birthday

Monday - Friday, February 20th - 24th: Winter Break. No school

Tuesday, February 28th: End of the 2023-2024 closed enrollment

2023-2024 CLOSED ENROLLMENT



We would like to remind you that closed enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year will begin on February 1st. 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 and the Summer School enrollment form have been distributed in your hanging file.

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 28th**. The contract should be accompanied with a \$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 28th, 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.

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 enrollment or reenrollment of any younger siblings.

SUMMER SCHOOL



This year, we will be offering 7 sessions of summer school, from July 10th to August 25th. There will be no school and no daycare from August 28th to September 5th, as the staff uses this time to thoroughly clean and set-up the classrooms in preparation for the next school year, as well as take the required CPR/first aid and disaster preparedness training. The 2023-2024 school year will start on Wednesday, September 6th, 2023.

Summer school applications are included in your 2023-2024 re-enrollment packets. Summer school enrollment is on a first-come, first-served 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 only 24 spots available in summer school. We are limited with our staffing and will require parents to commit to their dates as we cannot accommodate changes or cancellations after **May 31st**.

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

VALENTINE'S DAY: February 14, 2022



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. We will also acknowledge **RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS DAY**.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING



Our next Parent Information meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 15th at 4:00pm**. This month's topic will be **'Language'**.

Please note that a minimum of **8 families** is required for the Parent Information meeting to happen.

Daycare (\$10/hour) available upon request: Sign up sheet will be posted on the bulleting board.

EUROPE IMMERSION DAY



Europe Immersion Day will be observed on **Thursday, February 16th**

We are so excited to be able to have parents participate on campus again.

We look forward to hearing them share their global knowledge with the children. There will be a sign-up sheet for parents to volunteer for a presentation or bring food for the children to experience. Talk to Indu if you have any questions about the presentation.

BIRTHDAYS



We will acknowledge our February birthdays with a group celebration on Friday, February 17th.

Please do not send treats to school on your child's birthday. Instead, we would greatly appreciate a donation of something for the classroom in your child's honor – a book for the library, or a contribution toward the items on the classroom wish list (available from the office) or a cash donation (please check your employer if it has a matching donation program).

If you are planning a party at home and wish to include some of your child's classmates, please extend invitations via telephone, e-mail or mail. WE WILL NOT ALLOW INVITATIONS TO BE PASSED OUT AT SCHOOL OR PLACED IN STUDENTS' HANGING FOLDERS. This policy reduces the possibility of hurt feelings among those not invited. A class list with parent contact information is available from the office.

Please encourage your child not to discuss private birthday celebrations at school in front of others who have not been invited.

WINTER BREAK



Winter Break will be **Monday, February 20th to Friday, February 24th**. There will be no school this week.

We will acknowledge both Presidents Washington and Lincoln.

IMPORTANT: Before returning to school on the 27th, all students and staff must do a covid test. Please make sure to send the result before arriving at school or bring it when dropping off your child. Remember to write your child's name and the date on the stick.

TAX TIME IS COMING



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

bookkeeper@oneworldmontessori.org

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

AUTHORIZED PICK-UP LIST

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.

TWO FREE HOT LUNCHESES OR ONE FREE HOUR OF DAYCARE



When is the end of the 23-24 closed enrollment period? The answer is found in this newsletter, so please read it thoroughly!

The first 2 people to send an e-mail to the office at oneworldmontessori@sbcglobal.net – with the correct answer will win either 2 Free Hot Lunches or 1 Free hour of Daycare.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

May put together a short video of our Lunar New Year celebration. It has been posted on THE OMW Instagram. If you want to access it directly, please ask for the QR code.

WELCOME



Please help us welcome Cyrus and Dariyan Ganji who started Monday.

ANNUAL DONATION REMINDER



Families are required to donate \$500 per school year. We would like to remind you that a minimum of \$250 was 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 2022. 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 know, the 2022-2023 Kindergarteners will be graduating in June.

For the graduation ceremony (which will be held on Saturday, June 10th, 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 May 30th – June 9th. 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 directives mandated by the County. We will be sure to keep you updated if our plans change.

Please note that younger siblings are not allowed to attend the graduation ceremony.

The ceremony will be followed by lunch (child friendly) at Pasta Armellino (1875 S Bascom Ave, in Campbell).

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION



CONGRATULATIONS to the Prussin and Volmut families for winning last month's newsletter giveaway – two free hot lunches.

Thanks to all the parents who take the time to read the newsletter and participate in our giveaways!

Thank you to the Cortes, Mehdi and Patel families for bringing back artifacts from their respective travels to Uruguay, The Dominican Republic, and Costa Rica.

Thank you to

- Dmitriy Ayrapetov for donating iphone chargers.
- the Chaudhuri family for donating an exercise pen for Teva/rabbits in honor of Ellora's 4th birthday.
- the Terrill- Djurdjevic family for the sandbox toys, books, ladybugs and the table runner for our cultural

shelf in honor of Mihailo's 5th birthday.

- Josephine Davis for her constant availability as our office Tech support.
- the Tortorici family for the home grown Meyer lemons.
- May for the silk rug from Iran.
- the Joginipally family for bringing a Kondupalli doll (from Andhra) and a Saree back from India
- the Rao-Raghu family for donating a new sound system and treating us with snack and Chai tea for our staff meeting on the 13th.
- the Sakamoto-Hsieh family for donating a new ball for Teva.
- the Conover-Dai, Davis-Wong, Fang-Xu, Joginipally, Mavicheri-Rajan, Sakamoto-Hsieh, Yang-Xing families for supporting our Asia Immersion Day.
- A very special Thank You to Yusuke Sakamoto (Tenji's dad) for spending his morning demonstrating how to make ONIGIRI (rice balls) and helping the children recreate their own to eat. They also learned a few Japanese greetings.
- Josephine Davis for making the vegetarian filling for the dumplings.
- Li Dai, Josephine Davis, Angelina Fang for making dumplings with the children.
- Li Dai for picking up the Chow Mein for lunch and to Charlie and Josephine Davis for cooking the dumplings and helping serve our Lunar New Year lunch.
- May for the "spicy" addition to the Lunar New Year adult lunch.
- the Ramachandran-Sreenivasan family for their thoughtful gift to the teachers.

MARCH PREVIEW



Wednesday, March 1st

First day of 2023-2024 open enrollment

Thursday, March 2nd

Europe Immersion Day.

Saturday, March 4th

Open House. Flyer attached (please share with family and friends).

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 14th and 15th

Picture Days

Friday, March 17th

Minimum day. School ends at 12:00 pm

Monday, March 21st

Nowruz acknowledged

Thursday, March 30th

Africa Immersion Day.