



Fernwood Montessori
Family Newsletter #11
November 12th, 2019 t

Hot Lunch

All MPS students receive breakfast and lunch at no charge. Students notify their classroom teacher each morning if they will have hot lunch or if they have brought a lunch from home. Students enter their ID number into a keypad, as they enter the lunchroom. Parents who would like their children to be able to purchase a second meal (\$3.75) or milk ala cart (\$.40) can set up an account at www.MyPaymentsPlus.com. Monthly lunch menus are available near the first of the month on the MPS home page under the LUNCH MENU tab.

School Pictures and Retake Day

Picture retake day is this Thursday, November 14th in the Fernwood Community Room. If you would like your child to have their picture retaken, please return their pictures to school in the photo envelope on Tuesday, November 14th. Pictures of students who were absent on picture day will also be taken on November 14th.

Room 27 Food Drive

Dear Families of Fernwood Montessori,
We are doing a food drive for people in need. We will be collecting non-perishable foods. The boxes will be located by the office, room 27, and the main entrance. We will be starting on November 4th and we will be ending this on December 16th. All food collected will be donated to the Bay View Community Center. Some donation ideas are: soup, fruit cups, granola bars and dry pasta. Hope you can help us out!
Sincerely, Marissa U, Elizari M. Analia S, and Hayden S

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fernwood Fund Meeting

Tuesday, November 12th, 6:30-8pm
Community Room

Picture Retake Day

Thursday, November 14th, 8am-11am
Community Room

KFAM Parent Group meeting

Thursday, November 14, 6pm-7pm
1840 Brewing Company

No School

Monday, November 18th, 2019

Forensics Informational Meeting

Thursday, November 21st, 5:30-6:30pm
Ms. Botsford's Room, Rm 153

PTO Meeting

Thursday, November 21st, 5:45pm
Community Room

School Engagement Council (SEC)

Monday, November 25th, 5:30pm
Office Annex

No School

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, November 27th-29th

November Montessori Minute from the PTO

Montessori Minute! What are the core principles of Montessori education? Read on to impress your friends and neighbors!

<http://www.dailymontessori.com/montessori-theory/>

"The human hand all the mind to reveal itself." ~Maria Montessori

Attendance Note

Regular school attendance is a crucial piece in long term academic success. Fernwood's year to date attendance rate is 97.1%. Arriving to school tardy impacts a student's attendance rate. Please do all you can to insure that your student arrives to school on time each day. Consider allowing extra time given our recent wintery weather.

Driving Around Fernwood

Winter weather is upon us! Please drive carefully around Fernwood during drop off and pick up times. Be patient with students and families crossing the street. Consider parking your car and walking a block or two to drop off your students.

FORENSICS INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Greetings Families of 6th-8th grade students! Does your child have a flair for the dramatic, a love of verbal communication, seems to enjoy commanding the attention of a crowd? Or, does your child want to conquer a fear of public speaking? Then your child should consider being a part of Fernwood's Fantastic Forensics Family!! We will be having an informational meeting for interested students and parents on Thursday, Nov. 21st in room 153 from 5:30-6:30 pm. You will learn what Forensics is, some of the categories, the commitment involved and about volunteer opportunities.

Hope you see many of you there!

Please email Ms. Botsford (botsfokm@milwaukee.k12.wi.us) or Ms. Guzman (guzmannr@milwaukee.k12.wi.us) with any questions.

Shelby Holmes Books Available in Library

Elizabeth Eulbery author of four "The Great Shelby Holmes" books visited Fernwood earlier in the year and spoke to our Upper Elementary students. Her four books are now available for check out in the Fernwood library.

There are also a couple copies of Elizabeth Eulbery's books available for purchase. If your student would like to purchase a book, please send a check to the library made out to Fernwood Montessori with title of the requested book in the memo line.

"The Great Shelby Holmes" #1	\$7.99
"The Great Shelby Holmes Meets Her Match" #2	\$7.99
"The Great Shelby Holmes & the Coldest Case" #3	\$8.99
"The Great Shelby Holmes & the Haunted Hound" #4	\$13.59

Chess Corner

The Fernwood chess team is continuing their winning ways, by earning two team trophies, before the season is even officially underway! Congrats to Kevin P and Victorio P, who earned both individual trophies and finished as the 2nd place team at Deer Creek School last month, in the K5U500 division. Both players have now moved on to more challenging divisions, based on their ratings. At the beginning of the month, Kevin P, Malcolm L, and Henry M teamed up to finish as the 3rd place team in the K-4 graded at Escuela Vieau. They were joined by Ethan R and Victorio P, who played in the K-8 graded division. Well done, players! Information on upcoming tournaments can be found at the WSCF website.

Reminder: If you have not played on the Fernwood Chess team before (or want to learn to play chess), beginner chess will again be offered this year, starting next month. If you would like more information, please email Ms. Wright (wrightma@milwaukee.k12.wi.us) to get the details when they are ready in the very near future. These limited spots will fill up quickly, as chess has become a popular sport here at Fernwood.

Finally, congratulations to Amanda Lavoe, who was recently recognized as the Wisconsin Scholastic Chess Federation Volunteer of the Year.