



Fernwood Montessori
Family Newsletter #13
November 26th, 2019

Small Shops Fundraiser

The Fernwood PTO is again collaborating with Small Shops United to sell discounts to tons of local restaurants be used in 2020.

The \$25 Dine Plus package can be used for \$10 off of purchases of \$30+ at more than 20 great restaurants such as Cafe Lulu, Hue, Birch & Butcher, and Café Corazon. My family and I found several great new restaurants that we had never tried before using the 2019 card. Additionally, this year the card includes deals for the Milwaukee Bucks and the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. The cards would make great gifts for family and friends.

The PTO will receive 35% of the cost of each purchase.

To learn more or purchase a package, please go to smallshopsunited.com/fundraiser/3p.

Thank you for your support of the Fernwood PTO

Safety Around Our School

Each morning and afternoon, hundreds of students and families flood the neighborhood around Fernwood school. Please help keep our families safe by using the utmost caution when driving. Additionally, please remind students not to cut through the staff parking lot and cross only at crosswalks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

No School

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

Fernwood Fund

Tuesday, November 10th, 6:30pm
Community Room

PTO Meeting

Thursday, November 12th, 5:45pm
Community Room

School Engagement Council (SEC)

Monday, December 16th, 5:30pm
Office Annex

Winter Programs

Fernwood Auditorium

Wednesday, December 18th, 6pm performance

Lower El rooms: 21, 22, 34, 35

Upper El Choir Students from rooms 31, 32, 37, 250

Thursday, December 19th, 6pm

Lower El rooms: 24, 251, 252, 253

Upper El Choir Students from rooms: 25, 27, 33

Winter Break

December 23rd through January 3rd

School Resumes

January 6th, 2020

Parent Portal Accounts

All guardians of MPS students are able to create parent portal accounts. These accounts can be used to view information about your student's attendance, report cards and transportation information. Additionally, some of the adolescent assignments and grades are listed on the parent portal. The parent portal account is also the way that families of 8th grade students apply for MPS high schools.

Please email Jenni at

navidaj@milwaukee.k12.wi.us if you would like to start the process of setting up your parent portal account.

KFAM Choir (Kids, Fernwood and Music)

KFAM will be making their debut at the 4th Annual Christmas on KK Tree Lighting Ceremony, Friday December 6th. Tree lighting is slated to start at 5:30, but recommended to come ahead with time to find parking and get to the park. Thank you to Katie Walters' family for donating a brand new speaker to use for the KFAM Choir. Lots of family-friendly events at Christmas on KK - be sure to check out some of the stops after the tree lighting!

<https://www.christmasonkk.com/scheduleofevents>

Rock to Roll

Sunday, December 1st, 4-7pm

Anodyne on Bruce Street

3 student bands: Cherry Punch, Half Glass Full, Dislocation

Suggested Donation \$10

This all ages show is a fundraiser for the Bay View

Winter Program

Mr. Miller and our students have been working hard to prepare a Winter program for our school. All Lower Elementary students and the Upper Elementary Choir will be performing, in addition to special performance groups. The programs will be held in our auditorium at 6pm.

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Lower Elementary rooms: 21, 22, 34,35

Upper Elementary Choir Students from rooms 31, 32, 37, 250

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Additional information about the evening and drop off locations for performers will be coming out soon.

Early Dismissal

A couple of notes about students leaving for early dismissal.

Attempt to limit the frequency of students leaving for early dismissal.

If possible, please inform your teacher of a student's plan to leave early.

Please ensure that anyone picking up a student for early dismissal or after school is authorized to do so on your emergency card. If a person who is not on your emergency card needs to pick up your student, please contact the office.

Bay View's Annual Tree Lighting

All families are invited to Bay View's annual tree lighting December 2nd at 6:30pm. The event will be held in the parking lot of Immaculate Conception Church on Russell Avenue. There will be carols, a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus, and some snacks. Please feel free to attend this free event.

Captain Underpants Clothing Drive - Cub Scout Pack 179

The Holidays are an important time to be grateful for what we have and to recognize that some in our community lack basic necessities. Cub Scout Pack 179 is collecting the following items:
underwear & socks, long underwear, hats & gloves

Primary need is adult-sized items. Please drop off clothing items in the Captain Underpants donation bins (decorated by our scouts) that you'll find near the main office. Pack 179 Clothing Drive will continue through December 16th. For more info, contact Jack Kosmoski at 612-616-1469 or jack.kosmoski@gmail.com

"The child's progress does not depend only on his age, but also on being free to look around him. ~Maria Montessori

Hello Fernwood Parents,

It can be difficult to know when to send your child to school and when to keep them home. Although every situation is different there are a few guidelines that can help you determine whether or not your child is well enough for the school day.

- If your child has a fever they should be kept home from school until they are fever free (a temperature less than 100.4) for 24 hours without the use of acetaminophen or ibuprofen to reduce their temperature.
- Children who have diarrhea/vomiting should not return to school until they have been free of diarrhea/vomiting for 24 hours or until a doctor determines that it is not a symptom of infectious disease.
- Children with symptoms of pink eye such as eye redness, swelling, drainage or crust should not return to school until they have begun treatment or until a doctor has determined that their symptoms are not related to infectious disease.
- Children with rashes should not return to school until a doctor has determined that the rash is not contagious or until the rash has been treated/healed.
- Children with severe coughs should be kept home until they are able to sleep through the night without waking to cough.

Following these guidelines helps ensure good health and productivity for all of our students and may take some of the guess work out of determining whether or not you child should attend school. Thank you for your support and please contact me with questions.

Sincerely,

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