



Fernwood Montessori
Family Newsletter #21
February 4th, 2020

Fernwood Family Dinner: Help Needed!

We are looking forward to seeing you at this fun event! The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for students over 3. (Please bring cash or check)

*The event is a chance to share a meal with other Fernwood families on a cold winter night. There will be art projects to do in the art room, music by our students in the gym, and a chance to win a fun experience with our teachers.

*Could you help us out with this huge undertaking? We need approximately 40 chefs to feed our big group. We currently have 27 families signed up. We have two serving shifts to accommodate a variety of soups and allow each serving family an opportunity to enjoy the evening.

*Click on the link below to volunteer to cook or to help out with the evening, set up, or take down.

[Chef Sign Up](#) [Volunteer at the Dinner](#)

Black Lives Matter: Week of Action

The Milwaukee Board of School Directors unanimously voted to observe the National Black Lives Matter Week of Action, in collaboration with the Milwaukee Teacher's Education Association Black Caucus. Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action is a vital observation from February 3-7, 2020 across the nation to empower all to know that it is possible to eradicate societal injustices by actively engaging in the truth.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fine Craft and Art Fair Meeting

Monday, February 3rd, 7pm
Sugar Maple

Fernwood Family Dinner

Friday, February 7th, 6-8pm
Fernwood Cafeteria

Fernwood Fund

Tuesday, February 11th, 6:30pm
Community Room

New Enrollment Open House

Wednesday, February 12th, 6-7:30pm
Fernwood Primary Rooms

No School

Monday, February 17th
Tuesday, February 18th

PTO Meeting

Thursday, February 20th, 5:45pm
Community Room

School Engagement Council (SEC)

Monday, February 24th, 5:30pm
Office Annex

PAC Meeting

Tuesday, March 3rd, 6pm
Puddlers' Hall

Fernwood Fan Swag

The Fernwood Parent Athletic Council (PAC) is selling apparel and hats. There are shirts to support our basketball, soccer, volleyball and cross country teams. Plus cool knit hats! 100% of the profit will go to support our student athletes at Fernwood. Order forms and payment due by February 21st. Please make out checks to Fernwood Montessori and submit order forms in the office.

[Order Form](#)



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January Tardy Student Numbers

Congratulations Fernwood families! The average number of tardy students per day in January was down to 26! This is a great improvement from the December average of 36 tardy students per day. Thank you for your attention to this issue! Let's keep working toward an average of 20 tardy students per day.

Order Your Yearbooks Now!

*It is yearbook time! Fernwood yearbooks are on sale now through Inter-State. Yearbooks will only be sold online and are only available through pre-order. They will not be sold in the office after delivery. Orders may be placed through March 4th.

*To order a yearbook, go to www.inter-state.com/yearbook and enter the Fernwood yearbook code: 44704Q. Each yearbook is \$13.

*A huge thank you to Lorinda Flores and Malissa Mathews for tackling the huge job of our yearbook creation.

Parking in the Bus Lane

Please do not park cars in the bus lane. This is a no parking zone. Recently, families have been leaving their cars in the bus lane and walking their students into school. This greatly impedes traffic and prevents any buses from moving on to their next pick up.

Fernwood Night at Bounce Milwaukee!

Please join other Fernwood families for a fun night out at Bounce Milwaukee on Thursday March 19th from 4:30pm until close. (No school on Friday, March 20th!) If you mention Fernwood's name when you make purchases and at admission, Fernwood PTO will receive 15% of sales!

Montessori Schools Summit

Families and Teachers: See Glass Classrooms and Attend Breakout Sessions!

Saturday, February 8, 2020 • 1 – 4 p.m.

Edward A. MacDowell Montessori School
6415 W. Mount Vernon Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53213

MPS Montessori Schools – Visit various booths featuring information from the MPS Montessori schools. Enrollment resources are available onsite.

Parking – Park in the Juneau Playfield parking lot directly across from MacDowell on Mount Vernon Avenue.

FREE Childcare – Camp MacDowell will serve a snack and host activities for school-aged children. Families will sign children in/out providing a photo ID.

Light refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon.
Call (414) 475-8571, email mpsmontessori@milwaukee.k12.wi.us,
or visit mpsmke.com/Montessori for additional information.

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Montessori Schools Summit

AGENDA

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Glass Classroom Observation – Tour Glass Classrooms staffed by teachers and attended by students from MPS Montessori Schools. See what a typical day is like in the Montessori environment at all levels – primary, lower elementary, upper elementary, early adolescents, and high school. Trained MPS Montessori teachers will be on hand in Question-and-Answer rooms to provide additional information.
Breakout Sessions: 2:45 – 4:00 p.m.	Montessori 101 – This session is for new or prospective families and will provide an overview of the primary materials and methodology of the Montessori curriculum. Montessori 202 – This session is a more in-depth look at Montessori materials and includes hands-on work with Montessori materials. Montessori Training – Various Montessori training centers, including MPS-University, the Montessori Institute of Milwaukee, Alverno College, UW-River Falls, and Seton Montessori Institute, will provide information and training resources.

Spring Enrollment for new K3 and K4 students

The MPS enrollment window for new K3 and K4 students is February 1st through March 1st. Children who are 3 (or 4) years old by September 1st 2020 are eligible to begin K3 or K4 in the Fall.

The application should be completed online through the MPS website. **Siblings of current Fernwood students are given admission preference, but an application must be completed during this window.**

Students who are currently enrolled and who will be returning to Fernwood in the Fall of 2020 do not have to take any action.

Fernwood will host an open house on Wednesday, February 12th from 6-7:30pm. This open house will be an opportunity for prospective K3 and K4 families to learn more about Montessori education and to tour our Primary classrooms. Please share this information with any friends or neighbors who may be interested in Fernwood.

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**February's Montessori Minute from the
Fernwood PTO**

Montessori Minute! Here's a video (because we are all tired, right?) explaining the difference between Montessori education vs. regular education.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NGRpzQ9vCE>

Outdoor Recess in Winter

Please send your students to school each day prepared for outdoor recess. This includes boots and snow pants. If students are not wearing appropriate outerwear, they have very limited areas to use on the playground.

Our beautiful world is interconnected!

Believe it or not, the Australian bush fires have touched the lives of families in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Relatives of students at Fernwood Montessori have been deeply concerned with the impact of climate change on their family members and the unique wild life living all the way on the other side of the world in Australia.

So what did a small group of students decide to do about it? They organized and planned a project: To make homemade bookmarks, jewelry and baked goods to sell every day after school for 2 weeks with the intention of giving all proceeds to WIRES (Australian Wildlife Rescue Organization): <https://www.wires.org.au/>

Their starting goal was very modest: \$100. However, after only 2 weeks the girls were ecstatic to learn that our generous Fernwood and Bay View community would rally around them and raise over \$350 for this cause!

Thank you so much for your support. Room 37 and the students of Fernwood Montessori appreciate all the support they received.