



Summer 2017

Dear Parents,

We look forward to welcoming your child to the Mixed-Age Kindergarten this fall. In the mail you should have received your child's class list for 2017-2018. You will receive an updated list in September. Please be assured that the teachers have worked thoughtfully to create class groupings that are balanced and harmonious. While you may have concerns that your child will miss friends from the Nursery class if you are a returning family, it is our experience that the children are open and welcoming to new friends.

Your child's Kindergarten teacher will contact you over the summer to schedule a home visit and share information in preparation for the new school year. As we plan ahead for the first days of school we want you to be aware of these important dates and special arrangements in the schedule:

- Tuesday, September 5 (for parents only please)
 - 7:00 – 7:30 pm in Bonner Hall - **Afternoon Program Information Meeting**
 - 7:30 – 9:00 pm in Bonner Hall - **Parent Orientation Meeting**
- Wednesday, September 6
 - 9:00 am – 11:00 pm – **Children visit the classroom** for 10 – 20 minutes.
- Thursday, September 7
 - **Opening Day** – children attend school from 8:10 – 11:00 am
 - **Kindergarten Afternoon Programs begin.** Children who are enrolled will stay for regular hours 8:10 am – 3:00 pm or until 6:00 pm if registered for Extended Day.
- Friday, September 8
 - 8:10 – 11:00 am or full day for children enrolled in the Afternoon Programs.
- Monday, September 11
 - The regular 8:10 am – 12:00 pm schedule begins.
- Thursday and Friday, September 21 and 22 – **School Closed** for Rosh Hashanah.
- Monday, October 9 - **School Closed** for Columbus Day.
- Wednesday, November 1 – **School Closed** for Parent Teacher Conferences.

The full school calendar is available on the schools website: <http://www.waldorfgarden.org>.

Available on the website under Enrolled Families, Parent Resources please see:

The **Early Childhood Handbook** - we encourage you to read it thoroughly as it provides important information about our program and lists personal items needed for the fall.

The **2017-2018 Health Form** can be downloaded if you do not have a hard copy. All Health Forms must be returned to school by **August 21**.

Before the start of the school year you will receive an email with directions on how to access the secure parent portal **My Backpack** for access to class and general school information.

We wish you a restful, healthy, and happy summer.

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