



PRIMARY NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2021
FOR NEW AND RETURNING FAMILIES
PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY



Welcome to One World Montessori School. We are grateful that you have elected to entrust us

with your child during these unprecedented times and will do everything we can to keep everyone safe. We believe in the power of personal interaction to develop the cognitive, social and emotional skills young children need during this critical point in their lives. While in our care, we will do everything we can to foster your child's development – intellectually, physically, and emotionally.

Based on protocols and directives from the CDC, Santa Clara County Health Department, and the Department of Social Services, we have developed an extensive health and safety plan that we all must follow. As you know, the situation surrounding this pandemic is still evolving, and as such, our health and safety plans will change accordingly throughout the school year, as well. It is critical for the safety of our school community that you

stay updated on all our communications concerning this.

The first day of school, which is Wednesday, September 8th, 2021, is always a little hectic; if you could please follow the procedures outlined here and in our health and safety plan, it will make that day smoother for all of us.

NEW STUDENT VISITS



All students starting in September are invited for a last visit to their classroom on the morning of Tuesday, September 7th between 9:00 and 10:00 am.

ORIENTATION MEETING



Due to COVID-19 protocols we are still avoiding on-site parent gatherings. Consequently, we will be holding a **virtual orientation**

meeting (zoom webinar) for **ALL PARENTS** (new and returning) on Tuesday, Sept. 7th: 11:00 am – 12:00 noon.

Orientation Meeting Log in information will be sent later.

This gives us the opportunity to touch base before school starts and answer any questions you may have. We will also go over the Parent Handbook and our health and safety plan. We would like to encourage you to re-read the most current health and safety plan and the 2021-2022 parent handbook (Updated 3/1/21) so that you can attend the orientation meeting prepared with your questions.

2021-2022 CALENDAR UPDATE



Our school year calendar has changed from the original one published earlier this calendar year:

- APRIL 2022: Instead of being closed from April 18 to April 22, we will be closed from April 11 to April 15.

You will find an updated calendar attached to this email. The calendar is also published on our web site and is also attached with this newsletter.

FORMS AND PAPERWORK



We mailed/distributed the required annual forms during the week of July 26th. Please

make sure to return them by Monday the 16th.

Students will not be admitted to the classroom unless all paperwork has been received by the school.

FACE COVERINGS

Family members and caregivers must wear face coverings at all times when on campus.



All children over 2 years old are required to wear face coverings at all times. Children may remove their face coverings for a short period of time if they are experiencing difficulty wearing their face covering.

AFTERSCHOOL DAYCARE

Our Full Day program (8:00 am to 5:00 pm) will begin this Fall.



SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Below is the 2021-2022 daily schedule:

8:00 - 8:30 am:	Children in classroom helping to set up
8:30 - 9:00 am:	Children outside
9:00 - 11:00 am:	Snack / Work time
11:00 - 12:00 pm:	Circle
12:00 noon:	Half-day children go home
12:00 - 1:00 pm:	Lunch and clean up
12:30 - 1:00 pm:	Nappers outside
	Nappers to naproom (1:00 pm to 2:45 pm)
1:00 - 1:15 pm:	Storytime
1:15 - 2:00 pm:	Outside
2:00 - 2:45 pm:	Afternoon work time
2:45 pm	Nappers wake up
2:45 - 3:00 pm:	Clean up
3:00 pm	School Day children go home
3:00 to 4:00 pm	Extended day children outside
4:00 to 5:00 pm	Snack - Inside activities, including art projects, circle, story, etc
5:00 pm	School closes - End of the day

. Schedule may vary according to weather and special events. Transition from one activity to another may take additional time.

. One Tuesdays, when we have extra curricular activities in the afternoon, lunch will start early (11:30 am).

. From September 15th, weekly Wednesday Peace Lessons begin promptly at 9:30 am

STATEMENTS

Statements are provided to our parents by Smart Tuition. We would like to remind you that tuition is due on the first of each month and must be received by Smart Tuition prior to that date. The first payment of the 2021-2022 school year was due on August 1st (or July 1st for those families paying in one installment to receive a 2% discount). Payments not received by the due date will be subject to late fees and a follow-up fee from Smart.

Even though your statement shows monthly charges, remember that tuition is a yearly fee paid in installments and not allocated to a particular month.

REPORTING ABSENCES

Please call the school if your child will be absent and let us know the reason for the absence. There are certain illnesses for which we are required to notify our parent community and/or health department.

DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

Until further notice, all drop-offs are done outside the at the main entrance outside of the playground.

A staff member will be at the door to screen and accept your child from 8:00 am to 8:30 am. The door will be closed at 8:30. Late arrivals will be screened and accepted at 8:45 am and 9:00 am. After 9:00 am, ring the door bell when you have arrived outside the designated entrance and wait for a teacher to receive your child.

Late arrivals are strongly discouraged.



In addition to our usual visual health inspection of each child, we have implemented an additional screening protocol that we use for every child.

Please be patient and cooperative, as drop-off will take longer as we take each child's temperature. While waiting for a staff member to screen and receive your child, please review the Recommended Health Screening for Students and Staff.

We will refer to the questionnaire posted outside the door during our screenings.

After your child is screened, you will be asked to write down his/her temperature. You are required to sign in on the sign-in sheet provided -- write your **complete first and last name legibly, as well as the time when dropping off your child and the his/her temperature given to you by the teacher.** **Please don't forget to bring your own pen to sign in.**

This procedure is **REQUIRED BY LAW**, so please remember to follow through! If a child is not checked in properly, we can be fined by Licensing. If this occurs, you will be responsible for the payment of any such fines.

Failure to abide by this policy (forgetting to write your complete, legible name or to indicate the time) will result in a charge of \$5 per child and per occurrence.

PICK UP PROCEDURES



Children must be picked up on time! It is hard on your child when you do not arrive when expected. It is hard on the staff when they must stay later because you have not arrived on time.

Half day children should be picked up by 12:00 pm.

Children staying for lunch should be picked up at 1:00 pm.

School day children should be picked up by 3:00 pm.

Children staying for an extra daycare hour should be picked up at 4:00 pm.

Full Day children should be picked up at 5:00 pm.

THERE IS NO GRACE PERIOD EXCEPT FOR THE 3:00 pm PICK UP. Day care charges will start 3:11 pm.

For all other programs late pick up, starting 1 minute past the pick-up time, will incur a fee of \$5 for every 15 minutes or portion thereof

If you arrive after school closes (**5:00 pm**), a late fee of \$20 for every 10 minutes or portion thereof must be paid in cash to the staff member on arrival, or on the following school day.

All pick-ups are done in the same area as your classroom's drop-off. The same rules apply at pick-up time: all persons over the age of 2 years old must wear face coverings when on campus.

When you arrive, please wait outside for a staff member to bring your child to you. If you arrive late, please ring the doorbell when you arrive at the door so we can arrange for someone to bring your child to you.

You are required to sign your child out on the sheet provided -- write your **complete first and last name legibly, as well as the time when dropping off your child.**

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Failure to abide by this policy (forgetting to write your complete, legible name or to indicate the time) will result in a charge of \$5 per child and per occurrence.

We would like to remind you that extended care may be available on an "emergency basis" for children enrolled in the Half Day and School Day programs to occasionally stay late if there is space available. Ask a member of the office staff **at least one day** ahead and then recheck with the office on the day you need extra care. A \$20.00 per hour fee will be charged on your regular statement.

WHAT TO BRING

The items that you will need to bring to school are listed below

To be brought to school on the first day:

- **Refillable water bottle** (labeled with your child's first name and last initial)
- **Slippers/indoor shoes.** In order to avoid cross contamination, we will provide each child with a plastic storage bin labeled with his/her name.

Below is a suggestion of good classroom sleepers.

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08BR6QRKB/ref=cm_swr_em_api_glc_fabc_M6j9FbMFTZWGQ?encoding=UTF8&psc=1

- **2 changes of clothes**

- **One kitchen hand towel** for changing clothes.
- **2 extra face coverings** in individual, sealed zip lock bags (labeled with your child's first name and last initial). If we send soiled face coverings home, please be sure to return clean ones to school the following day.
- **Blanket and optional pillow** if your child naps at school (labeled with your child's first name and last initial). We will provide a washable bag in which to store these napping items.
- **Lunch**, for those children who eat at school, in a sealed lunchbox (preferably not a paper bag). All containers, lids and lunchbox must be labeled with your child's first name and last initial.

Please avoid Bento type lunch container.

- **2 wallet size photos** of your child that will be used to label your child's stored personal belongings.

To be brought to school daily:

- **Refillable water bottle** (labeled with your child's first name and last initial)
- **Lunch** in a sealed lunchbox (preferably not a paper bag). All containers, lids and lunchbox must be labeled with your child's first name and last initial.
- **Your own pen** to sign in and out.

NO DIAPERS, PULL-UPS OR PLASTIC PANTS please; we are not licensed for diapers in the Primary classrooms.

The weather here is unpredictable and changes throughout the day. Often it will be damp and cold in the morning, but quite warm by midday. Please allow your child to dress in layers that can be removed as the day progresses. **Remember to tell your child that it is okay to take things off!**

Make sure that everything is labeled, even socks!

Please see below for a link to order a name stamp for children's personal belongings: <https://thenamestamp.com/products/stamp>

As stated in our handbook, **we do not allow any clothing and lunch boxes with cartoon characters or violent themes** at school (socks, shoes and underwear included!) If your child arrives with inappropriate clothing, we will provide him/her with a change, and return the clothes to you.

SUNSCREEN

Remember to apply sunscreen on your child in the morning, before coming to school (the teachers will not be responsible for applying sunscreen in the morning.) Teachers will apply the school provided sunscreen (THINKBABY) after lunch before the children go outside.



If your child requires a different sunscreen, please send your own sunscreen, labeled with your child's name (stick or spray preferred)

Note that we must have your signed sunscreen release form for us to apply sunscreen on your child whether it is the school provided one or your own. (Attached)

SOILED CLOTHING



We will provide each new child with ONE washable tote bag to send wet and soiled clothes home. Your bag needs to be cleaned and returned to school the following day.

If we need to send more soiled clothing

home and your bag has not been returned, you will be charged \$5 for a replacement bag.

If you have taken your child's bag home at the end of the school year, please make sure to bring it back, or we will need to provide you with a new one for an additional charge of \$5.

Remember to send a set of clean clothes when we send home soiled ones.

NAP TIME



If your child naps, you will need to bring a labeled crib size fitted sheet, a labeled light blanket and a labeled

small pillow, as well as a transitional object, if necessary. No bottles or pacifiers are permitted!

To make things easier, we would like to share something we discovered: The **NAP MAT** by Babyboom. It is an all in one sheet, blanket and pillow. It is available at Walmart, Amazon and many other places.



Remember: no cartoon characters on bedding.

We will provide you with



- a washable tote that can hold your child's napping items. Please do not write on this bag, as we reuse them. If we need to provide you with a new one for any reason, you will be charged \$5 for a replacement bag.
- a washable, waterproof pad to use during nap time. If your child has an

accident during his/her nap, we will send it home for you to wash. The nap pad needs to be returned to school the following day.

If your nap pad has not been returned, you will be charged \$13 for a replacement.

Your child's napping items will be sent home in the tote every Friday. Please wash the contents and return the clean bag and clean napping items on Monday morning.

LUNCH TIME



If your child stays for lunch, s/he should bring a lunch in a labeled lunch box (preferably not a paper bag).

We do not allow cartoon characters or action figures on the lunchbox. Plain boxes or those with generic pictures are required. When using a container, make sure that you label both the container AND the lid.

Suggestions for lunch include sandwich squares, carrot sticks, fruits, yogurt (no gogurt!), cheese, celery with cream cheese.

Please avoid Bento type lunch container.

NUT-FREE CAMPUS



Because of nut allergies, we will continue to be nut-free for the 2021-2022 school year.

Do not send to school food containing peanuts and tree-nuts. Sun Butter is a wonderful option for any nut butter.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM



We offer pizza on **Fridays**. The cost is \$4 per meal and that includes pizza, fruits and vegetables.

If you are planning to order hot lunch on a regular basis, please pre-order and pre-pay every month. If you are going to order less frequently, you may pay a lump sum to the office and when you have used up your credit, we will let you know.

We order pizza according to the number of students who have signed up. **Please make sure to check your child's name on the sign in/out sheet if you want to order hot lunch for your child.**

Failure to do so may result in not having enough pizza for the children.

Between 9/8 and 12/17, there will be 10 Fridays with Hot Lunch (11 for the Full Day students who will be here on 11/12):

9/10 – 9/17 – 9/24 – 10/8 – 10/15 – 10/29

11/5 – 11/19 – 10/3 and 10/17

10 x \$4 = **\$44 CASH ONLY**

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We are happy to announce that Gymsters, Soccer Shots, Marvegots and Bucketeers will be back on campus.

We are also working on having individual piano lessons return in the Fall (details to follow).

ADULT BATHROOMS

We are sorry but there are no adult bathroom available for parents and visitors.

FACULTY



The following is the Primary faculty list for the 2020-2021 school year:

Primary I Guides:

Karen Bamberg
Danielle Hamilton
Indu Nair
Hema Srinivasan

Assistant

Sanchita Ghish
David Snow

Interns

Lourdes Cid
May Qian

Office Manager:

Pascale Marion (8:30 – 4:30)

Bookkeeper:

Lisa Claindoux (8:15 am – 3:15 pm)

STAFFING CHANGES

Amber has chosen to pursue another field of work. We wish her all the best.

COMMUNITY EFFORTS



In September we have our first philanthropic effort, collecting donations for the Karimu Project (<https://www.karimufoundation.org/>)

in conjunction with the International Day of Peace.



Over the holiday season we will assist local families and communities through a food drive for Second Harvest Food Bank.

Participation in each of these events is entirely voluntary. More details on these efforts will be shared with you by email and in the newsletter as they approach.

EASY FUNDRAISERS

You can participate in each of the fundraising opportunities listed below at **NO COST** whatsoever. These all pay the school a percentage of the cost of what you purchase (money you are already spending) on your registered credit cards.

eScrip



All families are encouraged to register for the e-scrip program. This is an easy way to donate a

portion of your regular expenses to the school without cost to you. Please register directly by going on their website at www.escrip.com. The school account is 0137612721.

You can register any of your credit, payment or grocery cards with eScrip. Any time you use one of those cards at participating merchants, they will donate a percentage of your purchases to the school. The e-scrip program protects the confidentiality of your credit card numbers, so you don't have to worry. This is an easy, safe way to donate, without spending any more than you already do! A list of participating merchants can be found on the eScrip website.

Amazon



Amazon.com has a charitable giving program called Amazon Smile. For each purchase made through Smile, Amazon will donate 0.5% to your designated charity. Here is how to designate One World through Smile:

1. Sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser.
2. From your desktop, go to **Your Account** from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to **Change your Charity**. Or, from your mobile browser, select **Change your Charity** from the options at the bottom of the page.
3. Search for "One World Montessori, San Jose", and you will be able to choose us from the search results.

The school receives the donations if you use this link to go to the Amazon.com web site: <http://smile.amazon.com/?encoding=UTF8&tag=onewormonsch-20>

VOLUNTEER REMINDER



Each family is required to volunteer 15 hours or donate \$225 per year. This year, you can sign-up online for volunteer

opportunities. We will email you the link for the sign-up sheet.

DONATIONS



All families are required to donate \$500 per family. We would like to remind you that many companies have matching donation programs.

Please check with your employer to see if your company offers a similar program. Due to budget and accounting requirements, we cannot count any

matching donations toward each family's \$500 donation obligation. However, these matching donations help to keep tuition costs low by adding another revenue stream, so they are greatly appreciated.

VITAL INFORMATION UPDATE



It is of the utmost importance that you let us know **IMMEDIATELY** when you have a change of e-mail, phone number, (including cell phones and work phones) or address. It is absolutely unacceptable when we try to contact a parent and our information is outdated. You would not want this to happen in an emergency. If we cannot reach you at your number, we will be forced to try to contact other people on your list.

CLASS LISTS

In September, a class list will be available to all parents, which includes contact information for all enrolled children and their families. We will release **no** information without your permission. It will be a lot easier for the office staff if we can systematically share the information through this class list. Your email address will be published unless you specifically request otherwise.

BIRTHDAYS



On the day of your child's birthday celebration, please bring a 4 x 6 photograph of your child at birth and one for each year of his/her life for a timeline.

At this time, we are unable to invite parents to the birthday celebration. We will be sure to let you know when parents are welcome back into the classroom to celebrate with

us. In the meantime, you can join the celebration via Zoom

Each classroom has a wish list. Please check with your child's teacher if you want to make a donation in honor of your child's birthday.

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.** 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.

ALSO, REMEMBER YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM WHEN YOU ARE TRAVELING.

We are always looking for new artifacts for our cultural shelves. Please check with your child's teacher when you are traveling overseas to see if we need something from the country you will be visiting.

2021-2022 KINDERGARTENERS



Although the year is just starting, we want you to be informed about graduation plans so there are no surprises. Graduation will be held Saturday, June 11th, 2022, at the Leigh campus. As we finalize the details, we will be sure to let you know. The ceremony will be followed by a lunch for the graduates, their parents and the teachers. Reserve the day! If we are still under COVID-19 restrictions at that time,

we will hold a virtual ceremony and there will be no luncheon.

In addition to his/her One World t-shirt, your child will need **white shorts or pants or skirt** as well as white socks and white shoes. White pants and shorts for boys are often difficult to find, so keep your eyes open and be on the look out!

NEWSLETTER

Newsletters for the prior three months are always available on our website at www.oneworldmontessori.org. Also, you will be receiving the newsletter via e-mail, so please be sure we have your current e-mail address.

Please let us know if you have not received your monthly newsletter by the 5th of the month.

PICTURE DAY



This year, we are looking at having our class picture taken early April instead of Fall. More details to come.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION



Thank you to the Asomoza, Baek-Zill, Chandrasekhar-Rangarajan, Davis, Ghanesh-Iyer, Gonzales-Treadwell, Lin, Raghu-Rao, Ramachandran-Sreenivasan Sairajan -Rajivakshan, Tang-Wu, Wang-Lin families who volunteered during the summer.

SEPTEMBER 2021 PREVIEW



PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING

Between 9:00 and 10:00 am, the new students starting in September are invited to visit their classroom one last time before school starts.

All parents (new and returning) should attend the virtual orientation meeting on Tuesday, September 7th. 11:00 – 12:00 pm. You will receive the login information via email.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Wednesday, September 9th.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE



On Tuesday, September 21st, we will celebrate International Day of Peace, honoring Sadako Sasaki, the young Japanese girl who became a symbol of peace.

FUNDING PEACE

“All humanity that works for the common good, even though it may be unaware of it, is creating the new world that must be the world of peace.” Maria Montessori, 1949

Each year International Peace Day is

observed around the world on the 21st of September. This day has been declared a day devoted “to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples” (UN General Assembly, 1981). Every year One World Montessori honors International Peace Day in different ways. Peace education is a pillar of our curriculum. At this time of year we read books and ask questions about peace, we sing songs and talk about peacemakers from around the world. On the 21st, we hold a peace ceremony in which the children sing and speak about peace. Each classroom will join the chain of Montessori children all around the world who will be singing “Light a Candle for Peace.” We light a candle as a symbolic gesture honoring the importance of peace.

We will also display paper cranes. We also ask for donations so that we can assist in creating positive changes. We believe that this is an important way of teaching the children about the importance of working together to make the world a better place for all.

This year we are very excited to partner again with an organization called **KARIMU** International Help Foundation. Karimu is a Swahili word that means generous or welcoming.

***KARIMU** is a small nonprofit organization run by volunteers - educators, business people, professionals, and other ordinary citizens - who have been moved by the opportunity to help the poor fulfill its ambition for a better life.*

Since its founding in 2008, **KARIMU** has worked primarily in the Babati District of Tanzania’s Manyara Region.

KARIMU's Mission is to fight poverty in order to enhance the well-being of rural villages in the developing world.

We came to know about **KARIMU** because a One World student's grandfather volunteers with the organization.

Please join us as we make a difference in the lives of others! Just look for the “Funding Peace” jar outside each classroom where everyone can deposit their share however big or small. Allow your child to share a little of their abundance. You can also make a donation online at <http://karimufoundation.org>

Thank you!

We’re looking forward to a fantastic year!

See you soon everyone!