

What to Expect at Registration:

Veronica, MPA enrollment secretary will have your paperwork to complete, along with free and reduced lunch applications.

Fran, MPA's clinic aide, will need copies of immunization records for all students. Forms are enclosed in the summer mailing. Fran will also have medication forms for any medication that needs to remain in the clinic once school starts.

Donna, MPA's business manager, will collect the material fee for all students (\$155 for full day students, \$85 for half day students) along with the August tuition payment for preschool and full day kindergarten students.

Lori, MPA's Before and After School Coordinator, will have separate registration paperwork to complete for students using the before and after school programs, as well as August and September calendars to complete. This program is not a drop-in service, and you must pre-arrange and pay for the days you sign up for, not for what you use.

Shannon, MPA's food service manager, will be available to explain the hot lunch program and have September menus available. She will also be looking for volunteers to help with the program.

Other groups will be present to invite you to sign up to volunteer for various committees and projects and join the PTA.

Come prepared! The process takes a while, and your children will get tired of waiting. The playground will not be available since it is under construction, so bring some quiet activities if your child must attend with you. Parents are responsible for their children during registration. The busiest time is from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

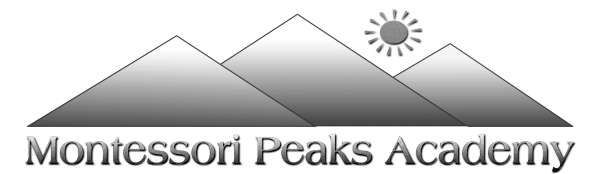
Things to remember for registration:

- Checkbook, cash, or charge card for fees and tuition.
- Birth certificate for all new students.
- Completed Colorado Immunization form (enclosed in summer packet) or official immunization print-out from your pediatrician.
- Health provider information including name, address, and phone number of doctor, dentist, and hospital.
- Phone numbers for two emergency contacts.
- Health Appraisal Form for all Primary, Kindergarten and Elementary students who will be using the Before or Aftercare program (enclosed in summer packet). This form must be completed and signed by your health provider or pediatrician.

Time for Back to School!



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***DEADLINE FOR PEEK ARTICLES* contributions are due by the 1st Monday of the month by 5:00pm.**

Please email article text in the message section of an email to: Char Weaver at cweaver@jeffco.k12.co.us. Please avoid attaching files to your email message. Please deliver photos and other contributions to the office.



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Board of Directors Gearing Up for School's Strategic Plan

The MPA Board of Directors will meet in an all-day retreat on Wednesday, July 30th to begin the process of strategic planning for the 2008-09 school year. The process will continue with meetings with teaching staff and parents at the September 16th Board meeting.

Welcome to our newest Staff Members!

Welcome to **Beth Anderson**, new Upper EI teacher. Beth will have a new class of fourth graders. She will be assisted by **Ann Johnston**, MPA parent. There will be three new Lower EI teachers: **Sara Creed** will be taking Emily's class, **Shannon deSpirlet** will be taking over Karen's room, and **Darcy Darby** will be teaching in Marian's classroom. Darcy will have **Jennifer Parker** assisting her, and Judy Faulder will have **Sue Linda Wright** assisting her.

In the Primary, Patty Ferry has decided to move back to New York to be with her family, and **Jill Daniels** will be taking her place. There will also be two new assistants in Primary—**Tammy Sanchez** working with Dianne Lester, and **Shevaun Moody** working with Shari Buehrer. **Kira Green**, our Special Education paraprofessional from last year, will be a full time Special Ed teacher in our Special Needs room. We will also have a new facilities manager, **Gary Monaco**.

We welcome each new staff member and look forward to a wonderful 08-09 school year!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school for students will be as follows:

New preschool/kindergarten students will start school on Monday, August 18th, 2008.

All returning preschool/kindergarten students will start school on Tuesday, August 19th, 2008.

All elementary students will start school on Monday, August 18th, 2008.

Hours of Operation

Office Hours:

June-August 1, 2008
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Starting August 4, 2008
Monday through Friday
7:30 am- 4:00 pm

Primary School:

Half day—8:00 am - 11:00 am
Full day—8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Kindergarten:

Half day—12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Full day—8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Elementary School:

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Before Care:

7:00 am - 8:00 am

After Care:

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

\$\$ FEES \$\$

Preschool tuition fees are billed monthly for the academic year August 1st through May 31st.

3 year olds Monday-Thursday:

Half day \$3,750 per academic year
Full day \$5,650 per academic year

3 and 4 year olds Monday-Friday:

Half day \$4,250 per academic year
Full day \$6,400 per academic year

Kindergarten: (5 years of age by October 1st)

Half day afternoon -No tuition
Full day \$3,800 per academic year

Elementary: No tuition

Before and After School Programs:

Registration fee--\$30 per child or \$50 per family
Before school--\$5 per day
After school--\$12 per day

Material fee applies to all students:

\$155 per full day student
\$85 per half day student

GOT LANDSCAPING ROCKS?

We are looking for some large landscaping rocks for a beautification project for the east corner of the property on Capri. If you have some available, please call the school (303-972-2627) and speak to Gary Monaco, our new facilities manager. He is able to pick up.

NO HOT LUNCH IN AUGUST



Please remember to pack your child a lunch during the month of August. The Hot Lunch Program will start September 2nd. Menus will be available at registration and will be accepted until August 22nd with full payment only. No late menus will be accepted. Applications for free and reduced lunch will also be available at registration.



Supply Lists/Teacher Letters

Enclosed in the summer mailing is the letter from your child's teacher for next year and on the back is the supply list for your student's classroom. Each teacher has his/her own items needed for their rooms. This is why our lists cannot be found at local stores. Please have your student bring school supplies on the first day of school.

SUMMER CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

This summer MPA has a new construction project which should be ready for the opening of school—August 18, 2008. We are doing work on the elementary playground: grading the area where the temp trailers had been, adding swings, a cool play structure, and basketball hoops, replacing the old black top with a new resurfaced basketball court and four-square court, adding a playfield, and installing a staff/overflow parking area. We are excited about the progress on this new area and look forward to the children's reaction to this improvement. This area will not be completed for registration on August 8th, so students are not permitted on this playground.

Preschoolers First Days....

Becoming accustomed to a new environment can be challenging for children. Some children adjust quickly, and others may take a little longer. It is understandable that your child may feel some separation anxiety, and it may take a little while for your child to realize that mom or dad will not be gone forever and will return soon. We recommend that you drop off your child at the classroom door and leave promptly. Experience has shown that children recover much more quickly after mom or dad has left. Please be assured that your child is in the best of care. Our teachers are very experienced and they will work with you to help ensure a smooth adjustment for everyone.

Primary teachers request that parents fill out the information sheet enclosed in the summer mailing and drop off before or on the first day of school.

NEWS FROM THE CLINIC:

We hope everyone is having a safe summer. Here's the latest news about needs for the clinic for 2008-09: We need immunization records on all students this year. These are due by the first day of school.

- Students entering kindergarten must have the following immunizations;
 1. DTaP/DTP—5 doses
 2. Polio—4 doses
 3. MMR—2 doses
 4. Hepatitis B—3 doses
 5. Varicella—2 doses or history of chickenpox confirmed by health provider
- Students entering 6th grade must have the following immunizations:
 1. Tdap—1 dose (new requirement)
 2. DTaP/DTP—5 doses
 3. Polio—4 doses
 4. MMR—2 doses
 5. Hepatitis B—3 doses
 6. Varicella—1 dose or history of chickenpox confirmed by health provider
- We need a completed Health Appraisal Form for all primary/kindergarten students and all elementary students who attend the before or aftercare programs. This must be signed by your child's health care provider.
- We are looking for donations of non-latex gloves and bandages. You can bring them to registration or send in with your child.

CARPOOL DETAILS—PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

All primary-kindergarten parents must enter the school from the Kipling and Capri side of the school and turn into the right lane and turn right immediately into the parking lot or the kindergarten sidewalk pick-up. We will be placing cones in the right lane to guide primary parents into the parking lot. Elementary parents must enter the school from the Jellison and Bowles side of the school and turn left into the school to proceed to the two lanes of sidewalk pick-up. Parents who enter in the wrong way will be required to drive through the property following the above pattern.

Another reminder—no cell phones in the car line! This is for the safety of the students. We ask for your focus as you drive on the school property. Teachers will be reminding parents to end cell phone calls during the carpool line. Please respect our request—it's about your children.

Last reminder—don't back up during the sidewalk pick-up. Wait for the line to move forward. When you back up, you can't see small people behind you. Since small people are most of the population at MPA, we want to protect them.



Thank you.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

- All before care students need to be escorted by their parents and signed in on the attendance sheet.
- Arrival for 3 and 4 year olds: All parents of preschool students must park and bring their students into the building, signing them in on the attendance sheets by the classroom doors.
- Arrival for full day kindergartners: Kindergartners may be dropped off at the "hug and drop" car line in the morning or be escorted by their parents to the classroom. Parent volunteers will assist the children out of the cars and ensure that they get safely inside the building. Teachers will sign in kindergartners who are dropped off.
- Arrival for half day kindergartners: Afternoon kindergartners are escorted by their parents and signed in on the attendance sheet. Kindergarten parents park in the northwest parking lot.
- Arrival for elementary students (6-12 year olds): Elementary students are dropped off at the "hug and drop" car line in the morning. Parent volunteers will assist the children out of the cars and ensure that they get safely inside the building. Teachers handle attendance in the classrooms.
- Dismissal for 3 and 4 year olds: Parents meet their preschoolers at the classroom at the end of the child's school day and are required to sign them out on the attendance sheet.
- Dismissal for kindergartners: Kindergartners are dismissed for carpool or the After School Program at the end of the school day. Staff will put students in to the car and ask parents to sign their students out.
- Dismissal for Elementary students: Elementary students are dismissed for carpool or the After School Program at the end of the day. Older siblings wait with younger student pick-up, K-6th. Staff will assist students into the cars.
- After School Program: Parents park and enter the building to pick up and sign out their students.