

Greetings Sea Turtle Families!

I have not had access to my school email until today and apologize for not sending this newsletter sooner.

Thank you very much to all the families that were able to attend last Tuesday's Parent Information Night. In case you missed it, we will be having more throughout the year - and as always, I am available if you have any questions or concerns.

Last week, we began with preparing for our Peace Day Parade and our young Sea Turtles created Peace Turtle flags and decorated Peace Stones to offer at the gathering with our Montessori Children's School friends. If you were able to attend, I hope that profound feelings of peace and harmony resonated, especially during this time in our human history.

Another highlight in our week, was introducing the importance of celebrating Latin American Heritage Month (Sep. 15th- Oct. 15th). We will continue to learn more about the great influences of Latin American arts, culture and people during this month and have mini-lessons on Spanish language-learning, dance, cooking, and so much more! (I kindly ask that you continue checking in with your child by asking them what they have learned or taken away from their weekly experiences and letting me know whether they were positive or negative.)

### **Communication Folders**

As mentioned before, it is important that whenever Communication Folders are sent home, that they be returned promptly. Please let this **not** fall on you as a parent, instead have your child take on this task and trust them to take full responsibility.

The one thing I will ask of you though, is to review the Weekly Work Plan **with** your child and then **sign** on the bottom right. More importantly, if you see many blanks across the page, it does not mean your child did absolutely nothing in their work cycles. Keep in mind that many times our younger friends in class are found *observing* older friends doing work - that alone is magnificent work! Thank you for respecting their individual learning experiences. 😊

### **Parent Participation**

I believe that parent involvement in the classroom is always wonderful. If you have a special artistic, cultural (holidays), and even professional background that you would like to share, express, or present with the class, I would love to hear from you. Or if you want to simply come in to read a picture book, sing a song, play an instrument, or come help out during recess and jump-rope double-dutch style - that is cool too. Just let me know! If you are not sure what to do, but would like to help in some way, reach out to me and we can mind-storm together and come up with anything.

Below is the link for school service hours!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQxRjC2rz6Z63mrlHCHXb\\_f-Hqgf6nuuX2-XrSH489VleRUg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQxRjC2rz6Z63mrlHCHXb_f-Hqgf6nuuX2-XrSH489VleRUg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### **Picture Perfect**

Next week, we will have School Pictures take place **October 6th, 7th, and 8th**. More specific details to come in my next newsletter and in our school newsletter (sent Wednesdays).

Additionally, I am asking that each family send me 2-3 family photos (4x6). You can send them via Google Photos or print them out and turn it in your child's Communication Folder. I am creating a Classroom Family Photo Album and would like to include it on our Peace Space table in the classroom. To build a strong

classroom community, I believe that it is important for our children to see who we are outside of the classroom with our families and sifting through the album will be of great support when we need peace and quiet time. Thank you in advance for participating in this project.