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Burlingame Montessori

He who is served is limited in his independence -Maria Montessori

Dear Parents,

Thank you very much for attending our parent teacher conferences. It was wonderful meeting with you to discuss your children and all that they do at Burlingame Montessori!

Time flies when you're having fun! We've had a great April filled with exciting activities. Our Earth Day celebration was educational and enjoyable, the children especially loved releasing ladybugs in the garden and collecting trash from our school's playground! The children have been learning about all kinds of fruit and their parts, especially their seeds. During May and June we are shifting our curriculum focus to the state of California. The teachers have fun lessons planned for the children which include learning about our important cities, climate, flora and fauna, major rivers, lakes and mountains. Our Zoology focus will be fish this month. For Botany, we will be learning the parts of the seed and how to take care for our planted seeds. The children have started planting fruit and vegetable seeds last week!

Graduation Photos: May 6th 9am and 1pm

As a gift to parents whose children will be going to Kindergarten in the fall, we will be providing you with graduation pictures at our graduation ceremony.

Graduation photos will be held on Monday, May 6th at 9:00am and 1:00pm. Your child does not need to wear special clothing for the pictures, they will be wearing a cap and gown over their clothing. Please have your little graduate to school on time this day! Thank you.



Mother's Day Tea

We invite all moms to join us for a morning or an afternoon tea on Wednesday, May 8th from 8:30 to 9:30am and from 2:30 to 3:30pm. Please bring your favorite tea cup with you. We will have the classroom open for you to spend time and do some fun activities with the children. Your child will love to show you their favorite activities in class! This will be an informal open house where you can engage with your child in their classroom. If moms are not available, dads are also welcome to accompany their child. Your child has a gift for you in recognition of all the hard work and love you give, so don't leave without it! Please allow some extra time to find parking. For this occasion, we would like to ask your cooperation in leaving the handicap parking space open only for those dropping off their child and not staying for tea.

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| May | June | July |
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| 2 Thursday Fire Station Field Trip 1:00pm | 1 Saturday Summer School tuition due | 4 Thursday Independence Day SCHOOL CLOSED |
| 6 Monday Graduation Photos 9:00am and 1:00pm (Graduates only) | 7 Friday Last day of the 2018-2019 SY REGULAR SCHEDULE | |
| 8 Wednesday Mother's Day Tea 8:30-9:30am 2:30-3:30pm Parents Invited | 10 Monday Closing Ceremony 9:30am-11:30am SCHOOL CLOSED | |
| 15 Wednesday Library Field Trips 9:00am and 1:00pm | 11 Tuesday Graduation Ceremony 9:30am-11:30am SCHOOL CLOSED | |
| 27 Monday Memorial Day SCHOOL CLOSED | 24 Monday First day of Summer School | |

Closing and Graduation Ceremonies 7/10 & 7/11

We've had a wonderful year building our classroom communities and friendships! The Closing and Graduation Ceremony is a time for your children to celebrate their past year together and honor those children who will be moving on to Kindergarten.

All children enrolled at Burlingame Montessori are encouraged to participate in this event. The Closing Ceremony is for our nongraduating children. The Graduation Ceremony is for the children who are going to Kindergarten. Your children have been working very hard for this special occasion, so please dress them accordingly. Please have your children at school by 9:00am. We will start the programs promptly at 9:30am. Parents, relatives and close friends are invited to attend the ceremony. Please allow extra time for parking. Sign-up sheets for refreshments will be posted on the bulletin board.



May & June Curriculum

- Geography California Community and Continents and Oceans
- Zoology Fish
- **Botany** Parts & Function of the Seed
- **Special Topics** Nutrition and Fitness
- Peace Cultural Awareness
- Seasons Spring
- Artist Cassatt
- Holidays Mother's Day

Fire Station Field Trip 5/2

Children four years old and above are welcome to join us for a field trip to the Fire Department Station. We will leave school at 1:00pm and walk down California Drive. If your child is four years old, but is not scheduled to come that day, you may sign your child up for a spot to join the field trip.

Library Field Trip 5/15

We will be walking to the library for a tour with the librarian and enjoy story time with friends. Some parents are also welcome to join us for the field trip. We will leave school at 9:00am and 1:00pm. Please sign up if you're interested in chaperoning.

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Wacky Week 6/3-6/7

A tradition at Burlingame Montessori, we celebrate our last week of school by having "Wacky Week" where the children get dressed up in "silly clothes" for school. Each day will be a different theme where your child is welcome to dress up and be creative. You can make the attire simple and cost effective. Please see the "Wacky Week" schedule below.

Wacky Week Schedule

Monday - Pajama Day

Tuesday - Sports Day

Wednesday - Crazy Hair/Hat Day

Thursday - Red, White and Blue

Friday - A Day at the Beach



It has truly been a wonderful year at Burlingame Montessori! We have been so impressed with your children throughout this year, and feel lucky to have had each and every one of them make up the whole of our school student body. We would like to congratulate our graduates who will be moving on to kindergarten in the fall, and also express our heartfelt thanks to their parents. We are sad to be saying goodbye to these children and their families, but are confident that our graduates will start their new schools as independent, creative children who have much to offer their new friends and teachers! We hope that they don't forget to come back and visit us. Good luck graduates, we are proud of you! We would like to thank each and every family for your support and participation in our school; you and your children help to make Burlingame Montessori a special place to learn and grow! We hope you have a wonderful summer.

Special Thanks to our April Volunteers!!!





Melissa and Scott (Orion's parents)







AND all the parents who contributed snacks!!!

Melissa (Orion's mom), Megan (Mick's mom), Abbie (Audrey's mom) and Vi (Kian's mom)