Dear Pittsburgh Montessori Families,

We have had a great start to the school year! We just wanted to share with you important information below:

- Drop off and pick up– please do not park in our bus lane on Graham Street. There are signs indicating no parking during school days for our yellow busses. We appreciate your support in keeping students safe when getting on/off the bus.
- Tutors– we are in need of tutors to work at our school. The position is 5 hours a day Monday to Friday with a requirement of a City of Pittsburgh residency. We have morning and afternoon shifts available. Please go to our District's webpage if interested: Tutor Application. Our best intentions are to keep tutors in the same classrooms year after year however, please understand our 3-6 classrooms get priority and are staffed with tutors first. This can, at times, impact the tutor classroom assignments.
- Communications–We have agreed as a faculty that phone calls and text messages will no longer be sent from faculty members' personal cell phone numbers. Please check with your child's teacher as to their preferred method of communication.

Yesterday we celebrated Maria Montessori's birthday...Happy Birthday Maria Montessori!

In Peace,
Principal Meyer

Grace and Courtesy Skill
I will use appropriate introductions.
From the Desk of the School Nurse

Welcome back to the new school year! Just a few reminders....

Health Information: every year we need to update your child’s health information. Please let us know of any chronic health conditions, problems, allergies, and medications your child takes.

Medications: Whenever possible, medications should be scheduled during non-school hours. However, in the event that your child needs medication during school hours please complete the Consent for Administration of Medication and Medication Order Form. The documents can be obtained from the nurse’s office or downloaded from the PPS website (https://www.pghschools.org/Page/647). All medications must be brought to the nurse’s office by the parent or guardian in the original container. All as needed medications as well i.e. (rescue inhalers, epi pens, and diastat) medications require yearly a new order, a new consent, and new actions plans.

Screenings: All students will have screenings completed based on the PA Department of School Health matrix for their grade level. If there is an abnormal finding, parents/guardians will be notified by letter or phone call. Please contact Nurse Porter if you have any concerns regarding the screening process.

If you have not done so already, please complete your Emergency Care Form. https://www.pghschools.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=943&dataid=16362&FileName=2022-2023_ECF_05-04-22.pdf The only way a nonprescription over the counter medication will be given i.e. Tylenol, Antacid, Benadryl, or Ibuprofen is with the Consent for Treatment of a Child be completed. The consent is on Page 2 of the Emergency Care Form.

Illness and Injury: If your child is injured at school, he/she will be assessed by the school nurse. You will not be contacted each time your child visits the nurse, however in the event your child appears to have a serious injury or illness every effort will be made to notify you. Please make sure all phone numbers and health information is kept current throughout the school year.

Children with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher will be sent home immediately. Please keep students’ home from school until they are fever -free (below 100 degrees) for 24 hours without fever -reducing medications. Please contact the school nurse regarding meeting specific criteria before returning to school after COVID-19 infection or exposure and for guidance regarding potential COVID -19 symptoms.

Communicable Diseases: Children with other symptoms of a possibly- communicable disease will be sent from school at the discretion of the school nurse. If your child has been diagnosed with a possibly contagious illness, such as Flu, Covid-19, Chicken Pox, Ringworm or Strep Throat please notify the nurse.

Head Lice: Is a common community problem. They are not dangerous and do not transmit disease. The school nurse will notify parent/guardian of the student with lice or nits to pick-up from school and treat ASAP.

Food Allergies: many students have food allergies. It is imperative that parent/guardians notify the school nurse and students teacher of any allergies ASAP. Your child’s homeroom teacher will explain the snack and party food policy. Please have your physician complete the Anaphylactic Allergy action plan and medical Plan of Care for Food Services.

Students will be required to mask upon entering the Nurses office
Please Contact me with any questions or concerns @ 412-529-2020 or lporter1@pghschools.org.

Nurse Porter
Acceptable Use Policy
As we are a public Montessori school, we do utilize District approved apps to guide our planning with Montessori materials. Technology use is a District requirement and our Montessori teachers are creative in the way they infuse this into their Montessori classrooms. This is a Practical Life skill for the twenty first century. Please know we will not utilize technology nearly as often as we have in the past 2 years. Student devices will not be passed out until there is a record of the Technology Acceptable Use form on file. This can be filled out in the link below.
https://pghboe.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3sBuKDiEuWwV1eS