



Volunteer Orientation

So much of MSYC's success comes from the support and dedication of our parent volunteers. Many of the most rewarding volunteer experiences come from working directly with our students. Each year on our Volunteer Application (sent in the fall packets) we request help with substitute teaching. Many parents feel they are not qualified to act as a substitute in the classroom because they don't have a background or previous experience with early childhood education. *Please **don't** be intimidated! You can be a great help!* On Sept. 15th we will hold an orientation from 6-7:30pm for parents wishing to help in the classroom or at other special events (Cookies & Craft Day, field trips, etc.) We do have preschool field trips starting this month and will be looking for substitute help in October so please consider joining us for this informative event!



Check Your Food/Product Packaging!

Enclosed in today's folder you will find information about two programs MSYC participates in to raise money and obtain school supplies. For every Box Top for Education MSYC will receive \$.10. This may not sound like much but we recently turned in \$90 worth of box tops! For every Campbell's Label for Education we receive points that may be redeemed for supplies for the school. Please spread the word to your friends and family and start saving these labels for MSYC!

California...here we come!



MSYC is thrilled to announce a wonderful opportunity for two of our teachers! Miss Cindy and Miss Sharon will be representing MSYC at the American Montessori Society's Fall Conference in Garden Grove, CA in October. Nearly 100 Workshops are being offered that will provide practical and innovative ideas for the classroom, as well as opportunities for resource and idea sharing among teacher educators, school administrators, and others. MSYC and its students will **greatly** benefit from these teachers' experiences! If you are interested in serving as a substitute in Miss Christie's or Miss Cindy's classrooms on Oct. 15th and/or Oct. 16th please contact the office. We are also accepting donations of gift certificates or coupons to help offset the expense of our teachers' meals at restaurants near their hotel: Outback, Red Robin, Pizza Hut, or Taco Bell.

MSYC Wish List

- ★Brown paper grocery sacks with handles
- ★Play-doh for Toddler classroom
- ★Repair some of the Toddler classroom materials – you will be reimbursed for supplies
- ★A shelf built for the Toddler classroom – you will be reimbursed for supplies
- ★Small buckets & **shovels** for sand boxes
- ★Window washer for Miss Suzanne's classroom (either before 8:45am or after 12pm)
- ★Repainting the Toddler classroom – supplies will be provided, task can be broken up into several small manageable jobs

We still need volunteers to help with scooping ice cream and a craft activity at our Ice Cream Social!

Sept. 11th 6-7:30pm

More on Back! →

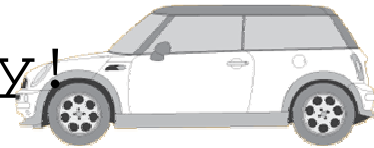
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We need YOU!

As many of you know, MSYC operates under a Board of Directors. Since the school's start over 30 years ago, our Board has been made up of parent (and sometimes grandparent!) volunteers. We are currently looking for an individual to join our Board of Directors and potentially serve as our Vice President. Board meetings are on the third Monday of every month at 7pm. While it is important for Board members to support MSYC at school events, we do not intend for it to be a time consuming commitment. Board members can serve one or two year terms. Please contact the office if you have any questions about this position or if you are interested in serving our school!

Parking Lot Safety!



As we approach the completion of week 2 of the school year, most parents are familiar with the drop-off and pick-up procedures in the parking lot. If you have any lingering questions please refer to pages 17-18 of your Parent Handbook or contact Emily or Carrie in the office. The most important part of these times of day is the safety of our students and their families. We ask that **additional passengers remain in your car**. We are so excited about the friendships being formed among parents! The school's beautiful and enclosed yard is a great place for parents to touch base with each other while children are in tow. Thanks for helping keep our families safe!



We still need indoor shoes for some Preschool students!
Please try to send a pair your child can put on and take off without assistance.

Fighting the Flu



Enclosed in today's folder you will find a brochure on protecting your family from the flu. If your child is displaying symptoms of any illness please keep him/her home from school. Proper hand washing and covering sneezes are important lessons to teach our children. Try to remind your child to sneeze into the elbow or arm rather than his/her hands. A fun way to teach hand washing is by singing "Happy Birthday". If sung slowly this song is the right length of time (about 20 seconds) for proper hand washing.

Important Dates to Remember

- September 7th – NO SCHOOL!
- September 11th – Ice Cream Social 6-7:30pm
- September 13th – Grandparents Day ☺
- September 15th – Volunteer Orientation 6-7:30pm
- September 16th – Miss Christie's Martin's Hillside Orchard Field Trips
- September 17th – Miss Cindy's Martin's Hillside Orchard Field Trips
- September 21st – Board of Directors Meeting 7pm
- September 22nd – First Day of Autumn ☺
- September 25th – NO SCHOOL!

Please contact Carrie or Emily in the office (489-4366) if you have any questions!

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