

Children's House Handbook

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"Montessori is an education for independence, preparing not just for school, but for life."

- Maria Montessori

School Day

AM Start– Students can be dropped off at NPMLC after 7:30 am.

*8:15 for students who ride the bus to St. Germain or parents drop off.



(All students who are dropped off in St. Germain should go directly to the lunchroom)

*8:35 for students who will be dropped off and students who are riding bus from ERES.

*12:35 4K pick up (half day students) in the front of the building

*2:50 Students riding bus to ERES will depart. Parent pick in front of building.

*3:25 students who ride bus home from St. Germain are dismissed as well as parent pick up.
(Back of building)

Reporting Absences- Please call the main office, 715-542-3632 and choose ext. 1 to talk to Ms. Wendy to let her know that your child will not be in school. You can also email nfoster@npsd.k12.wi.us, klorgus@npsd.k12.wi.us and Wendy Siekierzynski (School secretary) wsiekierzynski@npsd.k12.wi.us

Bus Changes - If your child is going to do something different after school, please remember to send a note or call the office and leave a message by 1:00 each day. This avoids any last minute panic at the end of the day.

Classroom Culture- We will be using **The Virtues Project** that is a program that models a simple, effective, strengths-based program that cultivates respect and responsibility, build resiliency, promote authentic self-esteem and self-confidence, and much more. Please watch for more information about the virtues we will be working on.

Giving children the opportunity "to stir up life and leave it free to discover."

Maria Montessori

Communication

To ensure that your child has a successful school year, we will communicate through a variety of ways. Communication between of is of the utmost importance. I will be providing you with information, but please know that your feedback to me is just as important. Feel free to contact me at any time! The best way to contact me is via e-mail.

Folders - Each child has a folder that will go back and forth from home to school each day. The right side of the folder is labeled “**Keep At Home**” (these are papers that can be kept at home- please be sure to check them over) and the right side is, “**Return to School**” (these are papers that need your attention!) **Please check the folder each evening and return any items to school in the folder.** I will check the folder each morning. This has proven to be a very effective way of getting things back and forth from school and home.

Remind - I will not be sending paper reminders home. All reminders will be sent via Remind. If you have not already signed up for Remind, contact me for sign up information.

Classroom Website - <http://www.npsd.k12.wi.us/faculty/nfoster/District> <http://www.npsd.k12.wi.us/>

Newsletter- Each Friday we will email you a newsletter as well as a weekly video that the students help create.

Telephone - Feel free to call us at any time. Please note that it is difficult for us to check the phone during the school day.

(715) 542-3632 ext. 5207

E-mail - E-mail is the best way to contact us. We will do my best to respond to your e-mail within 24 hours.

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Facebook- Like *Northland Pines Montessori Learning Center* for updates

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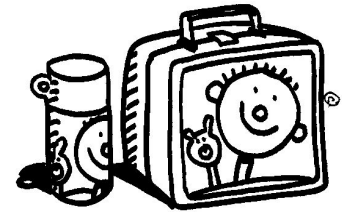
Specials

- ✓ The children will have 90 minutes of Phy Ed each week with Mr. Pinski. It is best if girls do not wear dresses on P.E. days or wear tights, shorts or pants under them. (Three 30 minute classes.) PE is Monday, Wednesday and every other Friday.
- ✓ Art is 45 minutes with Mrs. Acklam on Tuesday afternoons.
- ✓ We have 60 minutes of music each week with Mrs. Plank. 30 minutes on Tuesday and Friday, 11:00-11:30
- ✓ We will be going to the Library Media Center (LMC) for a story and book check once a week.

Parent Helpers

There will be opportunities to help in the Children's House as the year progresses. Please watch for more information Volunteering is a great way to become involved in your child's education.

**Please fill out the volunteer form that will be provided in the Open House packet for any family members that plan on volunteering so we have those on file. (Let me know if you need more copies.)



Lunch

Your child will be able to purchase hot lunch through food service or bring a lunch from home. Lunch milk is available for those students bringing lunch if desired.

MILK with Lunch: Milk is included as part of the National School Meal Program. However, ALL students will be charged \$0.45 for milk if they bring a cold breakfast and/or lunch from home. Milk is only included as part of the school meals program. Students, eligible for free/reduced meals, who bring a cold lunch from home, will also be charged \$0.45 for milk.

Please check the menu that comes home each month. If your child does not like a particular lunch, please send a lunch from home on that day.

****LUNCH CHOICES**

1. Main Lunch 2. Bagel or Deli Sandwich 3. Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich

****Each child will have a lunch card with their account number on it. They will be charged each time they eat hot lunch.**

Children need healthy meals to learn. Northland Pines School District offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.35 for PK-5 grades, lunch costs \$2.70 for grades K-5. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch.

Contact Food Service for more information! 479-5800.

<http://www.npsd.k12.wi.us/district/foodserviceinfo.cfm>

****You can send payments in your child's folder (in an envelope with Food Service and family name) or pay online (see above link). There is also a drop box by the elementary office.**

Snack

Each morning we will have a snack available for the students. Snacks are provided by Children's House families. Each month we will send home a snack calendar for the week we would like you to send in a snack.

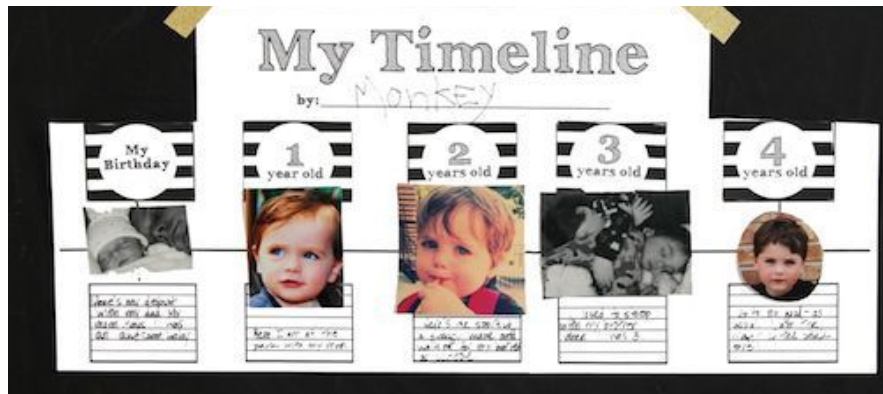
NPMLC Birthday Celebrations

(Watch for an information sheet that will be sent home a few weeks before your child's special day)

On your child's birthday (or day we choose to celebrate), we will build a time line of their special celebration. Please send in a picture to represent each year of their life starting with their birth. Also, please write one or two sentences that were significant during that year. Some examples:

- Birth place, time, weight, family present
- First steps/words
- Special friends, places visited, first plane trips
- Favorite food then and now
- Starting sports, team sports, school, etc...

*****We will provide you with papers to complete the timeline.**



As a final step to their celebration, you may send in a treat to be shared with the classroom. There are 24 children in the classroom. Please do try to send a healthy treat such as; fruit kabobs or cups, yogurt, muffins, granola bars, etc...

Extra clothes. Each family will be asked to provide extra clothes to leave at school. If your child uses their extra clothes, please be sure to return them to school ASAP! (Please send them to school in a labeled gallon zip-loc bag or shoe box, they will be kept in their locker.)

Book Orders

We will be submitting book orders from Scholastic every month. This is a GREAT chance for you to do some shopping for the children in your life and build your child's home library. If you ever want to order presents for your child, just let me know and we can make arrangements to keep them a secret! You will find affordable, appropriate reading materials at your child's age level.

There are two easy ways to order Scholastic books:

1. Via paper catalog (will be sent home monthly).
2. Order online. Follow this link: <https://orders.scholastic.com/FJKCW>. On the parent page, register for a free account. When prompted, enter our Class Activation Code below. This ensures that your order is sent to me. For each parent order placed online, our class will receive a \$3 FREE book pick! Thank you in advance for your orders!!!

CLASS ACTIVATION CODE: **FJKCW**

*You can send CASH or a check made out to SCHOLASTIC

Visitors Any visitors to our building must stop in the office and sign in.

Important Dates.. - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- *Family Learning Team Meeting- Tues., Sept. 26, 5:00 PM**
- *NO School (Teacher In-Service)- Friday, October 6th**
- *Parent Teacher Conferences- Thursday, November, 9, 4:00-7:00**
- *Parent Teacher Conferences, NO school- Friday, November 10th, 7:30-12:00**
- *Thanksgiving Break, NO School- November 22nd-November 24th**
- *Winter Break- NO School- December 25th - January 1st**
- *NO School (Teacher In-Service)- February 9th**
- *Family Learning Team Meeting- Tuesday, February 20th, 5:00 PM**
- *NO School for NPMLC-**
- *4 & 5 Year-Old Kindergarten Registration- Friday, March 2, 9:00-5:00**
- *Spring Break- NO School - March 26th - March 30th**
- *Spring Fling Concert - April 20th**
- *NO School (Memorial Day) - Monday, May 28th**
- *Last Day of School- Wednesday, June 6th (pending snow days)**

