



Brownsville Montessori Academy August Newsletter 2013

Calendar of Events

- August 1 School Office Opens
- August 13 Open House 4:00-5:00 pm
- August 14 First Day of School
- August 26-30 Spirit Week
- August 30 Dr. Maria Montessori's Birthday
- September 2 Labor Day (no school)
- September 26 Open House 4:00-5:00 pm



New Student Fee

In an effort to streamline our office operations we are adding a student fee to the existing supply fee. This fee will include ALL school activities including: Fall Festival, Thanksgiving and Christmas Luncheons, Charro Days Fiesta, Easter and field trips. Parents will not be asked for fees throughout the school year because everything will be included. The supply fee will now be \$150 in August and \$150 in January.

New Staff

Cristina Gonzalez will be joining us as the newest primary teacher. She is Montessori trained through the Centro de Entrenamiento Sierra Madre in Monterrey, Mexico. This training center is affiliated through the American Montessori Society and is accredited through MACTE (The Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education) She has nine years of teaching experience and comes to us highly recommended.

Ms. Maru Garret, who is currently taking the upper elementary training through the North American Montessori Center (NAMC), will be interning in the upper elementary class under the guidance of Ms. Garza.

Ms. Roxanne Barrientos, who recently graduated from UTB with a Bachelor of Education in Health and Human Performance, will be our new Physical Education teacher. She will also be assisting in Ms. Milly's lower elementary class. And Miss Stephanie Aviles will be Ms. Terry's toddler assistant.

Office Additions

The office is adding new payment features. We will now be accepting credit cards and checks. We will no longer take any cash payments.



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Open House

On Tuesday, August 13th we will have a ***Meet and Greet*** Open House. Everyone is encouraged to come and visit the school. The Open House will be from 4:00 -5:00



First Day of School

Please bring your children to school on time. Classes begin at 8:15, so your child(ren) should arrive by 8:00 am. There will be staff members to walk your child to class so there is no need to park and bring your child to school. The Meet and Greet Open House is where you meet the teacher and familiarize your child to the school. Teachers are very busy on the first day of school and do not need interruptions from parents.

September Open House

On Thursday, September 26th we will have an Open House. This is an Open House where the children show their parents the specially designed materials that they have been working with at school. With our busy working schedules it s not easy to come to school and observe the students working during the day. So, we have an evening where the parents can come and watch their children in action.

Spirit Week

BMA will be celebrating Spirit Week in August to coincide with Maria Montessori's Birthday. Children may dress accordingly on each day following the theme of the day. So, its pajamas on Pajama Day, Storybook character on Storybook Day, wild and crazy outfits on Crazy Day, sport clothes on Sports Day and on Birthday Party Day students may dress as they would to go to a birthday party. We will provide the hats and birthday paraphernalia to celebrate Maria Montessori's Birthday.



Monday, August 26th is Pajama Day



Tuesday, August 27th is Storybook Day



Wednesday, August 28th is Crazy Day



Thursday, August 29th is Sports Day

Friday, August 30th is Birthday Party Day

