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Oak Forest Montessori School (OFMS)

2000 Greenleaf Street
Longview, Texas 75605

A note from Ms. Beth:

Dear Parents,

As you know we are getting closer to the end of the summer. We have had a wonderful summer and are glad you chose OFMS for your child.

You will receive your child's classroom placement on Friday of this week. Enrollment paperwork was due August 1st. If you have not turned your paperwork in, please do so this week. Your child will not be able to start school until all of the paperwork is received. If you have any questions, please let us know. We are happy to help.

Most of our students are returning for the 2014-2015 school year; however, if you have chosen a public school for your child please remember OFMS offers after school care for students Kindergarten through Fifth grade. OFMS provides transportation for Pine Tree and Spring Hill students and Longview ISD drops children off at the school. Please stop by or call the office for additional details.

Beth



IMPORTANT DATES

Due Now: 2014-15 Enrollment Forms

August 19: Summer Session Ends

August 20-22: Teacher In-Service

August 24: Open House 3:00-4:00pm

August 25: Fall Session Begins

September 1: Labor Day Holiday

September 16: 1st PTO Meeting

September 23: CHICK FIL A Spirit Night

Purpose: To provide a carefully planned, stimulating environment with an enriched Montessori curriculum which will help the child develop within him/herself a foundation of habits, attitudes, skills and ideas which are essential for a lifetime of creative thinking and learning. To enable a child to become a compassionate, responsible contributing member of society who is respectful of others and the environment.

Logo: Our logo is the two hands reaching into the sky for two oak leaves. We chose this because it symbolizes that Oak Forest Montessori School and the materials, tools and guidance that we provide. The hands reaching symbolize the child's learning potential and how there is no limit to what he/she can do.

Mission Statement:

The Oak Forest Montessori School is consistent with the philosophy and mission of Dr. Maria Montessori and her work with children - to help each child reach their full potential in all areas of life.

Immunizations:

It is the policy of OFMS to require immunizations for children as per state guidelines (please see attached). Up-to-date immunization records must be on file for your child. We must also have a current physician's statement of health.

Interested in requesting an exemption? Please click on the link for information about how to request an exemption from these state immunization requirements.

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/school/default.shtm#childcare>

School Closed:

The school will be closed for Teacher In-Service August 20 – 22. We will have Open House/Meet the Teacher on Sunday, August 24th from 3:00-4:00pm. We hope all of you will be able to attend. Our teachers love meeting new parents and seeing returning parents! were suspended during the summer.

Encourage your children to play quiet games, do puzzles, use flash cards, color, or Please them into the learning process and school activities.

Now Accepting Credit Cards:

We now accept Visa, Master Card, and Discover cards; however, we must charge a 2.5% processing fee. In order to use a credit card, we need the credit card number, expiration date, security code, cardholder's name and billing address, and a photo copy of the front and back of the credit card.

Lunch Delivery for First Week of School:

There will be no lunch delivery the first week of school, August 25th-29th. Lunch order forms for September will be in student take home folders Monday, August 25th. The forms must be turned in by Thursday, August 28th. We cannot accept order forms past the due date because it causes confusion and we want each child to receive the correct lunch order. Please help us by turning in your order form ASAP.

Uniforms:

Please stop by the uniform shop to get all of your school clothes for the 2014-2015 school year. As you know, the shop is located in Bldg 1, Room 100, behind the office. If we do not have your child's size please let Valerie know and we will place an order for you.

PTO Corner

Exciting Things the PTO is Working On



OFMS Chick Fil A SPIRIT NIGHT.

Tuesday, September 23rd from 4:00-10:00pm.

Chick Fil A has graciously agreed to donate 10% of all proceeds to the OFMS PTO. Please spread the word to your friends and family. Bring your receipt to the office so that you can be included in the chance drawing for \$50 off one month's tuition!

A Change to Spring Fling...FALL FEST

Fall Fest! The OFMS Parent Teacher Organization, formerly the OFMS Parents' Association is working diligently to plan for our annual carnival. In recent years we hosted the event in the spring but this year we are doing things a bit different! The OFMS Fall Fest will be Saturday, November 8th. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Did you know that the biggest source of revenue for the PTO is the annual carnival? Would you like to get involved? We always need volunteers and baked goods for our bake sale. Another way for you to contribute is through a Business or Family Sponsorship. Did you know that we provide all kinds of advertising opportunities for those Sponsors? If you or your business (or a business you know) would like to Sponsor the PTO, please see the attached form.

****Please contact Gina Mundt at gmundt@sbcglobal.net or (903)806-0808 with any questions about the PTO. We still need volunteers for various events throughout the year!**

If everyone donates a SMALL amount of their time, we can accomplish BIG things for our OFMS children!