

MONTESSORI of LADERA RANCH

September 2024 Newsletter



"The education of even a small child, therefore, does not aim at preparing him for school, but for life."

—MARIA MONTESSORI

News from the Office

Welcome everyone to our 2024-2025 school year. Our mission at Montessori of Ladera Ranch is to "create an environment where academic excellence is in harmony with young lives." We are honored that you have chosen us to instill a love for learning in your children and, with your help, guide them to the path that will lead them to discover their full potential.

One of the vital keys to a successful school year is good communication. We will distribute a newsletter at the beginning of every month via email informing you of upcoming events and the goings on here at school. Please feel free to email your child's teacher or office staff and we will get back to you promptly. Your child's Lead teacher, Ms. Melissa, and Ms. Natalie will be communicating with you frequently via email.

For monthly information, we have a Parent's Page on our website. This page is filled with our monthly newsletters, information about our after-school classes, and our monthly events calendar.

Please check out our website: www.montessoriofladeraranch.com
Instagram: @montessoriofladeraranch

Classroom Hours

Toddlers and Preschool Rooms 1-5:

A full day- 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

A half day- 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Elementary classrooms Rooms 6 & 7:

A full day is 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM

We offer morning daycare from 7:00 AM to 8:45 AM and afternoon daycare from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM for an additional charge. To properly staff, we need to know in advance if you need daycare for your child. We do offer occasional daycare at a rate of \$20 per hour.

Important Dates to Remember this Month:

Monday, September 2nd:

CLOSED in observance of Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3rd:

First Day of School!

Thursday, September 19th:

Early Dismissal at 4:00 pm

Back to School Night at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, September 24th:

Picture day for Room 1 and Room 2

Wednesday, September 25th:

Picture Day for Room 3 and Room 4

Thursday, September 26th:

Picture Day for Rooms 5, 6, and 7

First PTU Meeting at 5:30 pm

Friday, September 27th:

Parent's Night Out from 6 to 10 pm

Week of September 30th through October 4th:

Scholastic Book Fair!

Please make every effort to have your children to school on time. It is very difficult for children to walk into the classroom late. It is also disruptive to the students who have already started their school day.

Back to School Night!

We will be hosting a Back to School Night on Thursday, September 19th at 5:00 pm! Please mark your calendars for this day! We will be closing at 4:00 pm to prepare for the event. We will offer childcare at the event, for those who need it.





Picture Day

Montessori of Ladera Ranch will be having fall pictures this month! Please see the following for when your child will need to be ready for their picture days:

- Tuesday, September 24th: Room 1 and Room 2
- Wednesday, September 25th: Room 3 and Room 4
- Thursday, September 26th: Rooms 5, 6, and 7

After Picture Day, parents will be able to purchase their orders after registering online via a link that will be emailed out. You will be able to self-register prior to your child's picture day, and your orders will arrive directly at your homes. We are looking forward to all these adorable pictures!

Parent's Night Out

This month's Parent's Night Out will be on Friday, September 27th from 6 pm to 10 pm. Come by the office to sign up!

Tuition Billing

Tuition installments are due on the 15th of every month prior to attendance (i.e., the first installment is due on the date of enrollment, the second installment is due on September 15th for October, and the third installment is due on October 15th for November, and so forth). We will debit the accounts of those families who have signed up for Tuition Express on the 15th of every month. If the 15th of any month falls on a weekend, your account will be charged the Friday before (this year, October's tuition will be charged on Friday, September 13th). It takes two days to process and credit to our account. If tuition is not received by the 25th of the month, a \$50 late charge will be applied. If tuition is not received by the first of the month, the child will be dropped from the program.

Emergency Procedures

Each class will be practicing Fire/Earth-quake Drills. Once a month, we will be going into each classroom unannounced to practice with the children and staff. In addition to Fire/ Earthquake Preparedness, we are also preparing our staff and facility in the event of a biological or chemical threat. Additionally, we have upgraded our security systems and have had staff training on how to respond to an intruder or emergency situation. In the event of an emergency evacuation, our school would meet at The Trinity Catholic Church on Corporate Drive. If this location was not possible, a note would be posted on our front door listing our location. We carry an emergency book with all the children's emergency information with us while practicing our drills. In order to be adequately prepared for an emergency, we require that each parent purchase an Econo Kit for \$25 for your child. These kits will be stored in the children's classrooms.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Policies

Please remember to sign your child in and out daily via the Procure Connect app on your phone OR from the tablets located in the hallway! This is a Licensing requirement and for safety reasons, is important to follow. Parents, please advise all other authorized pickup people to sign your child out on the tablets.

Reminder of our Illness Policy

Please **DO NOT** send your child to school if he/she has a fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or colored mucus. In addition, he/she must be free of these symptoms for a complete 24 hours before returning to school. Your child must be picked up by the parent or authorized person within 30 minutes of notification that your child has become ill at school.

Reminder about Nap Policy

It is a State Requirement that we, as a school, do not deny or force any child to nap. This year, we will have every child in our preschool program "rest" on a cot while listening to a story or music for 30 minutes. At the end of the 30-minute rest period, those children who have not fallen asleep will be taken out to the playground for additional playtime and then brought back into the classroom for additional work time.

Medication Policy

We can administer any medication that is prescribed by a physician for your child. You must complete the Medicine Log and place all medication in the locked box located in the refrigerator.

No Toy Policy

In keeping with our "No Toy" Policy, we are asking you to help us by making sure your children leave all toys at home. Please encourage them to bring things like books, photographs, collectibles, etc., to share with their class. Please contact your teacher regarding what day is share day in your child's classroom.

