



August 20, 2020

Dear Early Childhood Parents,

We hope your family is healthy and well and enjoying time outdoors this summer.

We are all so excited to see the children we have missed so dearly. We will begin the year with 3 Mixed-Aged Kindergarten classes with a maximum capacity of 14 children in each class.

You will receive more specific logistical early childhood instruction when we meet virtually on September 1. Please take time to familiarize with the school's campus reopening plan regarding COVID-19 procedures and protocols for this school year, available on our website. We will update the plan as we go, and share these updates with you: www.waldorfct.org/current-parents.

Please make note of the following dates for your school planning purposes:

Late August: Letter will go out to enrolled families letting you know the class you have been assigned to for the upcoming year. Teachers will begin to set up home visits with new students.

Wednesday, August 26, 7:00pm: All families are invited to a Town Hall Meeting. The agenda will include a welcome, updates on health and safety, enrollment, budget, and new outdoor learning spaces. Zoom invite to follow.

Friday, August 28: Medical forms/physicals must be submitted to the office by this time. (If your child requires a medical treatment plan, this must also be included). All early childhood families are required to submit a new healthcare form each year, available from your pediatrician.

Tuesday, September 1, 8:00-9:30pm: Virtual Early Childhood Parent Evening for all EC families. Parents will receive a Zoom invite from their teachers for this required parent evening.

Wednesday, September 2 (NEWLY ENROLLED FAMILIES ONLY): Beginning at 9am new families will be given a time slot to walk through their child's classroom and play yard. This time is designed to help your child transition to school.

Wednesday September 9, 9:15am – 12:00pm: All EC parents will drive through to drop off supplies and become familiarized with their designated pick-up and drop-off locations. Items to be dropped off and kept at school:

- flexible rubber soled indoor shoes (6 yr old and above must have laced shoes),
- a change of clothes,
- 2 pairs of underwear and socks.

Thursday, September 10: First day of school for Mixed-age Kindergartens. Drop-off times for Rose and Sunflower classes will be 8:00 – 8:30 at designated drop-off points, and Dandelion class will be 8:30-9:00 at designated drop-off area.

We are in the process of updating our Parent Handbooks and Directories for the 2020-21 school year. Updates will be posted in the parent portal: <https://www.waldorfct.org/parent-portal>. Please refer to the attached excerpt for information regarding our dress code policy, which includes required rain, snow, and other outdoor gear.

We are all so grateful that we can come together this fall, we have missed you! We hope you enjoy the remainder of these waning days of summer!

Warmly,
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