Miquon Matters, 8.26.19

Welcome back! Miquon Matters is a regular email bulletin containing very important announcements and information. During the school year, please make time to carefully read through it every-other Monday!

Action Items

1. School forms were due on August 16--please complete your forms if you have not already! This is especially important if your child has an allergy or an asthma action plan!

Forms

2. Grades 1-6 should come to campus on Thursday, August 29 for our Open
Classrooms/Meet Your Teacher event at 4:00. Please bring your outgrown creek boots and raincoats to this event for a boot-coat exchange.

3. Nursery in Kindergarten families and their children should come to campus on Saturday, August 31 for the N+K Orientation/Work Party from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Bring your outgrown creek boots and raincoats to this event too!

4. Download the Miquon App for the latest school information. New this year, Phila bus riders will receive late status updates directly from Total Transportation dispatch via the app. Join your bus group today with codes MQ4236, MQ4238, or MQ4239.

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**Orientation for new families**

Families new to Miquon should meet at the Playbarn for a quick logistics-related start-of-school orientation on August 29 at 3:30 pm (for Grades 1-6) and on August 31 at 8:30 am (for Nursery and Kindergarten). RSVP to Andrea at 610-828-1231 or andream@miquon.or

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**Grouping**

Just in case you haven't had a moment to peek at your child’s classroom group assignment, you can view the classroom group list here.
What's pictured here?! Starting this fall, home classrooms will have new HVAC systems! We know that air-conditioning will be a welcome relief during the hot weeks of September and June! Our thanks to the Buildings and Grounds Committee for helping to make this dream a reality.

**Transportation**

Please be patient with bus routes as we settle into the new year. As the drivers practice their routes, pick up and drop off times will become more and more predictable. You can also report issues to Pam Feinschil.

**Philadelphia Bus Students**

You should have received a letter from Philadelphia School District Transportation with your child’s bus number, bus stop, and time of morning pick up.

**Suburban Bus Students**

Cheltenham and Lower Merion: These school districts send bus stop information directly to Miquon. You should have received this info from Pam already.

Colonial: Colonial School District will send you a letter directing you to their website to obtain bus stop information. The letter will include a user ID and password to get onto the website.

Springfield: Check the local newspaper and the "Transportation" section on sdst.org.

Wissahickon: Visit wsdweb.org, click "Departments," and then click "Transportation."
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Pam will contact you shortly to share driver information and pick up times.

Dismissal Routine and Absences

This is important! Please submit your Regular Dismissal Routine form via the Parent Portal to let us know your child’s regular routine.

Making Changes
You may make a change to the regular routine by sending your child to school with a handwritten note indicating a change in the schedule for the day. In cases of emergency, call the school and indicate the need to change your child’s dismissal routine no later than 12:15 pm.

Please do not send changes via email.

Your Child May be sent to After Care
If your child comes to school with the understanding that dismissal plans vary from what is indicated on this form and we are unable to verify the change with the handwritten note or a phone call from a parent, the child will be sent to After Care (open 3:00 - 6:00 pm) and you will be billed accordingly.

Absences
To comply with the Pennsylvania Public School Code (2016), Please note and adhere to the following NEW absence procedures/guidelines:

- Three unexcused absences will result in Miquon contacting your child’s school district to make a report.
- Please send in a written note or email to tiam@miquon.org in order to advise us of your child’s absence. Absences can only be excused with a written note or email.
- Family trips as excused days are now an option, pending you request and complete the Excused Family Trip Form from the office prior to your trip.
Vacation Care is in full swing this week! Children are enjoying free play, ample time in the pool, and even a little harvest from our garden. If you require After Care this year, please complete the contract on the Parent Portal. If you would like to opt out of After Care and/or Van Service, please select the opt out button on those forms on the Parent Portal. Go to the portal.

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**Upcoming Dates**

**Thursday, August 29, 4:00 - 5:30 pm**
Open Classrooms - Meet Your Teacher for Grades 1-6 | [details](#)

**Saturday, August 31, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**
Work Party for Nursery and Kindergarten | [details](#)

**Tuesday, September 3, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm**
Vacation Care Open | [register](#)

**Wednesday, September 4, 8:25 am - 2:55 pm**
First Day of School for Grades 1-6; Vacation Day Care Open for Nursery and Kindergarten | [details](#)

**Thursday, September 5, 8:25 am - 2:55 pm**
First Day of School for Nursery and Kindergarten | [details](#)

**8:30 am**
Parents' Coffee with Principal Susannah Wolf | [details](#)

**Friday, September 13**
All School Photo Day | details

Sunday, September 15, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Work party for alumni and Grades 1-6 families | details

Wednesday, September 18, Moore Building, 6:00 pm
New Families Welcome Dinner | details

Thursday, September 26, 6:00 pm
Back to School Night | details

Community Bulletin Board

Parents, don’t forget that you can use the Miquon App to ask the community a question (find a babysitter, see if other Miquon families are attending a local event, etc). Just visit the “Groups” feature in the bottom center of the main app screen, select the “Families Bulletin Board”, and enter the group code, ”Bulletin”.

Musical Theater Program

Staging Journeys, held at Philadelphia School of the Circus Arts, 6254 Greene St., Philadelphia, invites Miquon students to register for a 13-week collaborative journey into jukebox musical theater. Open to children ages 8-15, participants help to create the show through music, dance, acting, script-creation, poetry, and stage design culminating in two performances with a live band.

Fridays 4:30-7pm, September 6 – December 13 (No rehearsals due to holidays and PSCA events on: 10/18, 10/25, 11/29)

Two Performances: December 13 & 14 at 7pm

Cost: $230 per student**

$25 discount for siblings

Contact Linnea deRoche at 215-278-9288 or linnea@stagingjourneys.com

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