



## Miquon Matters, 9.9.19

*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!*

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### Action Items

1. Photo Day is this Friday, Sept 13! Your child will participate in the all-school photo, classroom group photo, and individual photo sessions. Check the photo day info page for all the details!

[Details](#)

2. Grades 1-6 families and their children should come to campus on Sunday, Sept 15 for the Gr 1-6 Work Party from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Follow the link below for details and to pick a work group, please.

## SignUpGenius

3. Register for evening child care if needed for the New Parents Dinner on Weds, Sept 18 and/or Back to School Night on Thurs, Sept 26. Limited child care is available on a first come, first-served basis for up to 25 children.

New Parents Dinner

Back to School Night

4. Soon we will publish our printed parent directory and also update our families' directory information on the Miquon app. If you still haven't completed your forms or if you had a recent change, please go to the Parent Portal ASAP so we publish your correct information in both directories!

Forms

### Seeking Volunteers!!!

Admissions needs volunteers to represent Miquon at our campus Open House on Sat, Oct 5 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm and at the Big Backyard Kindergarten Tea on Sun, Oct 6 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm! The jobs will entail sharing about the admissions process and telling your personal Miquon story. Andrea will provide materials and advance training. Please get in touch with Andrea by emailing [andream@miquon.org](mailto:andream@miquon.org) if you can take on one or more of these volunteer roles!



**Grandparents and  
Grandfriends Day:  
is Friday, October 18**

At this fun annual event, we welcome your loved ones to visit with your children on campus for the morning. We send a paper invitation, as well as reminder emails--if you did not provide contact information through the Parent Portal, and you want an invitation sent to your child's grandparents and/or grandfriends, please email the contact information to Charlotte at [charlotteb@miquon.org](mailto:charlotteb@miquon.org). Thank you!



## Do You Love to Build?

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is looking for members of our community to help with consultation and/or labor to assist with substantive construction projects here on the Miquon Campus. Backgrounds in construction, architecture, engineering, or other home/business improvement experience is sought after. Thank you very much for your consideration and we hope to work with you in the future!

Please email Tia at [tiam@miquon.org](mailto:tiam@miquon.org) and let her know if you can help.

## Used Smart Phones, Please

We are seeking donations of old smart phones for use in our Miquon vans so we can implement a GPS tracking system. If you have one that you don't need any longer, please wipe it, and bring it into the office. Thank you!





Who's pictured here?! Meet Caroline Hall--a first year graduate student in Bryn Mawr College's social work program--who will be here part-time this year working with our School Social Worker Miranda Featherstone supporting children and families.

## Spanish After School

The fall session of after-school Spanish class at Miquon is forming now!

We are excited to offer two sections of the class, one 1st -2nd Grade section and the other for 3rd - 6th Grade. The classes will meet from 3:00-4:00 pm on Wednesdays, from Sept 18 - Dec 11, and the cost is \$120. This cost will include After Care until 5:00, but if your child needs to stay from 5:00-6:00, a \$15 late stay fee applies. If the cost of this class will be a barrier to participation, please contact [jennifers@miquon.org](mailto:jennifers@miquon.org) in the Business Office.

Classes will focus on conversational Spanish, with songs, snack, art, stories, indoor and outdoor games, and will be led by Miquon teachers Marea Palmer-Loh and Wendy Leitner-Sieber in their classrooms.

### Register

Please use the form below to register by Fri, Sept 13. It is possible we will receive more applications than we can accommodate -- if so, spaces will be allocated by random lottery. Any child who doesn't make it in for the fall will be given priority for the next session.

[Registration Form](#)



## Arrival and Dismissal: Important Procedures!

If you haven't already, please review the arrival and dismissal procedures in the [Parent Handbook](#). A few important things:

- Miquon opens for students at 7:45am. For the safety of your child, please do not release them from your vehicle until 7:45am.
- If you haven't done so already, please go into the [Parent Portal](#) and complete the 2019-20 Regular Dismissal Routine Form.

## Driveway Safety

Safety of children and adults is our first concern. Please adhere to these guidelines:

- Children may never cross the parking lot alone.
- Drive slowly on the campus, keeping to the right and observing the one-way circles (counter-clockwise) in the parking lot and at the bottom of the drive. Never drive around or in front of school buses or vans unless directed by a Miquon staff person. *No three point turns, please.*
- Do not use the After Care Building or Art Room driveways except during evening meetings.
- When parking on the driveway, park on the right side. Always use the dirt path to walk up.
- Please avoid walking in the driveway or parking lot. Keep children close to you while walking back to your car. Hold hands.





*Last week, children in all of the classrooms were busy getting to know each other and learning classroom expectations and routines. Our emphasis on the importance of familiarity with each other and with our spaces and materials helps children become more comfortable--and therefore, more ready to learn.*

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## Upcoming Dates

**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](#)

7:30 pm

Board Meeting, Louis and Sarah's Room | [agenda](#)

**Friday, September 20**

Pizza lunch sales begin | [order form](#)

**Thursday, September 26, 6:00 pm**

Back to School Night | [details](#)

**Friday, September 27**

School Closed for In-Service | [Register for Vacation Care](#)

**Monday, September 30**

School Closed | [Register for Vacation Care](#)

**Saturday, October 5, 1:00 pm**  
Admissions Open House | [details](#)

**3:00 pm**  
Community Campfire

**Wednesday, October 9**  
School Closed | [Register for Vacation Care](#)

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## 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".*

### Cub Scout Pack 221 - Open House

Come check out Cub Scout Pack 221 in Chestnut Hill. We are holding an open house on Thurs, Sept 19, from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. The open house will give you a chance to meet kids and parents in the pack, learn about our activities, and determine if it is the right fit for your family. Our meetings are held at the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill (8855 Germantown Ave).

We are a diverse and inclusive pack who prioritize community and supporting the growth of children. Contact Cubmaster Kevin Aptowicz (Parent of Cian, Lucas, and Declan) with question or concerns.

Email [kevin.aptowicz@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.aptowicz@gmail.com) or call/text 215.262.4075

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