

September 2023

# DANCING PINES MONTESSORI



## *Happy first week of school!*

We hope families had a great first week sending their children back to school. We had a very busy week here on campus, so many fun lessons were taught, children got to know their teachers and their peers, visit with the animals, and play with their friends.

We did see some tough transitions for our youngest learners, but believe it or not, it almost always gets better! It was a delight to see our returning primary students who just last year were also in tears, needing lots of support and love in the first week, and this year were dropped off with excitement and joy on their faces.

New students are getting to know us and learning to trust us, and that is to be expected. Some ideas to ease the transition-

Consistency: Set up a drop-off routine that works for you and your kiddo and stick to it.

Talk with your child at home so they know what to expect. Let them choose a goodbye "we can do a big hug, we can snuggle for a few minutes before we drive to school, we can high five" etc. If you're concerned, please feel free to reach out to teachers and I and we can work together to create a plan.





# Important Dates

- Friday, September 15th

- **PICTURE DAY!**



- 3 or 4 day per week students may attend with a parent, please arrive at 9:15 and park in the gravel parking lot.

- Friday, September 29th

- Teacher Workshop Day
- **NO SCHOOL**

- Friday, October 6th

- Salmon Walk Field Trip, TBD



- depending on whether salmon are present.
- 9am meet at Renton Library
  - 100 Mill Avenue S, Renton, WA
  - Parent-led field trip, **no morning classes at DPM**. Full day students may be dropped off after at 12:15pm until their normal pick-up time. 3 or 4 day per week students and parents are encouraged to join.

- Friday, October 20th

- Thomasson Family Farm Field Trip



- Meet at 9:15am at 38223 236th Ave SE Enumclaw, WA 98022
- Students and Siblings (Age 2+): \$10, Adults \$5
- Parent-led field trip, **no morning classes at DPM**. Full day students may be dropped off after at 12:15pm until their normal pick-up time. 3 or 4 day per week students and parents are encouraged to join.

# DON'T FORGET

## EMERGENCY KITS AND EXTRA CLOTHES

If you missed the welcome back packet at orientation, please check out our website:

<https://dancingpinesmontessori.com/need-to-know/>



hard copies in the office for pick-up

## SIGN-UP GENIUS FOR INTERNATIONAL DAY

We are planning an International Day for students to discover and learn about a new country and culture. This will be an on campus and during school event. Parents do not need to attend unless you need to assist with food. In the past we have had elementary students create a posterboard with facts about their chosen country and cook or bake a traditional dish to share with peers. All classrooms will come together to enjoy this. Primary students may participate, but it is entirely optional. Upper El students will be asked to do much of their research and projects in class. More on that to come from teacher Kris.

I will create a sign-up genius once we pick a date, and parents can list which country their child is doing so we can aim to have as much diversity as possible.



*Have you joined our  
Facebook group?*



JOIN US TO VIEW POSTS FROM  
TEACHERS AND SEE PHOTOS OF THE  
CAMPUS IN ACTION.

SEARCH: FAMILIES OF DANCING  
PINES MONTESSORI

## VACCINATION RECORDS

Please make sure to send in all updated vaccination records by the start of school. You can do this conveniently through the website: <https://wa.myir.net/>



## FIELD TRIP PAYMENT

Thomasson Farms would like all students to be paid in one transaction by DPM. If you plan to attend, please submit your payment for your student (\$10) by either check, Venmo, or Zelle. Please do EMAIL me verifying you have submitted payment for your child. Parents and siblings can pay at the farm.

Venmo: @Kelly-Severson-Kunz

Zelle: 206.851.8886 (Kelly)

