

**Parent Partnership/Education 2024-2025**  
**Cornerstone Montessori Elementary School/Cornerstone Montessori School**

**August 28** – 3:00-6:00 PM – Back to School Fair

*Children meet with their teachers and parents pick up or turn in important paperwork. This is also Picture Day, so don't miss it! Families are encouraged to come on the early side to avoid the crowds.*

**August 29** – 9:30-10:30 AM – New Family Orientation/Children's House Phase-in, Day 1  
*New children to the Children's House are invited to an orientation in their classrooms, while parents join Liza Davis, Co-Director of 3-6 Training at the Montessori Center of Minnesota, and Alyssa Schwartz, Head of School, for an introduction to Montessori education. All new parents, schoolwide, are encouraged to attend; attendance both days is recommended.*

**August 30** – 9:30-10:30 AM – New Family Orientation/Children's House Phase-in, Day 2  
*New children to the Children's House are invited to an orientation in their classrooms, while parents join Alyssa Schwartz, Head of School, for an introduction to life at Cornerstone. All new parents, schoolwide, are invited to attend; attendance both days is recommended.*

**September 23** – 5:30-6:30 PM – Montessori 365: Montessori At Home and At School  
*Join the guides for a conversation ranging from your child's day at school to how you can support independence at home. This event is open to all families, and new families are particularly encouraged to attend.*

**October 28** – 5:30-6:30 PM – Children Teach Adults

*Everyone's favorite event! Children will give lessons on their favorite Montessori materials to parents and family members.*

**November 18** – 6:00-7:00 PM – Upper Elementary Options Night and Alumni Reunion  
*Cornerstone graduates share their experiences in middle school and beyond and options for 7<sup>th</sup> grade programs are presented.*

**March 10** – 5:30-6:30 PM – Level-Specific Conversations

*Join the Toddler, Children's House, and Lower Elementary guides to discuss topics specific to each level. More information will be provided as the date approaches.*

**April 28** – 5:30-6:30 PM – Children Teach Adults

*Everyone's favorite event for the second time! Children will give lessons on their favorite Montessori materials to parents and family members.*

## **Community Events 2024-25**

### **Cornerstone Montessori Elementary School/Cornerstone Montessori School**

In addition to the Parent Partnership/Education events listed on the reverse of this flyer, please join us for:

- ***Monthly Cornerstone Cafes***
  - At 8:30 on a Friday morning, gather with other parents/guardians/cherished adults to chat and see work presentations from the children.
  
- ***Fall Festival***
  - Welcome back the school year with food, festivities, and more at 4:00 on September 13! Get to know other families and celebrate the new year!
  
- ***Stone Soup***
  - Families gather together on January 25 at 4:30 to celebrate warmth and light during the heart of winter. Soup and bread will be provided by the classrooms and by volunteer families.
  
- ***Ice Cream Social***
  - A family favorite! Get ready for summer with ice cream, face painting, and outdoor games. Join us June 6 at 4:00!
  
- ***Fly-Up and Graduation***
  - At the end of the year, we celebrate our rising 1<sup>st</sup> graders and graduating 6<sup>th</sup> years with two very special ceremonies, both on June 11, at 11:00 and 1:30, respectively.

**More information about these events, and our Parent Partnerships, will be shared via Stepping Stones newsletters, emails, and handouts in the weeks prior to each activity. Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions.**