

Parent Partnership/Education 2026-2027

Cornerstone Montessori Elementary School/Cornerstone Montessori School

September 2 – 3:00-6:00 PM – Back to School Fair

Children meet with their teachers and caregivers 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.

September 3 – 8:30-10:00 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, Director of 3-6 Training at the Montessori Center of Minnesota, and Alyssa Schwartz, Head of School, for an introduction to Montessori education and life at Cornerstone. All new parents, schoolwide, are encouraged to attend.

September 4 – 8:30-11:30 AM – Children's House Phase-in, Day 2

New children to the Children's House are encouraged to participate in orientation in their classrooms.

September 28 – 5:30-6:30 PM – Parent Partnership

Montessori Foundations: Learn from your child's guide about the principles of Montessori at each level, from functional independence to Cosmic Education.

November 16 – 5:30-6:30 PM – Parent Partnership

Children Teach Adults: Early Childhood and Lower Elementary families are invited to visit the classrooms and receive lessons from their children.

November 16 – 6:00-7:00 PM – Upper Elementary Options Night and Alumni Reunion

Cornerstone graduates share their experiences in middle school and beyond; options for 7th grade programs are presented.

March 15 – 5:30-6:30 PM – Parent Partnership

Children Teach Adults: All families are invited to visit the classrooms and receive lessons from their children.

May 17 – 5:30-6:30 PM – Parent Partnership

Literacy Night: As we head towards summer, join us for a chance to create reading opportunities for your child at home.

Topics are subject to change and will be communicated in advance. For events that do not directly involve children (such as Children Teach Adults nights), childcare and dinner will be available.

Community Events 2026-27

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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 18! Get to know other families and celebrate the new year!
- ***Stone Soup***
 - Families gather together on January 23 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 4 at 4:00!
- ***Fly-Up and Graduation***
 - At the end of the year, we celebrate our rising 1st graders and graduating 6th years with two very special ceremonies, both on June 10, 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.