

Parent Partnership/Education 2023-2024
Cornerstone Montessori Elementary School/Cornerstone Montessori School

August 30 – 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 31 – 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.

September 1 – 9:30-11:00 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 18 – 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 23 – 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 13 – 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 7th grade programs are presented.

February 5 – 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 29 – 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 2023-24

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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***
 - Our newest community event takes place at 4:30 on September 22! Get to know other families and join us for food, festivities, and book and clothing exchanges.

- ***Stone Soup***
 - Families gather together on January 27 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 June 7***
 - A family favorite! Get ready for summer with ice cream, face painting, and outdoor games. Join us June 7 at 4:30!

- ***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 12, 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.