

## MPCP 2022-2023 Back to School Plan

Dear Preschool Families,

The preschool staff is very excited for the start of our 2022-2023 school year! We can't wait to welcome our students back in September. Our goal is to create a safe learning environment while still maintaining the integrity of the quality, developmentally appropriate, preschool that we are known for.

Listed below is important information regarding our parent and student orientation days, as well as guidelines for the start of the school. Please take a few minutes to read through the details of our Back-to-School Plan. We are looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

### Parent Information Meeting

**Wednesday, September 7, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

**Memorial Park Church Sanctuary**

This meeting will provide parents with helpful information for our 2022-2023 school year. **Please make every effort to attend. This informational meeting is for adults only, no children please.**

### Student Meet & Greet Days

**September 8 & 9 by assignment**

**9:00-11:00 slots for AM classes**

**1:00-3:00 PM slots for PM classes**

This is a special time for parents to come with their preschooler to meet their teachers, see the classroom, receive important classroom information, and become familiar with the classroom setting. This time to explore the classroom with parents helps to eliminate some of the first day unknowns so that your child will feel more confident when coming school. **The focus of this day is our preschoolers, no siblings please.**

Each class is assigned an orientation day. **Parents will sign up for a 15-minute time slot on their child's orientation day through Sign Up Genius when details are emailed in August.**

#### **Thursday, September 8, 2022 from 9:00-11:00 AM**

- Unassisted 2-year-old Tuesday/Thursday Class (UA2 T/TH)
- 2 Day 3-year-old Tuesday/Thursday AM Class (2D3 AM)

#### **Friday, September 9, 2022 from 9:00-11:00 AM**

- Unassisted 2-year-old Monday Class (UA2M)
- Unassisted 2-year-old Wednesday/Friday Class (UA2 W/F)
- 3 Day 4-year-old AM Class (3D4 AM)
- 3 Day 3-year-old AM Class (3D3 AM)
- AM Transition Class (AMTR)

#### **Thursday, September 8, 2022 from 1:00-3:00 PM**

- 4 Day 4/5-year-old PM class (4D4/5 PM)
- 2 Day 3-year-old Tuesday/Thursday AM Class (2D3 AM)

#### **Friday, September 9, 2022 from 9:00-11:00 AM**

- 3 Day 4-year-old PM Class (3D4 PM)

## School Schedule

The first day of school at MPCP is on Monday, September 12, 2022, for our classes that meet on Mondays.

**Our Two-Year-Old Classes will follow a modified schedule from September 12 through September 30, 2022.** Two-Year-Old classes will meet from 9:00-11:00 AM through September 30, 2022. Starting Monday, October 3, 2022, the 2-Year-Old will resume their regular schedule from 9:00-11:30 AM. These shortened days help our 2-year-olds transition to the preschool day.

## Carpool Procedures

**All traffic will enter the parking lot from Duncan Avenue and proceed to the back of the parking lot to form a carpool line.** Cones will be set up just above the lower parking lot blocking the Peebles entrance to the upper parking lot. Any parent who enters from Peebles will have to turn around in the lower-level lot and exit back out on to Peebles and proceed to the Duncan entrance. Likewise, parents will not be permitted to turn left out of the carpool line (where the NO LEFT TURN sign is) when exiting carpool because they will not be able to exit to Peebles Road. **This will keep all traffic flowing in from Duncan, around through the carpool line, and then back out onto Duncan.** Please help us work together to make the parking lot a safe place for all of our preschool families.

## Health and Hygiene

- If ill or experiencing symptoms, staff and students should remain at home. **This is the best way to help keep our preschool community healthy.**
- The CDC recommends that staff and students with health concerns should consult their physician regarding the risks of participating in the preschool program. You can find the latest CDC information here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>
- **MPCP will continue with a Mask Optional Masking Policy in September.** The preschool staff will do our best to encourage proper mask wearing for those students whose parents opt to have their child wear a mask. However, in the course of a busy preschool day, now that masking is no longer mandated, we cannot guarantee that your child will keep his/her mask on at school if that is your preference.
- **In the event that COVID cases in Allegheny County increase, MPCP may return to mask wearing for all students if necessary.**
- We will continue to enlist the support of parents to keep children with symptoms at home.
- Per recommendations from public health officials, quarantine requirements will continue for those who are unvaccinated and considered to be a close contact to a confirmed positive individual.
- Electrostatic cleaning between morning and afternoon sessions, and nightly will continue.
- MPCP will continue to provide individual art supplies for each child.
- Children will wash their hands upon arrival to school each day.
- Hand sanitizing and hand washing procedures will be in place throughout the day.
- If a child or staff member becomes ill at school, they will be separated from the group and return home.
- A separate area will be designated for the child to wait with an adult when ill.
- A student who is exposed to a positive case of COVID-19 through close contact will be required to stay home as advised by a licensed medical professional/guidelines from the CDC.
- **If a child or staff is diagnosed with COVID-19, please notify the preschool right away so that we can respond appropriately and communicate with parents in a timely manner.**

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported—ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Anyone can have mild to severe symptoms. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible [symptoms](#). The CDC will continue to update this list as they learn more about COVID-19.

Information to help determine how long you need to isolate, quarantine, or take other steps to prevent spreading COVID-19 can be found [here](#).

## Other Information

- **Teachers will provide monthly snack calendars for their class.** Preschoolers will take turns providing snacks for their whole class. Parents will receive monthly snack calendars at the Meet & Greet.
- **Parents of children with food allergies will always provide the snack for their child.** Parents may send in an “allergy free” box of snacks to be stored in the classroom. The teacher will notify you when your child’s snack needs replenished.
- **Discovery Days (DD) will be offered beginning October 3, 2022.** DD information is included in this parent information packet.
- **We will celebrate birthdays with birthday snacks & birthday books.** Parents may come to the office and select a birthday book to share with their child’s class. Birthday books are \$10.00.
- We are always in need of parent volunteers. **All parents must have up to date PA volunteer clearances to volunteer.** Please visit [mpcepc.org/preschool](http://mpcepc.org/preschool) for details about how to obtain your required clearances.

We look forward to another great year partnering together!

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