



## June 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

May has been a very busy, productive month in our classes. The new children are continuing to settle in and we are continuing to grow as a strong Montessori community.

A big thank you to all of our families who participated in our Mother's Day tea and our Earth Day Work Party. The children worked so hard to prepare for both occasions and we really appreciate families taking time out from their busy schedules to come and participate.

Picture Day went well and we are looking at booking a group photo for each class in the near future.

### Toys

We would appreciate parents support in keeping toys at home. The children are welcome to bring books, something from nature or an item of cultural significance for show and tell. For children who are napping a stuffy is acceptable for comfort with the understanding that it is only for nap time.

### Upcoming Dates:

Friday, June 16 Father's Day Coffee (drop In) 7:30 – 9 am

Thursday, June 29 Graduation 2:30 pm and year end picnic to follow

Friday, June 30: Last Day of Regular classes **330 close.**

Tuesday, July 4: First Day of Summer Program

### Plant and Garden Program

Thank you to families who have chosen to get involved with the plant and flower program. It is great to have flowers that can be arranged and placed on tables throughout the room. The flower work is a wonderful way for the children to enjoy the beauty of nature and the process of flower arranging. We are also grateful for the potted plants that have arrived to beautify our room.

Another big thank you for all of the contributions to our community garden. We are very grateful to have such amazing support.

### **Father's Day Coffee**

On Friday, June 16 we will be hosting a drop in Father's Day Coffee from 7:30 to 9. We welcome dads or grand-dads to pop in for whatever amount of time you can spare for a special time with your child. We will be serving snacks and coffee. We will be posting a sign-up sheet a week prior so we know how many guests we might expect.

### **Graduation and year end picnic**

On Thursday, June 29 all of the children who are heading off to kindergarten and Grade 1 in the fall are invited to participate in our graduation ceremony. Parents and guests are asked to arrive before 2:30 so they can be seated before our ceremony is to begin.

Children who are not graduating will be spectators for the graduation and will continue to have regular care provided. They can be picked up at their usual pick up time.

Following our graduation ceremony we will have a pot-luck picnic to celebrate our year end. In addition to a shared item for the potluck families are asked to bring their own plates, cutlery and picnic blankets. We thank you in advance for being mindful of our peanut and nut restrictions.

Sign up sheets will be posted a week prior so we will know how many guests to expect for both events.

### **Warm weather sunscreen and hats**

Just a reminder that as the weather warms up we will be spending more time outdoors. Please ensure that your child brings a hat to school daily and that they have had sunscreen applied before they arrive. If your child is here for the extended day or full day program we ask that they bring sunscreen that can be applied in the afternoon. It may also be helpful to dress your child in layers in case our afternoons are considerably warmer than our mornings.

In closing, we would just like to say a big thank you to all of our families. We have enjoyed our time with your children throughout the year and really appreciate your continued support of our program.

Happy summer! And for those families that are moving on we hope that you will keep in touch and come back to visit when you can.

Sincerely,  
All the teachers at Bright Star Montessori