

Welcome Back, Montessori Families

August 12, 2025

Dear Montessori Families,

The joyous anticipation of a new Montessori year is already blooming here at Green Hedges! At this point in the summer, we're thoughtfully preparing our community and classrooms for a rich and joyful 2025–2026 school year. Montessori learning thrives on rhythm and preparation, and we know many of you enjoy marking special dates early. Below, you'll find key information to help you and your child get ready for the exciting year ahead.

- The Montessori Back-to-School Playdate will be held on Tuesday, August 19, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. on the Green Hedges Playground. This event is an opportunity for new students, returning students, and families to meet and connect with each other in an enjoyable, relaxing way. We encourage you to stop by and say hello!
- Welcome Back Conferences will take place on Tuesday, September 2, and Wednesday, September 3, with your child's homeroom teacher. You can find directions on signing up for a conference here and then sign-up here.
- Montessori Back-to-School Night for parents and guardians is scheduled for Thursday, September 11. Attendees are asked to arrive by 6:00 p.m. for the event, which will last approximately an hour. This is an adult-only event, so please secure your sitters early!
- Peter A. Barrett's Installation Ceremony will take place on Monday, September 15, at 8:15 a.m. in the Green Hedges M.P.R. We encourage you to join us as we install our Interim Head of School for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Back-to-School Happy Hour for parents and guardians is scheduled for Thursday, September 25, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Join us for a brew and a chance to connect as a community at Caboose Commons in Mosaic. This is an adult-only event, so please secure your sitters early! More details to follow.

First Few Days:

As in past years, our Montessori students will be phased into the school year, which helps provide a smoother transition from home to school and enables the children to adjust to their surroundings more quickly. The schedule is as follows:

Montessori Kindergarten

Thursday, September 4 - First Day of School

- Arrival is between 8:00 and 8:15 a.m. (Students may be dropped off at 7:45 a.m. to join before-care)
- Dismissal for all Montessori Kindergarten students is at 3:00 p.m.
- Extended Day begins on Friday, September 5, for Montessori Kindergarten students.

Montessori 4-Year-Olds

Monday, September 8 - First Day of School

- Arrival is between 8:00 and 8:15 a.m. (Students may be dropped off at 7:45 a.m. to join beforecare)
- Dismissal for 4-year-olds is at noon for half-day students and at 3:00 p.m. for full-day students beginning September 8.
- Full-day Montessori 4-year-olds may begin Extended Day on Monday, September 8.

Montessori 3-Year-Olds

Wednesday, September 10 - First Day of School

- Arrival is between 8:00 and 8:15 a.m. (Students may be dropped off at 7:45 a.m. to join before-care)
- Wednesday, September 10 Dismissal for all 3-year-olds is at noon.
- Thursday, September 11 Dismissal for all 3-year-olds is at noon.
- Beginning Friday, September 12, full-day students will stay until 3:00 p.m. Half-day students will continue to be picked up at noon.
- Full-day Montessori 3-year-olds may only begin Extended Day services on Friday, September 12.

Extended Day 2025-2026

Extended Day is our after-school program that provides coverage Monday through Friday from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. for students in Montessori Full-Day 3's & 4's through Grade 8. This program is responsive to the varying tempo of the afternoon and thus offers a broad range of activities. Please note that students must be toilet-independent to be eligible. You may sign up for anywhere from one to five days per week.

For the 2025-2026 school year, Extended Day will begin on:

- Friday, September 5, for Montessori Kindergarten-Grade 8 students
- Monday, September 8, for Montessori 4-year-olds
- Friday, September 12, for Montessori 3-year-olds

The pricing for the school year is as follows:

3 days or less: \$3,666 4-5 days: \$5,434 Drop-In: \$65 per day

For those families who would like to enroll their child(ren) in our Extended Day program this fall, we ask that you complete the form below, which will serve as your contract for the Extended Day program. Please complete a separate form below for each child in your household. Parents should email Director of Auxiliary Programs Ashlea Howard at ahoward@greenhedges.org with any questions or requests.

2025-2026 Extended Day Contract

We couldn't be more excited for the year ahead! But first, please enjoy the remainder of the summer, as the school year promises to be a busy one, see you soon!

Warmest regards,

The Montessori Team

Allison Nichols, Nazly Raafat, Angela Rovegno, Kate Emmerson, Corey Ingham and Nancy Palacios

Mission

We inspire young people of talent and promise to develop clear values, a desire for wisdom, and an appreciation for all endeavors that broaden the mind and enlighten the spirit.

Read more about our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives <u>here</u>.



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