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# MAPLETON MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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## SHORT & SWEET!

**Parent-Teacher Conferences in October:** October is Parent-Teacher Conference month. Your child's teacher will soon reach out by email to arrange a conference. Depending on your comfort level, it can be in person or on zoom.

**Pick-up time:** Aftercare starts at 3:30. All non-aftercare children should be picked up by 3:30. Thanks!



## REAL WORK

Children thrive on "real work" – the kind adults do! When your child participates in real household work, you'll see a happy child, whether it's washing dishes, doing laundry, setting the table or raking leaves. Breaking a task into small steps allows your child to gain confidence as he masters each step, finally arriving at the "I did it by myself!" stage!

**WATER BOTTLES** We are finding that children do much better with water bottles that have a drinking nozzle or spout. They struggle with the bottles when the top must be unscrewed to take a sip directly from the bottle. We'd really appreciate children having water bottles with a nozzle or drinking spout so we're not opening bottles each time a child needs a sip of water. The teachers are happy to help children unscrew a lid when they need to refill a bottle.

## HAIR, not the musical!

Our children need to be able to see the work that they're doing, they need depth perception, eye contact, etc. Many of our young children, boys and girls, consistently have their faces partially or fully covered with hair. At our school, we would like our students to have their hair out of their faces. Please find a way to accommodate this request. Thanks!

## KEEP US POSTED: COVID TESTS, ILLNESS

Covid rapid tests, though quick and easy, are not reliable or accepted for your child to be able to return to school. A child must have a negative PCR or molecular test before returning to school (that's if symptoms have also improved). BCPH recommends: anybody with symptoms, no matter how mild, should be tested as soon as symptoms start. People who've had an exposure should be tested 5-7 days after the exposure, or immediately if experiencing symptoms. And, as always, please call or email if your child is out of school for illness or other reasons. The best contact for that is the teacher line: **303 449 4445**.

## MASKS

Please wear a mask on MMS property because vaccinated people can get Covid and we're the role-models for our students. Also, children should have a lanyard and several extra masks in their backpacks

**TOVAH FRANCE**, a long-time MMS sub, has joined us as Susan's aftercare assistant. This has made us VERY happy! Tovah is a para-pro at Niwot HS and enjoys reading, coffee shops and playing bridge.



The geodesic dome, always a popular climber, has recently become a combo ball-room/jumpy-house!