



Three Rivers Montessori
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Welcome TRM Families

Greetings, families, and welcome to the Three Rivers Montessori 2022-2023 school year.

This is our third year in operation, and we are excited to welcome back our returning families and new TRM families. Below is an outline related to the start of school this year.

Returning families, you may notice some changes, beginning with our staff. We have a new Executive Director, Antonio Kuklok, a new E1 teacher, Cassie Zezulka, a new E2 teacher Sam Siemen, and a new Social Worker, Rebecca Tripp. We are happy to blend the new faces of TRM with our trusted staff, who have been on this journey with us up to this point. We are currently searching for a new K/1 Teacher and a new Office Manager, and we are confident we will find the perfect fit to help support your children each day.

Below you will find information to help make the Fall start a smooth transition for your family and your children attending Three Rivers Montessori. As we continue to gather new details from our school partners, additional information will be provided as it comes in. We appreciate your patience as we finalized many of the transitions that took place over the summer.

Open House

August 31, 2022, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Please join us at Three Rivers Montessori to meet your teacher, drop off donations, explore the classrooms and building, play lawn games on the playground, and meet other families. You will also have the opportunity to meet the new Executive Director, members of the School Board, Parent Committees, and the Operations team who help keep our school running each day.

Classroom Assignment

Your child's teacher is assigned, and you should get an email notification of their classroom assignment within the next couple of days. Your child's teacher will also reach out to make introductions in the next few weeks. When you come to the open house, you will find a building map that designates your child's classroom and teacher.

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***Students of Gwen Lyon will now be in the Ash Room.**

Our beloved K/1 teacher Gwen Lyon was recently offered a full-time position, allowing her to bring the Montessori philosophy and methods to a memory care facility. She couldn't pass up the opportunity to develop this program with a population she has become passionate about. She regrets not being able to continue to provide a Montessori education to your student this school year and apologizes for the hardship this may pose during the transition.

We are actively seeking a passionate K/1 teacher for your child. However, we understand that not knowing your child's teacher can be unsettling. Once we have a match for our school and your family, we will email you the news immediately.

Supplies

We are happy to announce that all school supplies are provided this year due to a one-time grant. Your student will still need to provide their backpack and water bottle. We also request a pair of indoor slippers or shoes to keep in the classroom. If you wish to donate supplies, we suggest nose tissues, baby wipes, Clorox disinfectant wipes, Crayola crayons, Crayola markers (bold and fine point), Ping watercolor paints, gift cards to Target or Blicks Art Materials, and general cleaning supplies. We are still a small school, and every little bit helps us operate and continue to offer top-notch educational services for your children daily.

School Start and End Time

Due to bussing and our partnership with District 728, our start time will be pushed back later this year. As a result, the Three Rivers Montessori school day will begin at 8:10 am and end at 2:30 pm.

Parent Drop Off will begin at 7:50 am and end at 8:05 am.

- Drop off after 8:05 am will require the parent to drop off at the front door. Drop off after 8:10 am will be considered tardy, and the parent must sign their child in.

Parent Pick Up will begin at 2:35 pm and end at 2:50 pm.

- Pick Up after 2:50 pm will require the parent to come to the front door. Any student still at school after 2:55 pm will be enrolled in the Pathfinders Childcare program, and the daily rate will apply.

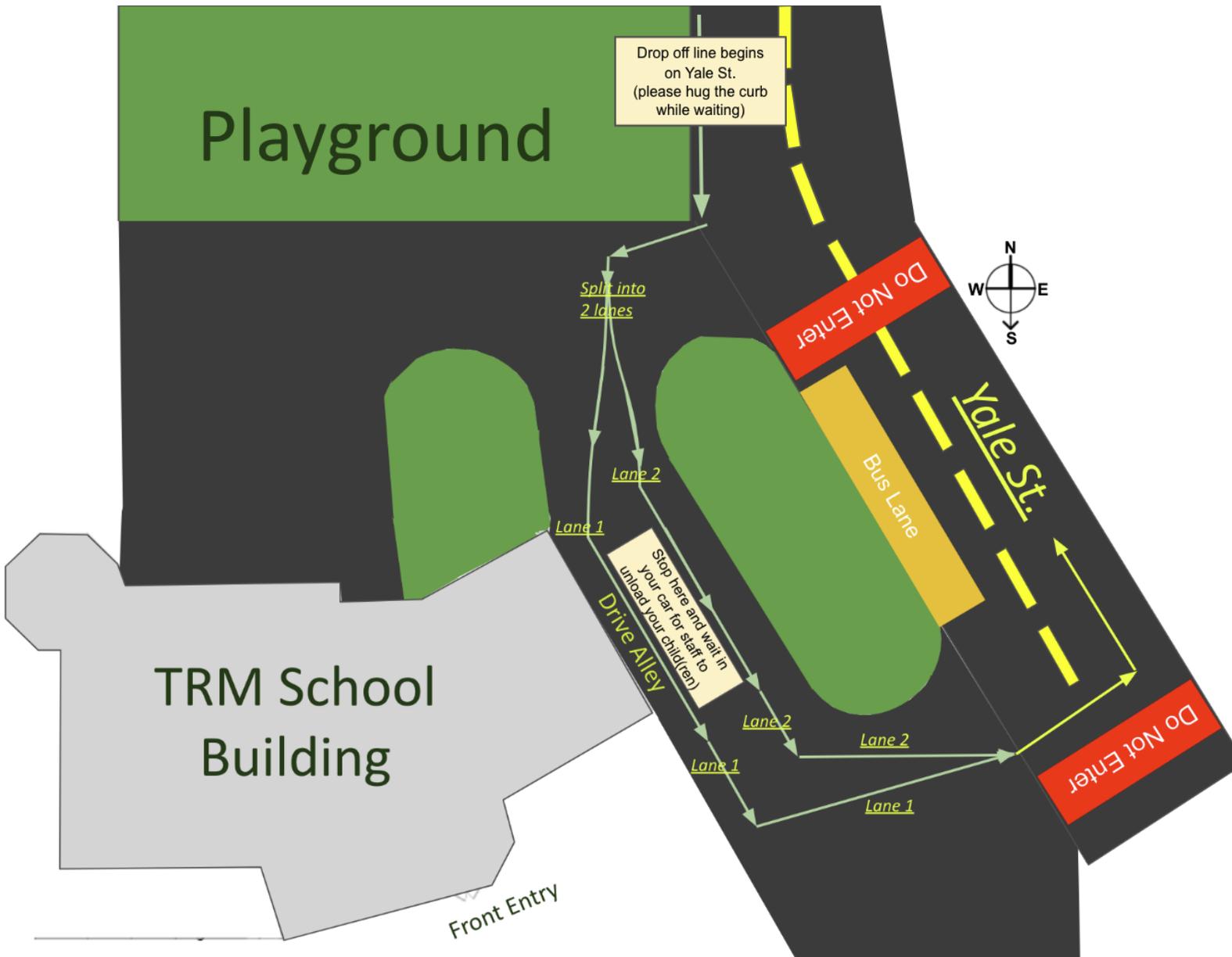
Please see the map below for traffic flow and drop-off procedures if you transport your children to school daily.

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AM Drop Off and PM Pick Up Route



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School Lunch Orders

Three Rivers Montessori families can purchase breakfast and a hot, cold, or vegetarian lunch. The grant we received last year allowed us to provide these meals for free. Now that the grant has ended, we will be charging all families for lunch and breakfast, except those that qualify for free and reduced lunch, and kindergarteners will continue to receive free breakfast.

Lunch menus, the order process, and Free and Reduced applications will be sent in another communication in the coming weeks.

Costs for families who wish to receive school meals during the 2022-2023 school year:

- **Breakfast: \$2.00**
- **Lunch \$4.00**

Pathfinders Childcare Program

Three Rivers Montessori has created the Pathfinders childcare program to support families with varying drop-off and pick-up needs. Our program is open from 6:30 am to 7:50 am before school and 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm after school. Currently, the program is unavailable on non-school days such as holidays and breaks.

To apply for the Pathfinders childcare program, complete the online application <https://forms.gle/tJBCkqwhqL2c5xP18>.

The cost of the program is:

- **\$14.00 for AM, 6:30 am - 7:50 am**
- **\$17.00 for PM, 2:30 pm - 6:00 pm**

Note that the program's cost is by session; we do not offer an hourly rate; however, you are welcome to drop and pick up your child at any time within these windows when you sign up and receive a Pathfinders spot.

For additional information, see the school's website <https://threeriversmontessori.org/pathfinders-childcare>

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Three Rivers Montessori will continue to communicate any developing Fall planning as things arise, so please continue to check the school website and your email for more communication. Any questions or concerns can be directed to the school via the following methods:

Email: admin@threeriversmontessori.org

Phone: 763-595-1213

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate our continuous growth and find ways to better serve your students each day here at Three Rivers Montessori. We hope your summer was restful, and your children are excited to join us back at the school building in just a few short weeks.

Antonio Kuklok
Executive Director - Three Rivers Montessori

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