



THE DISCOVERY MONTESSORI

September 15, 2022

Hello Parents,

The new 2022/2023 school year has started and it is a very smooth start to our back-to-school routine. We extend our warm welcome to all the families returning and the new families who are joining our community. Our four casa classrooms are happy spaces for children settling in and starting their journey of learning and growing.

Enrollment in the \$10.00 per day Ontario fee subsidy program

On August 17, 2022 the Ministry of Education issued revised guidelines for the \$10.00 per day Ontario fee subsidy program for Childcare Operators. Although several areas of the program are still not clear, however after a careful review of these revised guidelines and based on good faith The Discovery Montessori has decided to Opt-into this program. We hope to receive a formal contract document for our signature from the Region of Peel within two weeks and expect that the money to process 25 % fee refunds will be received by mid to late October. We plan to issue fee refund cheques to all parents within two weeks of receipt of funds from the Region of Peel. We sincerely thank you for your patience and support and we are extremely excited that the parents will be able to avail a major financial benefit as a result of this program.

French & Music Class. The French classes have started with Ms. Adele Halabi on Wednesdays and Fridays in the afternoon. Children are also enjoying music class in their classrooms.

Soccer Program. The “soccer shots” program will kick off on every Thursday from September 22 at 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm. If you have not yet enrolled in this program and would like to do so [here is a link](#) to register your child. Please note that children who are not enrolled in the after-school program can still enroll in the soccer program - children in this program will be picked up at 4:00 pm instead at 3:30 pm. on Thursdays starting from September 22 to November 10th. Please note that after-school children who have not registered the soccer session would not be a part of this program.

Parents’ Information Night. The school is having an information night on Thursday September 29th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Please note that this is an interactive information session for parents only and children should not attend. Please take out some time to attend this important session to learn about Montessori education and the class routines. The teachers will be available to answer any questions you may have about the school, policies and related topics.

Before-School Program. The before-school program starts at 7:30 am. Please drop your child in the main building if you are dropping your child between 7:30 to 8:00 am. After 8:00 am the teachers are in the classrooms and you may drop your child to his or her classroom. This schedule applies to families who have signed up for before-school drops off.

Main Building Pick-Up. In the event that the weather does not allow children to play outside, please pick up your child from their respective classrooms at their scheduled timings. For after school children please pick up your child from the main building front door by 5:00 pm sharp.

Parking Safety. Please drive **very slow** as you enter the school and ensure to park your car at the designated parking spaces only. We have noticed some parents are parking on the driveway which could create an unsafe condition for the children and the families.



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Public Health Policies. The school is taking every precaution to keep the school a very happy and healthy environment. All the staff members and the children are required to pass the self-screening test every day to attend the school. Here is a [link to provincial self-screening form](#); Parents should ensure that the child has passed the screening every morning before entering the classroom. If a child is showing any symptoms of illness (fever, cough, runny or congested nose, discharge from eyes or upset stomach) the child must stay home until the symptoms have resolved for more than 48 hours. If a staff member has symptoms but their covid test is negative the staff members will make sure that they are symptom free to return to work. If a staff member has tested positive, he or she may return after the symptoms are resolved but must continue to wear a mask for ten days. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Photo Day. Lastly, please save the date for Photo Day at school. We will have the HT photography come to school on **Wednesday October 12th** for your child's individual portrait and class photo.

I wish everyone a very Happy September!

Thank you

Warm Regards,

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