

# Montessori Pathways School



## Updates from July 7, 2020

Greetings everyone! We hope you are all doing well and enjoy your summer. In this time of social transformation, we have begun to plan for the next 2020-2021 school year. We are grateful for your commitment to the school and we are also committed to continuing our work on behalf of the families of our city and surrounding communities.

Given the still rapidly changing information on health and safety, the return to school directives, and all that must be weighed by families in making school decisions for next year, we have decided to extend the re-enrollment deadline to August 1st, 2020.

As we enter a new normality, I want to take this opportunity to thank you, our parents, for choosing Montessori Pathways School and entrusting your child's education to us. Montessori Pathways Team is passionate about our mission and providing a safe and nurturing community that also challenges students to grow academically and personally.

We understand that there are more and more questions about the coming school year that will come. And with the rapid changes, there is no final answer from and for anyone. However, during the last several months we were studying all documents, directives, and guidelines from many agencies (CDC, IDPH, ISBE to name a few) and created a "Phase 4; Montessori Pathways School Reopening Protocol" (attached) that will help us realistically provide a safe and healthy environment for our students and give them an opportunity to continue their natural growth and development.

There are many questions and concerns around all of the recommendations and rules. In working on our protocol, we were considering everything - health and safety of our students, as well as the physical, social, and emotional aspects of the children's development.

You will notice that many of the school's procedures are changing; a lot of our regular activities are limited or even cancelled for a while. For keeping our small community safe, we decided to minimize all outside contacts at our school until things will get better.

## It is time to decide

While some families may be unsure of their plans and what school opening may look like in August due to the pandemic, we still ask our families to study our protocol attentively, contact us with any questions or concerns, make your decision and re-enroll your child now if you have decided to continue your child's education at Montessori Pathways.

**Including your student's registration in our numbers is the only way for us to finalize our staffing plan and ensure that we have the teaching staff we need! This also helps to manage class sizes that will be limited in the fall.**

Our continuation of operation and readiness for it depends on your family's decision made on time.

If you know other families who have Preschool/Pre-K, Kindergarten, Elementary-age students not yet registered, please share this information with them as well.

## How to proceed

Since some of the families who have already re-enrolled their kids in our program may reconsider their child's schedule and there are new additional forms must be filled out, we ask all families to fill out the attached form and return them to school no later than August 1<sup>st</sup>

For your convenience, **we created new, editable PDF forms** that you can fill out on your computer, save, and email back to us.

The following forms (attached) must be filled out and returned to school for 2020-2021 re-enrollment:

1. Re-Enrollment Application/Tuition Contract
2. Emergency Consent Form
3. Signed Last Page of "Phase 4 School's Reopening Protocol"
4. Covid-19 Waiver and Release Form\*

*\*Please be aware that signing the "Waiver and Release of Liability" form does not relieve Montessori Pathways School from following all rules and requirements and keeping the school's environment safe for its staff, your family, and your child.*

5. Authorization and Permission for Administration of Medication (if needed; signed by parents and health provider)
6. Photo / Video Permission and Release Form
7. Updated Health Form (by September; from your child's pediatrician)
8. Dental Exam Form (by November; for Kindergarten; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade)
9. Vision Exam Form (by November; for Kindergarten)

*Please remember that your child is only considered registered once the 10% of annual tuition security deposit is paid in full.*

Registration Fee and Security Deposit (if not paid yet) can be paid via **QuickPay** with Zelle to [montpathways@hotmail.com](mailto:montpathways@hotmail.com), or mailed to school at 133 Illinois St., Crystal Lake, IL 60014

If you have already paid your deposit, but decided to switch your child to a shorter day program, your extra payment will be applied to your September Tuition.

### **We will keep you informed**

Of course, depending on current situation, there are more changes and new regulations may come from the government. In this case our protocol will be revised and updated. We will constantly be informing our families about all changes through emails and newsletters.

All updates and news can also be found on our website: [www.montessoripathways.com](http://www.montessoripathways.com)

However, if you feel that you do not need any updates from our school anymore, please feel free to send your request to remove your email address from the school's contact list.

### **Welcome to our Summer Camp**

We are so happy to see some of our friends back beginning June 29. We started our Summer Camp with a small group of kids, and therefore the adjustment to the new reality was not so overwhelming.

We have to give a lot of credit to our Montessori students who are so cooperative with us and ready to follow the many new rules and procedures. Older kids are such great role models for little ones.

I have to extend a great appreciation to our teachers for being amazing role models for our students as well, and for working hard in providing a clean, safe, and fulfilling environment for them.

And of course, thank you to our parents, who do their best in learning the school's new regulations and following them.

If you would like your child join our Summer Camp, please contact Ms. Alena for additional information and registration forms.

Enjoy the rest of your summer! Stay safe and healthy!

*Best Regards,  
Montessori Pathways Team*