



HANDS ON NEWSLETTER



Picture days are **Wednesday, Sept 11** and **Thursday, Sept 12**

Individual and class photos are done by Lifetouch Photography. Teachers will plan non-messy activities on these days.



Here are some helpful tips for using brightwheel:

- We often send photos or messages on brightwheel. Please allow notifications from the app or check it throughout the day. In the event of an emergency, we will call you and/or your emergency contacts directly.
 - Please check your child's approved pickup list on their profile. You may remove or add contacts as needed in the app to keep this list up to date.
- On your child's profile you can access "Calendar". All important school-wide dates, such as closed dates and parent conference days, are listed on this calendar. Each class may add other important dates as well.
- The Parent Handbook is also accessible on brightwheel. It is listed under "Paperwork" then "Documents".



PARKING LOT SAFETY

You can help keep everyone safe in the parking lot by:

- Slowing down! The speed limit in parking lots is no more than 15 mph.
- During drop off and pick up, adults and children should remain in the car until your car is first in line to limit pedestrian traffic in the roadways.



VOLUNTEER opportunities



High-quality early education programs are reliant on family support to maintain a strong program. Active family participation is a standard for our NAEYC accreditation and our Paths to Quality rating. As with all standards, we strive to meet and/or exceed the standards.

We know families are busy so we offer many different ways you can make a difference at TLM. There is something to fit everyone's schedule and interest.

- Room volunteers get to spend time in the classroom with their child. Standards require a short online training before volunteering.
- Hospitality Committee volunteers work to support families and staff. Past events have included park playdates and Trunk or Treat. They also welcome new families and organize teacher appreciation events. Members with time limitations may choose to help by sending in requested items when possible. This is a great way to meet other TLM families!
- Book Fair volunteers help by working a scheduled shift during our Scholastic Book Fair in November. Morning, mid-day, and afternoon times are available.
- Playground volunteers do maintenance and projects to enrich our outdoor space. This can often be done after school or on weekends.
- Consider joining our Advisory Committee! This is a way for us to get family perspectives when creating policies and changes to the program. Your input helps us do the best job of meeting the needs and wants for our TLM families! Meetings are informal and held monthly. You are welcome to bring children to the meetings or you may participate via email if the meeting time does not work for your schedule.

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Mark Your Calendar:

- Sept 2 Scholastic Books orders due
- Sept 2 CLOSED—Labor Day
- Sept 4 & 5 Chapel
- Sept 11 & 12 Class Picture Days
- Sept 15 Payment #3 due
- October 7-11 CLOSED—Fall Break



Arriving to school on time helps children feel secure and confident in their day.

When your child arrives late to school they miss the opportunity to:

- Settle in and get ready for the day with their friends.
- Participate in circle time and share experiences and conversations with their friends.
- Choose their role as a classroom helper that day.
- Enjoy a relaxed social time eating snack with friends.
- Participate in fun activities right at the start of the day.

