

North Shore Montessori School Calendar Explanations 2026/2027

Handy Definitions:

- Prima Community – Ages 2 - 3 Years
- Children's House – Ages 3 – 6 Years
- Elementary – Grades 1 – 6

(A) Welcome Gathering- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Bring your family and a picnic for our annual Welcome Gathering held at Richard E. Maslowski Community Park to ring in the new school year.

(B) Parent Orientation- 4:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Required and critical for every family. Inevitably policies and procedures change from year to year. Start out your school year on the right foot and it will be smooth sailing. For this initial orientation we request no children.

- Prima Community Parents:
4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
- Children's House Parents:
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
- Elementary Parents:
6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

(C) New Prima Student and Children's House Student Visits- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Parents are invited to bring children to see the classroom and meet teachers for a visit between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Please plan on a 20 minute visit. You may drop off supplies, indoor shoes and extra clothing at this visit.

(D) First Day- 8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

No Early Bird Care on this day. After School Care is in session. Staggered start dates:

- 8/27: All Prima, all Elementary, only K5 students
- 8/28: K4 students first day
- 8/31: K3 students first day

(E) Community Coffee- 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Join us in the school conference room to learn about Montessori and meet members of the school community. Always optional, but highly encouraged. Everyone is invited.

(F) Outdoor Family Work Party- 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m..

Bring garden gloves and shovels while we weed, rake, plant, and generally maintain our outdoor play and garden areas. All ages are invited!

(G) Staff In-Service- School staff will be observing at other Montessori schools and meeting with each other to glean best practices.

(H) Adult Learning Opportunity- The best way to support your child's education is to understand what is happening in the Montessori environment. All caregivers are invited, such as nannies and grandparents.

(I) School Picture Day- School photos will be taken during the school day with VIP Photos. Retake photo day will be Friday, November 6th.

(J) Parent/Child Share Night- You will be invited to sign up for a special evening where your child will showcase their class work. Plan to give your undivided attention as you see first-hand your child's individual development through work. (Share Night held once in October and once in March.)

(K) Conferences- Parents and teachers meet to discuss a student's academic progress, behavior, and overall well-being. Childcare will be provided while you are meeting with your child's teacher.

(L) Gratitude Day- Our version of Grandparent's Day! Students will invite someone they are grateful for to come in for a special celebration at school.

- 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. - Red Tailed Hawk Room
- 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Blue Jay Room
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Elementary
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Prima Community
- 11:45 a.m. - Dismissal for Everyone

(M) Holiday Celebrations

Classroom-based holiday celebrations and Pajama Day! All students dismissed at 3:00 p.m. No after school care available.

(N) Donuts and Grown Ups- Fathers, father-figures, or a special buddy will be welcomed and celebrated. *See classroom schedule for Gratitude Day (L).

(O) Spring Tea- Mothers, mother-figures, or a special friend will be welcomed and celebrated. *See classroom schedule for Gratitude Day (L).

(P) Noche de Mercado

Our annual night market celebrates Latino culture with music, food, entertainment, and crafts made by students.

(Q) Last day of school- 11:45 a.m. dismissal and picnic at Estabrook Park. No After School Care.