



Fayetteville Montessori School

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back to a New School Year at FMS!

We are so excited to welcome our students and families to the 2026–2027 school year! Our teachers and staff have been working hard to prepare beautiful, welcoming environments, and we cannot wait to see everyone back on campus.

Campus Improvements

Updates and improvements continue across the FMS campus! This summer's projects have included:

- New windows in the Township building
- New washer and dryers
- Continued fencing and privacy improvements around our playgrounds
- Deep cleaning and classroom organization during staff workdays
- New indoor and outdoor classroom materials arriving soon

Ms. Josie has also cleaned and prepared our greenhouse. We cannot wait for students to begin using it for gardening, exploration, and outdoor lessons once the weather cools down!

Billing Update

Updated billing plans have been sent to families. August facility fees will be billed separately toward the end of the month. Please contact the front office if you have any questions about your account or billing plan.

Help Us Plan Our Back-to-School Fall Picnic!

We are planning a Back-to-School Fall Picnic and would love your feedback about which date and time would work best for your family:

- Saturday, September 12 from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- Sunday, September 13 from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- Sunday, September 13 from 3:00–5:00 p.m.

Please complete our brief survey and select the option that works best for your family. We will be sending the survey out on Brightwheel.

We look forward to gathering as an FMS community!

Preparing Our Teachers for a Strong Year

This week, our teachers have been busy preparing their classrooms and participating in professional development.

During our all-staff meeting, we reviewed important expectations related to policies, safety, active supervision, professionalism, and communication. We also enjoyed some fun icebreakers and learned a few new things about our colleagues!

Our lead teachers participated in leadership training focused on collective efficacy, fierce conversations, and how to be an effective leader and guide. Our classroom assistants took part in Montessori assistant training to deepen their understanding of their important role in the classroom.

We were also pleased to welcome Sarah Moudry, an outside Montessori consultant, for an in-depth training on the development and needs of the child from birth to age three. This training was provided to all Infant, Toddler, and Early Primary staff.

Our Primary and Elementary teams participated in professional development led by our Director of Curriculum, Ms. Courtney White, with contributions from Ms. Madi, Ms. Grace, and Ms. Josie, who recently returned from Montessori training over the summer.

We are proud to support our teachers with expanded professional development opportunities and dedicated training days throughout the coming year.

Spanish at FMS

We are excited to announce the launch of a new Primary Spanish Immersion classroom in P3 this semester!

Ms. Edith will lead the classroom with support from returning FMS employee Ms. Abigail “Abby” Bordelin. Beginning after Labor Day, Ms. Abby will also provide Spanish lessons in our other Primary classrooms.

We are currently finalizing the schedule and are thrilled to bring Spanish curriculum and language-learning opportunities back to our Primary and Elementary students.

Billing Update

Movement and music programming will return after Labor Day, along with our optional subscription classes, including:

- Piano
- Dance
- Gymnastics
- Soccer

If you have connections to other organizations or instructors who may be interested in offering extracurricular programming at FMS, we would love to hear from you!

New Faces and Campus Identification

You may notice several new faces around campus as we welcome new employees to FMS. To help families easily identify our team members, all employees have received new FMS identification badges to wear while on campus.

As an additional safety measure, we ask all parents, family members, and visitors to stop by a front office and sign in whenever visiting campus outside of regular drop-off and pick-up times. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and secure environment for our students.



Summer Schedule Continues

Because of the continued heat, we will likely remain on our summer schedule through the end of August and into September. Classrooms will continue to prioritize outdoor time earlier in the day, when temperatures are cooler, as well as water day Fridays. We will return to our regular schedule once the weather allows.

Thank you for trusting us with your children and for being an important part of the FMS community. We are looking forward to a joyful year filled with growth, discovery, connection, and meaningful Montessori learning!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ▶ **September 7**
CAMPUS CLOSED -
Labor Day
- ▶ **September 12 or 13**
Fall Picnic
- ▶ **October 12**
CAMPUS CLOSED -
Parent-Teacher
Conferences
- ▶ **October 16**
Fall Garden Day
- ▶ **October 20-22**
Fall Pictures