



# Newsletter

April 12<sup>th</sup> - April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021

It is a Colorado mandate that masks must be worn indoors by anyone over the age of eleven. You must have a mask on to be allowed in the building. You will be asked to leave if you are not wearing a mask. The only exception is if you have a medical condition which renders you exempt.

## Did you know we...

...offer opportunities to get to know other enrolled families and work together for the benefit of the children. This happens yearly, accept during COVID. We normally have multiple family nights throughout the year. After COVID restrictions are lifted we will continue this valued tradition.

...offer a meeting to discuss what to expect when your child will be moving to a new classroom, a new program or to kindergarten? This occurs during the March parent teacher conferences and as requested from parents throughout the year if their child moves classrooms mid-year.

...ask you to complete a program evaluation and give feedback once per year? We usually send out one to two surveys per year. We sent one out last month and those results will be available in the lobby starting the week of parent teacher conferences. There will be an additional quality survey by the state in April.

...share evaluation/ survey results and feedback from other parents with you? Results of our most recent survey will be available in our lobby starting the week of parent teacher conferences.

...offer you at least two parent/teacher conferences per year? Our scheduled parent teacher conferences are in October and March. We will also meet with you at any time you request a meeting.

... offer events to discuss child development and learning with families? This usually occurs multiple times a year but COVID restrictions have made this difficult. We have been able to accomplish this during this year at parent teacher conferences. We will also be sending out links to videos created to help parents understand the growth and development of children. The videos will be accessible starting the second week of March.

... offer opportunities for family members to be in leadership positions on program committees or advisory boards? We normally have a Parent Action Committee but because of COVID, we have not been able to have this group meet monthly. This is the first time in over 10 years we have not had this group active. We hope to change that soon. Also, we do have a governing board of directors that many family members are a part of. If you would like more information, please contact Ms. Chrissy.

... offer training provided for family members that choose to participate? Again, COVID has made this difficult this year, but we will have some great parenting videos available for you the second week of March.

... offer classes to support your parenting skills and help you set goals as a parent? We can't wait to share the new training videos. If you want additional coaching please contact Ms. Chrissy

## Dear Families:

**Our center is participating in the Colorado Shines assessment of our program's quality to ensure that all children have access to high quality early learning experiences. We want to do the best job we can to provide your child/children with a safe, loving environment that offers many opportunities for learning. Your survey response will help us accomplish this goal.**

**As part of this process, we ask all families to anonymously complete the following survey about how we work with you. After all surveys have been received, Colorado Shines shares the aggregated results with us to help us better serve your needs.**

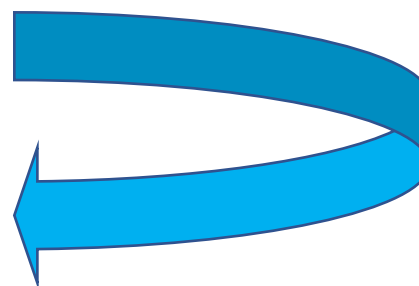
**You are asked to complete a survey each time our program participates in this process.**

**All surveys are due by: 4/30/2021**

**To take the survey, check your email for a newsletter with the survey link and code.**

**Before completing the survey, please read the information**

**here**



**Pink - Blue families only.**

**on the newsletter.**

**We will also have an iPad at the front desk ready to take the survey at drop off and pick up. The survey takes about 5 min to complete.**

**Thank you for your help!**

As you may or may not know, we are a non – profit organization. This allows us to apply for grants to offset costs, keep tuition costs down and increase quality. Without grants and private donors, our tuition would be much higher.

Last year, 2020, we were very fortunate to receive many grants. We are grateful to all the foundations and grantors that believe in our school and chose to donate money to support our mission and vision. Their generous gifts directly support our students, families, and staff. They are an incredibly important part of our organization. Below is a list of our funding partners for 2020:

- Anschutz Family Foundation
- Buell Foundation
- Buell Foundation Covid-19 Emergency Fund
- City of Montrose COVID-19 Nonprofit and Child Care Assistance Program (Covid-19 CARES Act Funding)
- Colorado State COVID-19 Relief Fund
- Colorado Shines
- El Pomar Foundation: Karl E. Eitel Award
- El Pomar Covid-19 Emergency Fund
- Healthy Child Care Colorado
- Montrose Community Foundation
- Montrose Community Foundation COVID-19 Relief
- Montrose County Health & Human Services (Covid-19 CARES Act Funding)
- Virginia W. Hill Foundation



- Funding went toward:
- Capital Improvements
  - General Operating
  - Tuition Subsidy Program
  - Staff Professional Development
  - Covid-Related Expenses and Operations



## **Maslow Academy COVID Illness Protocol**

The following outlines different illness scenarios and school protocols for responding to child illness.

When a family calls a child out for illness or a child is sent home for an illness, the administration staff will document the illness, with name of child, symptoms, date, and time onto the Illness log (this has always been our protocol for illnesses). At this point, the administration decides if the illness requires child to stay home and isolate for 72 hours (make notation on the illness log "72 hours"). 72 hours away is determined by symptoms (fever, diarrhea, vomiting). Additionally if the child exhibits 2 or more symptoms of COVID (sore throat, headache, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, new loss of taste or smell, congestion, or runny nose), employee will be asked to stay away from school for 72 hours free from symptoms.

After second day away from school, parents will call and update the school or administration will call in and get an update regarding symptoms. If symptoms are better, child may return 72 hours after symptoms have ended.

If symptoms are the same or worse, child will be asked to visit a doctor and get a note to return, get tested for COVID or quarantine for 14 days.

### **COVID Testing Scenarios:**

1. Child has symptoms – Child goes to doctor- doctor decides not to test = Child can return with doctors note.
2. Child has symptoms – Child goes to doctor- Tested – Positive = child must inform administration and doctor plus health department guides the school response and when child can return.
3. Child has symptoms – Child goes to doctor – Tested- Negative = Child must inform administration; child can return with doctor's note, and 72 hours free of symptoms.
4. Child has symptoms – Symptoms getting better – no need to go to the doctor= Child can return once they are 72 hours free of symptoms.

### **COVID Household Scenarios:**

1. An asymptomatic person in the household is being tested = Child member can continue to attend school.
2. A household member with symptoms is being tested = Child cannot attend school until test results are returned. If test is negative, they can attend school.
3. If child lives with a positive case, they must quarantine for 14 days. This is the same timeline regardless of child receiving a negative test result. Families should monitor child for symptoms.
4. If a household member is notified that they have been exposed to a positive tested person that does not live in their household...
  - a. Child must get tested
  - b. If testing is refused, child must quarantine for 14 days before returning (administration determines 14 days).
  - c. Families can get a doctor's note clearing the child to return to school (many doctors are not providing these notes).





April 12<sup>th</sup> – April 16<sup>th</sup>



Reminder: **We are a peanut and nut free school.** We strive to serve healthy, well balanced meals. If you choose to bring breakfast or lunch for your child, it must follow these same standards and expectations. Please do not send donuts, candy, soda, desserts or other “junk food” as these are not acceptable food items. We must also ask that you **do not pack anything with peanut butter, or any tree nuts** due to severe nut allergies in our school.

\*\* Notates menu items contain dairy (besides a glass of milk). Sometimes the dairy can be omitted and sometimes it cannot.

Underlined items contain egg products.

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Monday:

Breakfast: \*\* Corn Flakes, Berries, Milk

Lunch:\*\* Whole Grain English Muffin Pizza, Corn, Peaches, Milk

Snack: \*\*String Cheese and Animal Crackers, Water

Tuesday:

Breakfast: Blueberry Muffin, Pears, Milk

Lunch:\*\* Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla on a Whole Wheat Tortilla, Cauliflower, Pineapple, Milk

Snack: Boiled Eggs, Whole Grain Mini Bagel, Water

Wednesday:

Breakfast:\*\* Breakfast Parfait with Berries, Milk

Lunch:\*\* Bean Burritos on Whole Grain Tortilla, Green Salad, Oranges, Milk

Snack: Apples Juice Pretzels, Water

Thursday:

Breakfast: \*\*Raisin Bran, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Lunch: \*\*Cheeseburger Macaroni, Green Beans, Tropical Fruit, Milk

Snack: Yogurt and Granola, Water

Friday:

Breakfast: Whole Grain Waffles, Applesauce, Milk

Lunch: \*\*Turkey and Cheese on Whole Grain Hoagie, Cucumbers, Green Grapes Milk

Snack: Bananas, Graham Crackers, Water

\*\*All milk served is unflavored. All milk served is 1% or whole depending on age.

\*\*\*For Infants and toddlers some foods are cut to be an appropriate size for safety. Certain items are substituted to be more appropriate for infants and toddlers.

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Lunch: Cheesy \*\*Whole Grain Pasta with Ham, Corn, Oranges, Milk

Snack : \*\*Cheddar Cheese Slices, Mini Bagels, Water

Tuesday:

Breakfast: Sausage and Potato Breakfast Casserole, Pears, Milk

Lunch: Fried Rice with Ham, Mixed Vegetables, Pineapple, Milk

Snack: \*\*Granola Bars and Orange Juice, Water

Wednesday:

Breakfast: \*\*Whole Grain Biscuits with Gravy, Fruit Cocktail, Milk

Lunch: Hamburger on Whole Wheat Bun, Sweet Potato Fries, Peaches, Milk

Snack: Applesauce, Pretzels, Water

Thursday:

Breakfast: \*\* Multigrain Cheerios, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Lunch: \*\*Hot Ham and Cheese Slider on Whole Grain Bun, Carrots, Tropical Fruit, Milk

Snack: Trail Mix Crasins, Water

Friday:

Breakfast: Whole Grain Pancakes, Cinnamon Applesauce, Milk

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Oven Fries, Grapes, Milk

Snack: Bananas, Goldfish, Water

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