

Dear Parents,

Thank you for taking the time to complete the DNPCCNS survey. Your answers are helpful in planning for the upcoming school year. The survey is still open if you have not completed it. We want to be sure every one of you is heard. We received questions on the survey and thought it would be helpful to share some of those answers. Also, we have received some clarification on the guidelines for opening preschools set by the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services as they pertain to those questions. Here are the answers:

1. We have been approved to wear plastic face shields which allow our students to see our complete faces.
2. Children in the same class of 10 do not need to meet the 6 feet requirement of social distancing. However, teachers will distract and redirect children who come into close contact.
3. In the event of school closings, teachers are working on virtual learning packets which will include meeting virtually on the days of the week that your child attends school. The length of time of virtual lessons will vary with age. We will have educational packets ready to pick up from the school that include art material and handouts.
4. Enrichments will take place in the afternoons as part of our full day program. As children have to stay with their same two teachers and ten classmates throughout the day, enrichments will be taught by their morning teachers. We will offer an Around the World Enrichment, Science, Theater, Literacy and Movement and Music. You can sign up for one to five afternoons.
5. Mrs. Fruh and Mrs. Kelly will hold virtual meetings with ten parents per group in August.
6. Teachers will hold virtual meetings in August with your children. If your child attended DNPCCNS in 19/20, your child's previous teacher will introduce this year's new teacher to ease the transition.

7. Please help us start the school year by bringing in a package of disinfectant wipes or a 60% alcohol hand sanitizer to school in September.
8. Though children are not required to wear masks, we ask that they wear their mask when they come into the school building. Summer is a good time to practice mask use even for just 3-5 minutes at a time.
9. You will soon be receiving enrollment paperwork in the mail. Please return the enrollment paperwork to the school by 8/15.
10. Tuition information will be emailed shortly.

We will continue to keep you updated on the September 8th opening of our school! We look forward to having children back in our classrooms! We want to thank you for your support through this unprecedented period. We could never have imagined a time when our cooperative preschool would have to ask parents to remain outside our doors! But please know that we will keep our lines of communication open, as we always have, through phone calls, emails and virtual meetings. We cherish the bond we have with our parents, and consider you our partners in teaching. In the meantime, please know that your children will be nurtured, respected and loved by our teachers as we continue to foster their social and emotional needs, especially crucial at this time. Please reach out if you have any questions!

Be safe and stay well!

Kim Kelly and Barbara Fruh