

Welcome Back!!!



Newsletter September 2008

Important:

The Okinawa Prefectural Office governs & inspects EWMS to qualify as a school. They require the children to have twice a year health check up. Health Check forms are out early this month. Please return them by **12 September** or call us with the Health Check appointment date and turn in the form afterwards. If you are unable to get an appointment and would like the visiting Japanese doctor to do the check up on **25 September** for a fee of **1050 yen**, please let the office know. Ideally, the check ups should be completed by **June -August** for the **1st ck up** and by **October -December** for the **2nd check up**. Thank you for your compliance.

- **Kindermusik Teacher, Kelly Martin is PCSing. No Kindermusik this year.**
- **ESL & JSL begins this month, please sign up!**

School Calendars are out. Extras are in the Office. Please make arrangements for days off etc.

Notice: 15 September is HalfDay of School until 11:30, but EDP students can be picked up at their normal time. Office closed on 15 & 23 September. (See school calendar for HalfDay explanation.)

Normal Office hours:

9:00-3:00 Office hours for cash & other services. (Reminder: tuition and other monthly payments are required to be paid by automatic payment. Lunch tickets can be charged to the account.)

3:00-4:00 CLOSED: Office Personnel are out instructing classes, but teachers may be able to help with general information.

4:00-5:00 Office Personnel available for information services only.

Late students: After 9:00 Child is tardy, please report to the office to obtain a late pass, before going to class. Children not accepted after 10:00 unless Doctor appointment or other serious reason.

- ***2:30 pick-up method.*** Please go directly to your child's gate between 2:15-2:30 to enter the school area & log out your child by 2:30 but do not disturb classrooms or go

through the halls. Please follow your teacher's instructions on where to wait. (101 gate is the playground gate/ 102 is middle gate/ 103 is the end gate where the bus is parked & vending machines area.) Please do not linger in the halls or on the playground after pickup.

***Alert! Please shut and latch all gates for the children's safety!
Also, Keep the front gates locked from 9:00-2:00***

- **Attention!** There is a dress code at EWMS: students may not wear any characters that portray hitting or potential violence, are scary or sensual or vulgar (ie. Spiderman, PowerPuff girls, Superman, Power Rangers, Skull/Skeleton, guns, or swords). Please discuss the dress code with your children now to prevent heartache later.
- **Indoor shoes/slippers: No Crocs for inside shoes.** Please buy closed back footwear to prevent children from throwing or losing them. Indoor shoes are important for quick exits during fire drills (or the real thing), health, and for any broken objects falling to the floor. Also, please take home from time to time to wash.
- **Outdoor shoes: please do not buy shoes with strings,** if your child cannot tie them by themselves.
- **Label: all shoes and clothing with your child's name,** We are not responsible for misplaced/lost items.

➤ **Open House – Friday, September 26, 2008!**

You and your children are invited to join us for our annual Open House/Parent Education Night from 6:00-6:45 and 7:00-7:45 PM. A sign-up sheet will be attached to each classroom's sign in board. Due to parking concerns, please reserve one of the two time slots. (Parking is in the field behind the little house next to our normal parking lot.) Please try to attend this important night when your children will be able to walk you around their classroom and show you what they work on during the school day! You'll also discover what your children mean when they say that they worked with the "pink tower" or the "binomial cube."

September Schedule:

- 1 (Mon) Labor Day - All program closed**
- 2 (Tues) First Day of School**
- 15 (Mon) *Half Day of school until 11:30**
- 19 (Fri) Birthday Party Day (Celebrates August & September B-days)**
- 23 (Tues) Only Office closed**
- 26 (Fri) Parent Education Night / Open House (bring children!!)**

If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail us (ewms@east-west-montessori.co.jp) or by phone 098-983-7303/936-4244.