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The Little Mud Puddle’s Learning Center Newsletter

WHAT IS MONKEYPOX?

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), MPX is a rare disease caused by infection with the MPX virus. MPX is not related to chickenpox. MPX is a public health concern because the virus is part of the same family of viruses as smallpox and can be spread from infected humans, animals, and materials contaminated with the virus. MPX is less transmissible than smallpox, with symptoms similar to smallpox symptoms, but milder.

MPX spreads primarily through direct contact with infectious sores, scabs, or body fluids. It can spread through touching materials used by a person with MPX that haven’t been cleaned, such as clothing and bedding. It can also spread by respiratory secretions during prolonged close, face-to-face contact. Symptoms start 5-21 days after exposure and can last 2-4 weeks.

The CDC states MPX is rarely fatal, but cases can be more severe for those who are older and have existing comorbidities such as eczema, those who suffer various immunodeficiencies like HIV or AIDS, or those going through chemotherapy. Also, children ages 8 and under, children with eczema and other skin conditions, and children with immunocompromising conditions may be at increased risk of severe disease.

On August 1, 2022, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency for California in response to the rising number of monkeypox cases.

If you develop a rash on your private areas and/or on your hands, feet, chest, face or mouth please see your doctor. Other symptoms include fever, chills, swollen lymph nodes, exhaustion, muscle or backaches, headache, respiratory symptoms—sore throat, cough, or nasal congestion.

This message is going out to all families because LMP cares for our families and wants to keep everyone safe and informed.



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SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR 2022—This list is subject to change.

2022

October 10—Closed for Indigenous People’s Day

November 11—Closed in Observance of Veteran’s Day

November 18—Closed for the DRDP Parent/Teacher Conference

November 23, 24, 25—Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday

December 22—January 6— Closed for the Holiday Season

2023 (Partial)

January 2-6 Closed for the Holiday Season

January 16—Closed for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 20—President’s Day

April 7—Closed for Good Friday

May 26—Closed for DRDP Parent/Teacher Conference

May 29—Closed for Memorial Day

June 19—Closed for Juneteenth Day

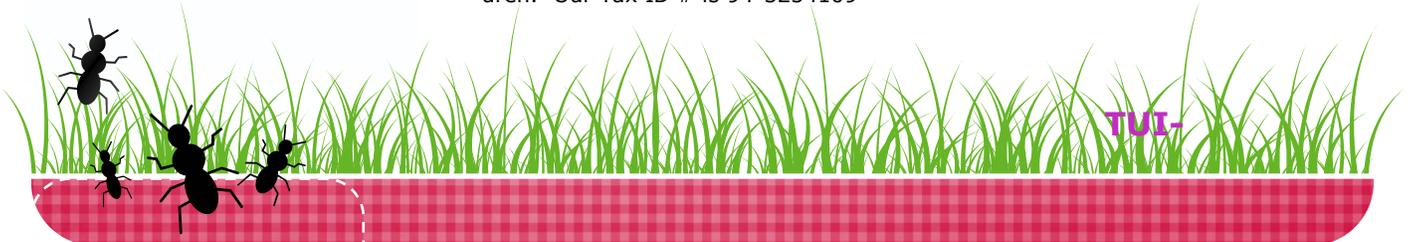
July 4th & 5th—Closed for Independence Day

TUITION:

Our tuition fees for 2022 is as follows:

Jr. Preschool is \$1550 per month. Weekly is \$375, Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten is \$1475. Weekly is \$350.

Our yearly Material Fee is \$150 and is due every January 1st. Our Material Fee helps pay for the materials/toys we purchase during the year for the children. Our Tax ID # is 94-3254109



IMPORTANT:

Please return our calls as soon as possible. We are having some families who either don't return calls or do return them after what seems a long time. When your child is not well or is crying it is important we have parents call us back immediately. We realize parents could be in meetings, however if we call you it's important. We will call you if your child has a fever, severe cough or cold, if he/she doesn't feel well, is hurt (if seriously hurt we will call 911), has a rash that must be checked out, having a behavioral problem that needs to be addressed immediately, has had a potty accident and has no clothes, etc. **Always update your phone numbers as well.**



MORELAND PUMPKIN PATCH IN SAN JOSE:

Address: 4835 Doyle Rd San Jose, CA 95129

HOURS:

Fri 2022-10-14	4:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Sat 2022-10-15	4:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Sun 2022-10-16	4:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Fri 2022-10-21	4:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Sat 2022-10-22	4:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Sun 2022-10-23	4:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Fri 2022-10-28	4:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Sat 2022-10-29	4:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Sun 2022-10-30	4:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Mon 2022-10-31	4:00 PM - 10:00 PM



While I don't have a lot of info on this park yet since they are not open, the reviews are quite good. This pumpkin patch has food, games, a haunted trail, pumpkins, etc. This is a fundraiser that supports the Moreland Educational Foundation. Do look them up in a couple of weeks for more information.

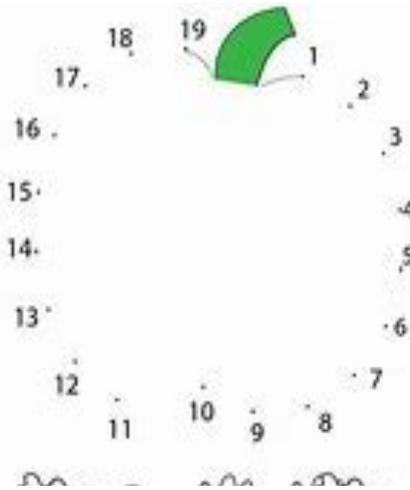


TRAVEL

Should your family travel by plane anywhere, we will require a home Antigen COVID-19 test 72 hours *after* you land. Or have your child quarantine for 10 days. **ALWAYS email the school at littlemudpuddles@aol.com and let us know the test results (negative or positive). You must send a snapshot of the test to LMP or your child cannot return.** If you are travelling by car no COVID-19 test is necessary unless symptomatic. Do sign our vacation log located at the front office. Also, please plan your vacation accordingly to include the 72 hours afterwards for testing.



FOLLOW THE NUMBER DOTS AND SEE WHAT YOU GET!



LMP HAS 5 CLASSES WITH 12 CHILDREN IN EACH CLASS. WE ARE WORKING VERY HARD TO MAINTAIN SAFE DISTANCING, EXTRA CLEANING THROUGHOUT THE DAY, WASHING HANDS OFTEN, TEMPERATURES TAKEN AND MASK REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS. WE ARE SO PLEASED YOU HAVE CHOSEN OUR SCHOOL TO CARE FOR YOUR CHILDREN. WE ARE TRULY HONORED.

WHEN TO USE HIMAMA:

Parents **PLEASE** do not use Himama to report that your child is not coming in, is sick, on vacation, test positive or negative for COVID, etc. These issues must be called in to 510/791-6158. Sometimes teachers are very busy and cannot check their messages right away. If you need to communicate with your child's teacher regarding curriculum, how they ate or slept which is emailed to you in the afternoon, having behavior situations, etc., use Himama and copy any issues to littlemudpuddles@aol.com. (Miss Darlene)

MASKS:

We have noticed that some children are coming in with masks that they have worn the day before. We also find inside the mask is dirt or mucous residue. Please make sure your child has clean masks to wear everyday. Your child needs 3-5 masks everyday. Paper masks are preferable.

BOOSTERS ARE AVAILABLE:

Please check with your health care provider to see when and where you and your children can get the booster.

MORNING HEALTH SCREENING FOR CHILDREN:

Every morning please fill out the Health Screening on HiMama before bringing your child to school.

We are having some parents forget and we have to contact them. Miss Darlene will contact those families who fail to do their screening.

It is now possible to complete your child's health screening in your HiMama application on your mobile phone. It is a very easy and simple process, I would like to give you some quick instructions on how to complete the health screen with HiMama

1. Log into your HiMama application
2. At the top of the page you will see "Health Screening" Click on that.
3. Read the message pertaining to symptoms your child may have.
4. Click yes or no at the bottom of the screen.
5. Submit your screening.

If your response failed to meet the screening criteria, keep your child home and try again in a few days. We will not take any chances and get others ill. You will be called if your child comes to school ill.

GOODBYE AND HELLO:

It is with sadness that we are saying goodbye to Miss Olivia. Her last day was Friday, Sept. 23rd. We wish her much happiness and will definitely miss her.

Miss Emily Leal-Perez will be taking Miss Olivia's place beginning on October 3rd. She comes to LMP with lots of ideas and is excited to meet the children and become part of our team.

Miss Elizabeth and Miss Darlene will take over Room 5 during the week of Sept. 26. We will also assist Miss Emily when she begins for the first few days.

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS AT LMP:

We will go pumpkin hunting at LMP on October 19th:

- LMP will provide pumpkins for the children to choose from and to take home. Teachers will take pictures for you to see.

Halloween festivities on Monday, October 31st:

- Children may wear their costumes all day on this day only. Please—**no** weapons such as guns, swords, knives etc. allowed. Please dress the children in costumes that are easily accessible for going potty. We would hate for a costume to get ruined. For safety reasons, proper shoes must be worn.

- Please bring \$5 to your child's teacher for their pizza party and goodies by October 24th for our Halloween Party.

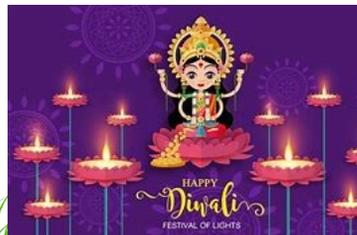
Due to the pandemic, parents are not invited, but the teachers will be sending pictures.

FALL FUNDRAISER:

Our Annual Fall Fundraiser has begun and will run through the end of September, early October. Please pass the brochure to family and friends. There is something in the brochure for everyone. The holidays are coming up and you will be surprised of all the fun items in the brochure. Fundraisers are used to purchase extra educational items and toys for the children. The class that sells the most will have a fun ice cream party! We appreciate you taking part in our fundraisers.

DIWALI CELEBRATIONS:

Diwali is on October 24th and we will celebrate by having an Indian feast and reading Diwali books to the children. Please feel free to dress your children in their traditional Indian clothing. If you would like to bring in goodies for the children, please make sure there are **no** nuts in the treats.



Bring a sweater for your child due to weather changes.



HAPPY BIRTH-DAY!

OCTOBER

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