

### November 2021

#### Dear Parents,

The holidays have officially kicked off for the season. Children's World is thankful to be apart of your child's life and education and grateful for every opportunity we have with this community.

### **Giving Back**

Children's World is excited to be partnering with Alaska Food Bank and holding a Food Drive this month. This year has been difficult for everyone, without a doubt, and there is no better way to show our love of community then by helping those in need.

Donations will be accepted starting <u>November 1st through</u> <u>November 23rd</u>. Please refer to Food Bank of Alaska's Healthy Donation List, as they items are highly desired currently. Please donate your items in the designated food barrels located at the site your child attends.

If you have any questions, please contact Administration at 907-349-4182 or at <u>info@cwbilingualmontessori.com</u>. Thank you for your donations and caring for our community.

#### **Review of Covid Mitigation Policy**

With the arrival of Winter, Cold and Flu season have also begun showing up. During this time of year, it is even more important to adhere to the Covid Mitigation Policy that Children's World has implemented to ensure the safety and health of our community. We would like to remind families of some small, but crucial elements of our policy that need 100% cooperation from families.

### **Reminders**

Children's World will be <u>closed</u> on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Veteran's Day.

Children's World will be <u>closed</u> on Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Children <u>may not attend</u> school if that are showing any symptoms of being ill. For example: temperature of 100°F, excessive green mucus, excessive coughing, lethargy and or a general feeling of unwell.

Children must have <u>appropriate</u> <u>outside clothes.</u> The temperatures have dropped and CWBM does not provide outside gear. Snow pants and jacket, snow boots, gloves, and hats are <u>mandatory</u>. All items must be labeled with the child's name.

# ☑ Parents will leave immediately after their child has entered the classroom to help facilitate the flow of traffic.

Parents are not allowed to linger at drop off times. Parents are asked to leave immediately after dropping children off to ensure that the hallways are cleared for the next group waiting to drop off and help decrease the number of individuals within the hallways.

### ☑ Parents will not be allowed inside the classrooms.

Parents and/or visitors are not permitted into the classrooms at this time. Children's World is attempting to control group exposure and parents entering the classroom is considered a risk that could lead to an increased risk of exposure to an illness.

# ☑ Siblings of exposed students will be asked to be kept at home for a minimum of 72 hours while they are observed for any developing symptoms.

Due to the increased spread of the Delta Variant of Covid-19 and it's known ability to spread more rapidly, Children's World asks that all siblings of exposed students to be kept home for a minimum of 72 hours while they are observed for developing symptoms.

<u>Children's World is now recommending that children 3 years old and older wear face masks at</u> <u>school. Due to the multiple classroom transmissions of Covid-19, we believe that it is best practice</u> <u>for children who can wear a face mask, to wear one.</u>

Teachers will be present and available to assist any child who needs help putting on and taking off face masks.

### The is not a mandatory but is highly recommended.

### Holiday Season & Celebration Considerations

The end of October kicks off the holiday season and moving forward there are many celebrations that we hope you will take caution to. Holiday gatherings and parties are a joyous way and well-deserved break from the difficult past 2 years. When gathering outside your home we hope that you will continue to practice social distancing, mask wearing and good hand hygiene.

At Children's World we ask that any invitation, between families, to special events be done discreetly. Items placed inside cubbies, or in envelopes, is appreciated to ensure that all parents can decide, privately, whether they wish to attend without their children knowing of the event. Invitations that are publicly displayed can create issue of disappointment when a child expects to attend, but the family is unable to due to finances, prior engagements, or health concerns during this time.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Children's World Bilingual Montessori

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