

# Morningside Montessori School

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## INFORMATION SHEET

### If You Want to Apply to Morningside, This is What You Need to Do Next:

**Dec. 1** – Call to schedule a visit for your child. The visits will take place in January & February.

**Dec. 15** – Application deadline – meaning, MMS must have your application in hand by this date. (*If your tour takes place after Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, you have until Dec. 20 to submit your application.*)

**Dec. 22** – The child-visit slots are opened up to families who were not able to get on a tour.

**By the time your child comes for a visit** – you need to let us know your order of preference in terms of which of our classes you prefer (3 day, 5 day, PM). If in fact you have no preference but would be equally content with several classes, you must let us know that as well.

### Tuition & Other Charges:

\* Tuitions for the current school year are listed on the back of the Application Form.

\* In addition to tuition, there is a \$350 loan to the school which is returned when your child graduates. This is a one-time-only charge.

\* There is also an annual \$50 charge which goes to defray part of the cost of dinner (*for both parents*) at our Spring Auction, an event that raises money for the Scholarship Fund. (Scholarship recipients are not charged this fee.)

### MMS is a Parent Cooperative:

\* Families are required to donate **18 hours** of work to the school each year.

- By and large, work hours do *not* take place in the classroom.

- Most parents work hours are needed for our scholarship fundraising events – the October street fair & the Spring Auction. Part of the work hours must include working at the Street Fair, and another requirement – over & above the work hours – is attendance at the Auction.

- Parents are sent a Work Agreement form along with the contract, and the Work Agreement is considered an extension of the contract.

### MMS Must Close for Jewish Holidays:

\* It's part of our lease with the Temple.

\* This can be as many as 8 days in the fall.

\* The rest of the year is relatively unaffected. Our Spring Break always falls during Passover. We sometimes have to close for a day or two in May or June for Shavuot.

\* Except for Jewish holidays, our school calendar pretty closely follows the NYC public schools.

### Toilet Training:

\* MMS's policy is that children need to be toilet trained by the time they turn three.

\* The reason is that, although teachers are prepared to deal with accidents, the bulk of their time ought to be in the classroom with all the children. It's not fair to the group if teachers are forced to spend a lot of time outside the classroom with one child.

\* The question arises, however – what if MMS accepts a child when he/she is 2 1/2 and he/she is not yet toilet-trained in September, does MMS un-accept him? The answer is 'No'; MMS will work with the family at whatever stage they're at in the process. Nevertheless, we want to make it clear that it's important to us that the children be toilet-trained by the time they turn three.