

Virginia Shuman Young Montessori



We are thrilled to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year. Our theme this year is Building a Better World, with a goal of empowering our students and helping them to find their voice. We welcome several new staff members this year. Mr. Florence is returning to VSY as our new Art teacher. Ms. Reed is joining our K/1 team, Ms. Baker is joining our 2/3 team and Ms. Lawler is joining our 4/5 team. They have all been busy setting up their classrooms and planning with their teams. We are excited for the energy and knowledge they bring to their new positions. We are sad to announce that Mrs. Narkier will not be returning for the 2019-2020 school year. She has accepted a new position in Hillsborough county. We wish her the very best and are grateful for the tremendous contributions to VSY over the years.

A few reminders and updates regarding safety. We are fortunate to have Officer Jiles returning to VSY this year. In addition, we will soon be assigned a campus monitor, to help us ensure a safe and secure learning environment. We will continue to have all students and staff wear a visible ID throughout the school day. All visitors and volunteers must have their picture ID to enter campus and will need to keep their badge visible at all times. We have a single point of entry and all visitors should enter the building through the main entrance off 11th Avenue.

During the first two days of school, parents may walk their child to class. However, Friday the 9th will be Independence Day. Parents will not be allowed to enter the campus as students walk themselves to class. We will have our Safety Patrols and every available staff

member at the entrances and in the halls to assist children to their classrooms. This year I want to strongly encourage parents to drop your child off no later than 9:10 each day. Having a few minutes to socialize with friends and enter the classroom at 9:20 sets your child up for success. When a child is running late and missing the typical morning routine, it can create a stressful start to the day. If your child plans to eat breakfast, please drop them off at 8:45 am.

By Monday, August 12th, you should receive a call from your child's new teacher to introduce themselves. On Tuesday, August 13th, we welcome all families to the VSY Meet & Greet. At 12:45, we will have a New Family Orientation in the Dining Room. At 1:30, all families are invited to your child's classroom for a quick Meet & Greet. You are also encouraged to drop off school supplies at Meet & Greet. Pre-ordered supplies will be delivered to your child's classroom. At 2:00, our PTA invites you to join them on the field for a Welcome Party. There will be ice cream, games and an opportunity to make new friends.

We encourage all parents to attend Open House. Your involvement in your child's education makes a difference. Learn about the curriculum and expectations in your child's class. In addition, you will find ways to support your child this year. Open House is for parents only, so please make arrangements for childcare.

Open House Schedule

Pre-K - August 21st at 6:00 PM

Grades 2/3 and 4/5 – August 28th at 6:00 PM

Grades K/1 – September 4th at 6:00 PM

We are looking forward to another fantastic year!