



April - May 2021

# Walnut Montessori Academy

## Dates to Remember:

**April 22** — Earth Day

**April 30** — National Arbor Day

**May 3-7** — Teacher Appreciation Week

**May 5** — Cinco De Mayo Celebration

**May 7** — Mother's Day Celebration

**May 31** — Memorial Day - School Closed

## Happy Spring!

You may notice that the flowers are blooming as the weather gets warmer. The children look forward to being outdoors, not only to play and be with their friends but to experience the sights and sounds of spring.

It's rewarding to watch the children grow and flourish as they master many new skills. In the meantime, we are delighted to learn that California has among the lowest coronavirus positivity rates in the country. As more than half of the eligible residents in California are vaccinated, we are hoping for brighter days in the coming months with life getting back to normalcy.

## April 22 — Earth Day: "Restore Our Earth"



Our focus for this year's Earth Day is to impress on our students the ways of reducing our carbon footprint. To commemorate the true meaning of Earth Day, our children will learn more about being environmentally conscious citizens of the world. Our discussions will focus on reducing the number of natural resources, such as electricity and water, that we are consuming.



## Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The children looked beautiful in their spring festive attire and enjoyed the festivities this month. It was fun to see their faces light up when they were hunting for their spring baskets full of treats, as we had modified the egg hunt for safety measures! They ended the day with a special snack.





## April 30 — National Arbor Day

Children will learn the importance of trees and their impact on our environment. They will discover that the trees not only make the world a prettier place but are home to birds and animals, feed us nuts and fruit, make the air for us to breathe, and much more!



## May 3 – 7 — Teacher Appreciation Week

Our teachers continually work hard and dedicate themselves to our students' education and growth, especially during this global pandemic! Families are welcome to show their appreciation with a handwritten card with a special message for their child's teacher.



## May 7 — Mother's Day Celebrations

We are still cautiously moving forward from the pandemic and taking as many safety precautions as needed. Hence, we will not be hosting our annual Mother's Day Breakfast this year, for the second time in a row. Our children will have painting projects they will take home, to show their love and special bond with their mothers and mother figures.



## May 5 — Cinco de Mayo

Our children will be celebrating the holiday that commemorates the victory of the Battle of Puebla, to honor Mexican culture and build community solidarity. Students will participate in festivities with traditional attires, music, crafts, and special studies about Mexican history and heritage. A special authentic Mexican lunch will be served on that day. More details to follow.





## May 31 – Memorial Day

The school will be closed on Monday, May 31 in honor of the men and women who died while serving in the United States military.



## Celebrating Birthdays at School

As life resumes back to normal, our children look forward to celebrating birthdays with their friends at school. Please remember that all birthday treats must be individually wrapped so that the children can take them home to be opened with their family's guidance. Please do not send treats that have tree nuts or peanuts in them.



## Uniform Donations

Please remember to donate your child's gently used uniforms to our school. Parents can always contact our office to check the availability and sizes of the donated uniforms.



## Updated California Travel Guidelines

Traveling increases the risk of getting COVID-19 and infecting others in our student population until you are fully vaccinated. For this reason, we kindly ask you to delay non-essential travel, until you are fully vaccinated. If you are fully vaccinated, you are not required to test or quarantine before or after travel within the United States unless you have symptoms concerning COVID-19. If you have not been vaccinated, you must get tested 1-3 days before travel and 3-5 days after travel. After travel, self-quarantine for 7 days, even if you have a negative COVID-19 test result. If you did not get tested, self-quarantine for 10 days.





## Preschool & Kindergarten Graduation

All students who will be celebrating their fifth birthday between 9/2/20 and 9/1/21 and who would have completed a minimum of five months of continuous enrollment (in person or online) by June 11 will be eligible to graduate from preschool. All children who will be celebrating their sixth birthday between 9/2/20 and 9/1/21 and who would have completed a minimum of five months of continuous enrollment (in person or online) by June 11 will be eligible to graduate from Kindergarten.



## Late Pick-Up Fees

Please remember that our school closes promptly at 6:30 p.m. Please be considerate of our teachers and make arrangements for your child to be picked up before the closing time if you are not able to do so. Late pick-up fees of \$1/minute will be charged and must be paid at the time of pick-up.

## Graduation Picture Day: May 26, 2021

Graduation Picture Day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26. Please watch out for a separate flyer regarding this event.



## Terranova Standardized Achievement Test

Our Kindergarten children will be taking the standardized test to assess our students' achievements in reading, language arts, math, science, social studies, vocabulary, and spelling. These tests are for the children who have completed our Kindergarten program and are entering the First Grade in the 2021-2022 school year. The Transition Kindergarten students will not be taking the test.