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Provide the best environment for our students to heal and become educated, productive community members.

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Join our reporting team!

Everyone is encouraged to submit art or writing! By contributing to the school newsletter you get to have your voice heard school-wide!

Guidelines for submissions:

- 5-7 sentences
- Typed or handwritten
- School Appropriate
- Follows school expectations of being safe, respectful, and responsible to others (not offensive to students or staff)

Welcome Back Staff and Students!

The year is off to a great start with adventures all over the building and beyond.

Students are participating in School Wide Expectations during our first week, and Safety Week next week. We're preparing for a bountiful harvest in our garden this fall, partly in thanks to Georgia, our summer garden intern, and Nicolas our garden coordinator. New Seasons market is partnering with Serendipity at three stores. Customers can make a donation to Serendipity Center when they bring their own bag as part of New Seasons Pay it Forward program!



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Important Dates to Remember

September 13:

Lower School

NO SCHOOL — Professional Development day.

Upper School

NORMAL SCHEDULE

September 30:

School-wide

NO SCHOOL — Teacher work-day

October 10:

Family Open House!

5:00pm –6:45pm

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Principal's Corner



Welcome and welcome back to Serendipity for the 2019-2020 school year. Thank you to all families, students, and staff for supporting our new arrival and dismissal School-Wide Expectations. We piloted these expectations during ESY and we are so excited that they continue to help our students enter and exit the building more regulated and ready to learn. Also, a quick heads up to the Serendipity Community that next week, September 16th-20th, we will be teaching and practicing all our safety drills. Please see the safety corner in this newsletter for an overview of our safety drills. Thanks for such a great start to the school year!

Principal Megan

September Safety at Serendipity

September 16th-20th is Safety Week at Serendipity. Because the safety of our students and staff is our highest priority, we review these procedures regularly with staff and students, and want to make sure parents and families know what to expect when you hear about our drills. Take a moment to review these at home, to talk through drills with your child, since kids can sometimes feel anxious if they don't understand. Each of our teachers and counselors are trained to support students through this process, and we want you to know as much as you can about this process as well. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to your child's case manager. Each of these are possible responses to safety concerns, and these symbols are posted in every classroom.



Evacuate to an announced location.



Hold in Classroom



Lockout and secure the perimeter.



Lockdown! Locks, Lights, out of sight.



Shelter in place.

Mindfulness minute



Choose a comfortable sitting position. As you take a slow deep breath in through your nose raise your shoulders up towards your ears. Breathe slowly out through your mouth, lowering your shoulders as you exhale. Repeat slowly, rolling your shoulders up and down in time with your breath.

What are you most excited about for this school year?

"Field trips."

— Josh, Rm 1.

"Garden!!!"

—Finn Rm. 1.

"Tyler's cooking."

—Joe, Rm 108.

"The last day of school."

—Martin, Rm 3.