

THE MOOSE NUGGET NEWSLETTER



September 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear AMS Community,

Welcome back, and a very warm welcome to the new families joining our community this year. Whether you are returning to familiar halls or walking through our doors for the first time, we are so glad your family is part of Anchorage Montessori School this year.

There is a special energy at the start of a new school year, and this one feels especially bright. Our classrooms are full of curious minds ready to explore, our staff are refreshed and excited, and our school itself is looking better than ever (more on that below).

Please join us this Friday for our Family Dinner, a great chance to reconnect with friends, meet new families, and enjoy an evening together as a community. You will find all the details, including time and location, later in this newsletter.

We also encourage you to read through the full newsletter this month. In it, you will get to meet the new staff members who have joined our AMS family, and you will learn more about the funding that made possible our beautiful new flooring and updated lighting throughout the school. It is a wonderful example of what our community can accomplish together, and we are excited for you to see the results in person.

You will also find a link to our annual parent survey in this newsletter. We would love to hear your thoughts on how the school is doing and where we can improve, and as a thank you, anyone who takes the time to complete it can claim it as 1 volunteer hour.

Thank you for trusting us with your children and for being such an important part of this community. Here is to a joyful, engaged, and successful school year ahead.

Warmly,
Laura Roark
Executive Director



Building Independence, Confidence, and a Love of Learning.



Thank You TO OUR AMAZING SPONSORS!

We are beyond grateful for the incredible support that made our beautiful new flooring possible! Your generosity is making a lasting impact on our students, staff, and school community.



Thank you, Big Bob's Flooring for providing our beautiful new flooring and for supporting our school community!

Thank You



Thank you, The Bradley Company for installation lighting that brightens our classrooms and hallways!



A special thank you to **Jose** and his team for the expert installation of the flooring. Your hard work and dedication made all the difference!

Funding Support



Thank you to the Municipality of Anchorage through ACCEE funding for their generous grant! This grant covered most of the classroom flooring and has helped create an exceptional learning environment for our students.

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CHILD CARE &
EARLY EDUCATION **FUND**



We are deeply grateful to an **anonymous donor** for a very generous donation of **\$30,000** that covered the remaining classroom flooring. Your kindness and generosity will never be forgotten!

Thank you

The rest of the flooring for the hallways and common areas was made possible by:



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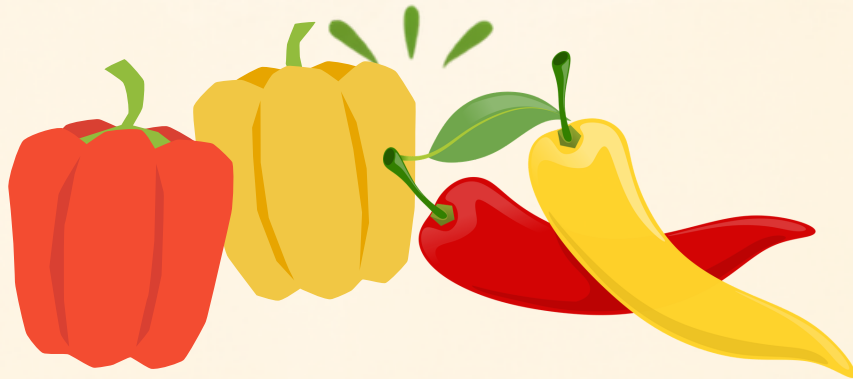
It takes a community to build something truly special. Thank you for investing in our school and our children's future!



Fajita Friday!

♥ A FAMILY DINNER MADE WITH LOVE ♥

♥ Come join us for a delicious fajitas dinner prepared by AMS staff. ♥



WHERE: AMS Big Room



WHEN: Friday, September 4th



TIME: 4:45pm – 6:00pm

Community

Connection

Children





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YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

CARNIVAL!

★ SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD ★

⇒ 10 AM - 1 PM ⇐



PETTING ZOO

Meet some adorable
farm friends!



GAMES & PRIZES

Fun games and
awesome prizes
for everyone!



BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Food, fun, and
community for all ages!

♥ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! ♥

We can't do it without you!

⇒ [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!](#) ⇐

Let's make it a day to remember! ♥

FUN

FRIENDS

COMMUNITY

Montessori Mocha

YOU ARE INVITED TO GET TOGETHER



Join us for an informal session about the realities of supporting a child's Montessori education at home. Come for the entire session or just five minutes after drop off.

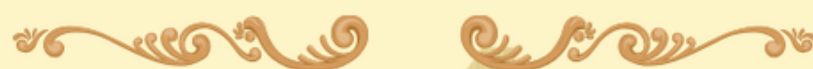
Staff will be on hand to answer questions along with a handout for those who can only pop in. Learn more about Montessori philosophy and get to know other families in the community.

This event is aimed at families with children of all ages.

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 9

8 TO 9 AM

Come join us at any time during the hour in the music room



Note: We encourage parents to come without children if possible but understand younger siblings may need to attend

AMS Proudly
Presents



DISCOVERY NIGHT

Come and discover the full Montessori spiral curriculum. Join us on a journey of learning from toddlerhood to adolescence. Classrooms at all levels will be open to explore, with hands on materials to experience for yourself and staff will be sharing their knowledge of Montessori learning process for all ages.



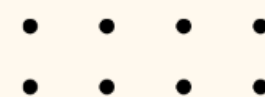
September 10th
5-7 pm



AMS, 5001
Northwood Drive

Bonus!!! Attendance counts towards volunteer hours!

Please note that this is a parent only event



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Your Voice Shapes Our Future

Each year, we ask families to share their honest feedback through our Annual Parent Survey, and this year we need your voice more than ever. Your answers help guide real decisions, from how we communicate and structure our program, to bigger questions about tuition, fees, and even what a future for AMS beyond 6th grade could look like. This is your chance to tell us what we're doing well and where we can do better.

The survey takes about 5 to 8 minutes, and as a thank you for your time, completing it counts as 1 volunteer hour toward your family's annual requirement. Volunteer hours are logged through the AMS app.

[CLICK HERE FOR SURVEY](#)

We read every response and truly value your perspective. Thank you for helping shape the future of AMS.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you ready to knock out some volunteer hours early this year?

Please see some upcoming opportunities below!

Log your volunteer hours on the AMS App by clicking “Volunteer Hours Tracking” and filling out the form.

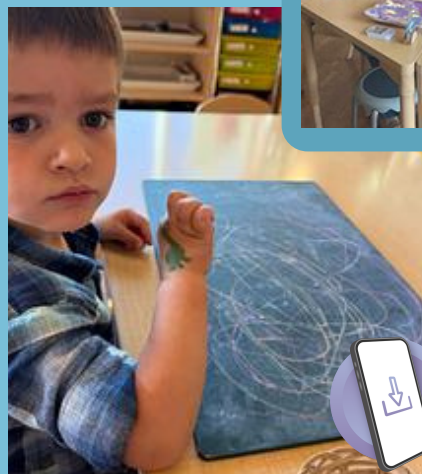
Friday, 9/18 We are looking for 3 parent volunteers to spend an hour cleaning and organizing the “facy shed” for about 1 hour. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up

AMS Fall Carnival is Saturday, October 3rd from 10am to 1pm at AMS. There are lots of chances to volunteer for this event. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and sign up for a slot.

Want a really easy and quick volunteer hour? [CLICK HERE](#) to fill out our annual community survey. After completing the survey you can add one volunteer hour!



CAPTURED MOMENTS



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the app



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Montessori School

Highlighting Joy and Appericiation

Join Us in Welcoming our New Staff!



Ms. Caitlin, an AMS parent and long time supporter, will be teaching art to our elementary students this year.

Ms. Ruth joins us as a full-time floater teacher. Be sure to say hi if you see her around!



Ms. Tracy, another AMS parent and former ASD teacher, joins us as a TA in Blueberry class during the afternoons.

Ms. Jiahuan, also a student at Alaska Center for Montessori Education, will be working as a part-time floater teacher in the afternoons.



Upcoming Dates



September 4th AMS Family Dinner 5-6



September 7th Labor Day No School



September 9th Mocha Morning 8-9am



September 10th Montessori Discovery Night 5-7pm



October 3rd AMS Fall Carnival 10-1 pm



October 12th Indigenous People's Day No School

American Montessori Society: Maria Montessori: A Pioneer in Education and Human Rights

Each month, we'll share selected articles and resources from the American Montessori Society to support your Montessori journey at home. This month learn about raising children in nature's abundance.

This Month's Article:

[Visit AMS Family Resource](#)