



Important Dates in August:

- 24: Back to School Picnic 6-7:30pm
- 28: First day for Elementary & Middle
Noon Release
Noon Ice-Cream Social
- 28-1: Preschool Orientation Week

Important Dates in September:

- 4: **School Closed - Labor Day**
- 5: First Day of Preschool - Fall Session
- 6: PAT Training Begins - more info soon
- 7: Elem/MS Back to School Night - 6pm
- 13: Board Meeting - 6:30pm
- 20: Preschool Parent Mtg - 6:30pm
- 19-21: School Photos - more info soon

Introducing our new Global Citizenship Program!

Mulberry School is launching a school-wide Global Citizenship curriculum. The mission of this initiative is to build a student body that understands how differences can help us to understand others in our community and the world. We are SO excited to add this to our already rich curriculum.

Please take a moment to read the attached Global Citizenship (GC) PDF. It describes how GC will be implemented throughout the grades this coming school year.

Please direct any questions to Jane Murphy at jmurphy@mulberry.org. Thank you!

Important note for parents of children with allergies:

On Monday, August 28th, we are asking that parents remember to bring their child's medication(s). Laurel Maguire will be at a table in the courtyard at drop off time to assist in collecting medications. Should your child have an EpiPen or other Emergency / Rescue Medications, please remember to bring two or three. (One for the classroom, one for the office, and one for Extended Care, if applicable.) Should lines become too long, please feel free to bring non-Emergency / non-Rescue Medications on Tuesday.

We will kindly be asking all parents with medications to fill out a Parent Consent Form for Administration of Medications. In addition, parents of children with food allergies will be given a Food Allergy Action Plan to be filled out by their physician. If you have any questions, please contact Laurel at lmaguire@mulberry.org. Thank you so much, and we look forward to seeing you Monday!

Event Information from our PAC:

Welcome back, Mulberry! And a warm welcome to all of our new families! PAC is Mulberry School's "Parent Assembly Council," and since all of you are part of the "Parent Assembly," that means we're here to help YOU. We provide a liaison between parents and the administration, plan events for the community, and pitch in to help committees that need us. We'll be around campus, ready and waiting. If you can't find us in person, we're an email or text away.

And remember, you can always join us for a PAC meeting! These are open to all parents. We generally meet on the first Friday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Our first meeting is Friday, September 1 at 9:00 a.m. in the Parent Workroom. Please join us!

PAC is hosting two events in the very near future:

- **Ice Cream Social:** On the first day of school (**August 28**) PAC will be scooping out ice-cream (including dairy-free and gluten-free options) **at noon** (right when school lets out that day). Can't wait to see you!
- **New Family Orientation:** New JK-8th grade families, or any current families who might need a refresher, this one's for you! **Please join us on the first day of school** to learn what's in store for your first few months at Mulberry School. We'll talk about upcoming events, parent participation, school routines, and more. (Preschool families — not to worry, you'll have a session coming up. Watch for an email!) **Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Hub.**

Did you know that Mulberry offers after school chess?

Please check out the attached PDF for information on how to sign up for Chess King. They are an excellent group that has been working with Mulberry for years.

We also offer an AMAZING hot lunch program!

Hot lunch at Mulberry is provided by **My Green Lunch**. They use all organic food, and have lots of tasty options available each day. You can check them out on their website mygreenlunch.com. There is a link on our website. Check them out! Imagine not having to pack your child's lunch on those busy mornings...

Committee Sign Ups (Elementary and Middle School):

If you haven't already, please take a moment to sign up for 2017-18 committees. As you know, each elementary and middle school family is required to serve on one "40-hour committee" (many take considerably less time than 40 hours) and one "4-hour Event Support Committee."

There are lots of great spots still available! Sign up at <https://mulberryschool.ivolunteer.com/>

Mulberry Buzz Information:

The Mulberry Buzz is a weekly email. It's our primary way of communicating with families, so please take the time to read it each week. Unless otherwise specified, questions about content can be directed to Deanna Haugaard in the office.