



May 14, 2021

Dear Stonebrook-White Campus Families,

Congratulations to you and your scholars for finishing a school year like no other! Our Campus Team has been honored to be a part of your family's life during this once-in-a-lifetime experience. The support and tenacity you demonstrated inspired us every day and we hope our commitment to you was equally evident. Thank you for being a part of our Stonebrook-White Montessori Campus family!

### **Year End Updates**

**To allow both set of Hybrid Cohorts to close out the school with each other and their teachers, the district has modified the ending school days.**

Last day of school for All Preschool classes is Monday, May 24

Last day of school for Cohort A is Monday, May 24

Last day of school for Cohort B is Tuesday, May 25

### **Promotions**

We are excited to be able to celebrate the promotion of our kindergartners and eighth grade students! More information will be sent home to families through your classroom teachers, but those promotions will take place on:

Monday, May 24 at 10:30am for MRW 8<sup>th</sup> grade scholars

Tuesday, May 25 at 10am for MRW Kindergarten and 11 am for SBM Kindergarten

All ceremonies will be held outside at Stonebrook Montessori on the stage in the playground area.

### **Campus Merger Overview**

As we look forward to next year and the district's intention of returning to in-person school 5 days a week, we are also looking toward the more holistic merger of our campus. This year has facilitated our two school teams becoming one Campus Team. Next year we will begin the important work of integrating the campus buildings to create a cohesive campus merger.

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Over the next three years, our Campus will be undertaking a series of big changes, ranging from comprehensive Montessori training programs for traditionally trained teachers and paraprofessionals to building renovations. We will begin our cohesive campus merger work by refining the focus of our two buildings. While our ultimate plan will see the renovation of the Michael R. White building into a Primary (Prek&K) and Adolescent building (Middle school), we will begin the work in the 2021-22 school year with establishing the Stonebrook building as the PreK through 3rd Grade building (Primary and Lower Elementary) and the Michael R. White building as 4th-8th (Upper Elementary and Adolescents).

The big picture Campus merger timeline and objectives are as outlined:

School Year 2021-22:

- Montessori teacher training programs begin for participating teachers and paraprofessionals
- Stonebrook building houses all PreK through 3rd grades; this includes 4 classes of single grade classrooms from K-3
- Michael R. White houses all 4 through 8th grades; this includes two classes of Upper Elementary

School Year 2022-23:

- Montessori teacher/para training in second year
- Most single grade classrooms become multi-age classrooms
- Buildings remain as Prek-3rd and 4th-8<sup>th</sup>
- Renovations begin at Michael R. White

School Year 2023-24:

- Montessori teacher/para training program concludes; most teachers are now Montessori credentialed
- Remaining single grade classrooms will become multi-age
- Michael R. White building will become Primary (Prek-K) and Adolescent (7/8) building; renovations completed with access to outdoors from classrooms
- Stonebrook building will become Lower Elementary and Upper Elementary (Grades 1 through 6)



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**Next Steps for Next Year!**

To prepare our current students for the campus merger of buildings, all students that will be moving buildings next year will be toured through their new spaces next week. These tours will be conducted by our PCIA team members, Mr. Gregory Morrow (MRW) and Ms. Tierra Biggers (SBM). Students will be shown all around the buildings, including the outdoor areas and the garden spaces.

**Current K-2 Grade Michael R. White Students:**

-Tuesday, May 18 and Thursday, May 20

**Current 3rd-6th Grade Stonebrook Students:**

-Monday, May 17 and Friday, May 21

**Remote Scholars from both buildings:**

-Wednesday, May 19 (9am to 2pm); No appointment required

**Other Important Details:**

The Campus school hours of 9:30am to 4:00pm will remain unchanged next year.

Carline will continue to work the same.

The Campus will not have uniforms.

**Final Thoughts**

Creating a cohesive merger of two established schools into a successful unified Campus is big work! Over the last year, your school team, the Stonebrook-White Montessori Campus Advisory Board, district leadership, and parent participants have worked to create the roadmap to our final destination as a comprehensive public Montessori campus in Glenville. On behalf of my Team and all the committed participants in this work, thank you for being a part of the journey with us. All of this work is for the ongoing success of our amazing scholars! We can't wait to see you back on Campus, full-time and in-person, in August.

Your Campus Principal,

**Ariel Hayes**