



Dear Families,

This is my favorite time of the year. After several weeks to rejuvenate and a few weeks of planning and preparation, all any of us at Bay Farm can think about is finally getting to be with the students. These are the days when we, as educators, feel the invigorating promise of growth and learning. These are the days when we recommit to learning with joy, purpose, and compassion. We are all grateful for our positions as guides to the amazing development of the child.

Today was my first opportunity to meet many of our students and families at Back-to-School Registration. It was a joyful occasion. Our students are eager to begin a new school year with old friends and some new classmates. Each parent I met had the joyful twinkle of anticipation in their eyes. This joy comes from the feeling of support and nurture. It comes from understanding that we all want what is best for our children, and that we are all working together as a community.

I am very excited about this school year. Everything in view is shiny and new to me, but there is also a joyful comfort that comes with knowing that I am where I belong, surrounded by a community that goes to great lengths for our children. I am delighted by the energy and purpose I feel each day at school. I look forward to sharing in Bay Farm traditions, and I am thankful to be able to help create new traditions that strengthen our bonds.

First on my list of joyful events is the Ice Cream Social on September 9th. This is a new event sponsored by our Montessori Parent's Association (MPA), and by the number of RSVP's we have received, it is going to be a great success. Events like the Ice Cream Social give us all a fun opportunity to come together and celebrate.

We are working on many other events and opportunities to share as a community. These events take a lot of effort and planning, but we know that our children are worth it. We know that a strong school community benefits our kids by showing them that they deserve support and recognition for the hard work of learning. We know that this support brings both our kids and ourselves joy.

I look forward to working with each of you as we march in to this new school year.

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