



Diamante Montessori School
Enriching the Person Within Your Child

September 21, 2020

SCHOOL NEWS:

I am very pleased to announce two new additions to the Diamante staff:

Ms. Nazia Makhani will be joining starting Monday, September 28. She will be working with the Toddler Class in the morning and the Pre-primary/Enrichment Class in the afternoon. Nazia is an AMS Certified Early Childhood Teacher and has been a volunteer with youth programs in her church for the past 18 years. She is also pursuing an AAS degree in Early Childhood Administration from the College of DuPage. We are very fortunate to have Nazia on our team, she has a great passion for working with children and she is so excited to start working with your young ones next week.

Ms. Natalie Zelman will be joining us soon as part our “float” staff during the morning session. She is an Art Major with a Masters in Fine Arts. She has been a summer camp counselor for elementary & middle school age children, as well as a volunteer dance instructor with younger age groups. Natalie is looking forward to sharing her creativity with the staff children at Diamante.

Our Toddler Class will begin Monday, September 28 with a modified orientation schedule. Ms. Maria has the schedule ready and will send it out this week.

We have a Virtual Curriculum Night planned for this Thursday, September 24 at 7:00. This will include a brief overview of the Montessori Method, a few short videos, and details of how each classroom operates. An invitation to our Zoom will be sent out Thursday afternoon. We plan on recording our session for those of you who may be unable to attend.

Reminders:

- We are a **peanut free** environment. Please do not send any peanut products to school. This includes lunches as well as snack items. Please read labels carefully!
- With cooler temperatures ahead and more layers on the children, please remember to **label all shoes, clothing, and coats.**
- If your child will be celebrating a birthday during school please reach out to Ms. Maria or Ms. Janell to discuss **birthday plans.** We are unable to have our usual family visits, but we would still like to make their day special with a time-line of photos and stories.
- **Check backpacks** for communications from the teachers, we may leave a note in there from time to time. Although, if something is extremely important we will send an email.

(We will keep the extra clothes for the Pre Primary & Enrichment classes in their backpacks to use for emergencies.)

Upcoming Events:

- September 24 @7:00 **Virtual Curriculum Night**
- October 12 **No School** Columbus Day
- October 20 **Picture Day**
- October 23 **No School** for Pre Primary AM, PM, & Enrichment - Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences **Toddlers will attend**
- October 26 **No School** for Pre Primary AM, PM, & Enrichment - Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences **Toddlers will attend**

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Janell Pivoney

Photos of the week:



