

THANK YOU.

PLEASE RETURN THE PINK AND GREEN FORMS TO SCHOOL.
STUDENT INFO UPDATE YET?
HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE



as possible!

important to register as soon as possible, so it is held to pick up supplies. The event will be

9am and 4pm.

Monday-Thursday between 9am and 4pm. Charities at 608-782-0710, www.cclse.org or by calling Catholic

Need Help with School Supplies?

students in need.

The Clothes Closet's mission is to provide gently used and new clothes and shoes for



If you need items this summer, please call the Trinity Clothes Closet to make an appointment at 608-782-6200.

Stop by the...
Trinity Clothes Closet
* The Clothes Closet at Trinity Church will be open on Mondays during the school year from 4:00 – 6:00PM starting in September!



Coulee Montessori

Welcome Back Newsletter

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<https://www.lacrosseschools.org/coulee-montessori>

Dates to Remember

- ★ August 28 - Open House 5:30-6:30pm
- ★ September 3 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
- ★ September 26 - Picture Day
- ★ November 7 - Picture Retake Day
- ★ October 17 - Fall Conferences
- ★ October 21 - Fall Conferences

School Hours

- 🔔 Office Hours: Summer / 8:00am -1:00pm
School Year / 7:30am-3:30pm
- 🔔 School Starts: Tuesday, September 3rd
- 🔔 School Day Hours for Students:
8:15am-2:55pm
- 🔔 Breakfast is served from 8:00am-8:15am

The School District of La Crosse does not discriminate against students based on sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, emotional, learning disability or handicap in its education program or activities.

Parents/Guardians/Visitors

- ⚙ For safety reasons anyone visiting the school needs to use the main doors and report to the office to sign in.
- ⚙ All visitors/volunteers must stop in the office to sign in. You will need to bring your ID/Driver's License with you.

Volunteer Opportunities

- ⚙ Anyone volunteering in the classroom or chaperoning a field trip is **required** to complete an on-line Volunteer Service Application.
- ⚙ Please plan and fill out a Volunteer Service Application at the beginning of the year to ensure that you are approved when your child has a field trip you want to attend. You can apply on the district website.

Processing an application can take up to 14 days. Applicants will receive an e-mail verification upon approval.



Important Announcement



All visitors/volunteers must stop in the office to sign in via the visitor/volunteer iPad. You will need to bring your ID/Driver's License with you.
Thank you.

Student Insurance Coverage

The school district does not carry student medical insurance or student accident insurance. As a convenience, student medical coverage is offered through Student Assurance, Inc. Please stop by the office and pick up the forms to fill out.

IMPORTANT: If a coat, backpack, cell phone, clothing, or any other personal items are lost or stolen, the district will not be responsible for recovery or repayment for these items. We do **not** have insurance coverage for the personal belongings of our students. Students are asked not to bring personal items to school.

Picture Day

School pictures will be Thursday, Sept 26th! Order forms will be sent home one to two weeks prior. Please make sure that you have the order form filled out and the exact amount inside. We are not able to make change for parents/guardians. You also have the option to pay for pictures online!

Welcome New Staff - Volunteering - Student Insurance - Picture Day

See back for Community Resources

* Welcome to the Team *

We are so happy to welcome new staff members!!! Additional staff will be joining our school team for next year... so watch for the names of those hires in upcoming notifications.

Sara DePaolo—Title 1 teacher

Jenny Leren—Occupational Therapist

Laura Moize—Administrative Assistant

Laura Moore—Title 1 Teacher

Marie Olmsted—Northside 1st Grade Teacher

Madelynn Quackenbush—Social Worker

Makenna Sacre— Northside 5th Grade Teacher

Mariah Stewart—Northside and Coulee Montessori Art teacher

Michelle Witte—Administrative Assistant



As a Community School, having a shared voice and inclusive leadership is extremely important. For us to make sure we are supporting our students, staff and families so that they can all thrive, we look at the whole child and whole family. This school year, we will be asking families for feedback on what can make our school and community better! Please make sure you stop by the table at Open House or pay attention to communications from our Community School Leadership team. Your voice matters and we are listening!



Thank you!

Jenna Anfang

Hello!

Welcome to the new school year at Coulee Montessori! I hope this letter finds you well and that you had a wonderful summer filled with fun and relaxation. As we begin another exciting school year, I am thrilled to welcome both returning and new families to our amazing school community. Over the summer our dedicated staff has been busy preparing for the arrival of our students. Classrooms have been refreshed, new resources added, and innovative programs planned to ensure that every child receives a high-quality education in a nurturing and supportive environment. Our goal is to foster a love for learning, cultivate curiosity, and inspire our students to reach their full potential. This year we are excited to celebrate the 10-year anniversary for Northside Elementary School. Can you believe it has been 10 years already? We will be celebrating this milestone all year long. Communication between home and school is crucial for the success of our students. We encourage you to stay informed and involved in your child's education. Our monthly newsletter, school website, and social media pages will provide regular updates on important events, activities, and announcements. Additionally, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher or the school office with any question or concerns. As we begin this new school year, I am filled with optimism and excitement for all that lies ahead. Together, we will create a positive, engaging, and inclusive learning environment where every child can thrive. Here's to a fantastic school year!



Mrs. Bradle, Principal, Northside Elementary/Coulee Montessori, Phone: 608.789.6700

Welcome from our principal - Dates to Remember - Office Hours

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

2024–2025

Fall:

- 📖 Thursday, October 17th from 3:30 - 7:30PM
- 📖 Monday, October 21st from 12:00 - 7:30PM

Spring:

- 📖 Thursday, March 6th from 3:30 - 7:30PM
- 📖 Monday, March 10th from 12:00 - 7:30PM

Watch for more information on conference times and scheduling.

Child Absences, Tardiness, Leaving Early, & Vacations

- ① Parents/guardians are asked to please call the school office at 789-7970 (choose option for attendance) before 9:00AM if your child is ill or has an appointment - even if you have contacted your student's teacher. You are also encouraged to bring/send in a note from the doctor to excuse the absence.
- ① Your child will be marked absent or tardy if they are not in their classroom, ready to learn by 8:15AM. We want to make sure that everyone arrives safely and on time!
- ① Students leaving during regular school hours must be picked up in the office and a parent/guardian/emergency contact will need to sign them out. We will only release your child to you or those people you have designated as "Emergency Contacts". Leaving prior to 1:00PM is considered a half day absence. Parents should also communicate with their child's teacher about early pick-ups, when possible.
- ① For planned absences (vacations, special events, etc.) please fill out the Excused Absence Request form we have located in the office and return it to school at least 5 days before the absence. State law 118.15(3)(c) states that a child may not be excused for more than 10 days in a school year. Please keep this in consideration when planning absences for your child, including medical appointments.



Student Pick-Up and Drop-Off

- ★ For the safety of ALL children at Northside Elementary/Coulee Montessori, please be reminded that **parking directly in front of the school on Kane Street and Charles Street from 7:30AM to 4:30PM on school days by the playground is illegal**. The street is clearly marked with road signs for “no parking during school days” and “no stopping or standing during school days”. This regulation is in effect for the safety of ALL children before and after school.
- ★ Please help us keep traffic controlled by following the parking regulations and crossing with the staff supervision, crossing guards, and in the crosswalks.
- ★ Please **do not park in the staff parking lot** to drop off before school (7:45 – 8:15AM) or to pick up students after school (2:45 – 3:15PM).

What time should my child arrive at school?

Playground supervision begins at 7:45AM. Please do not drop your child off before 7:45AM unless your child is enrolled in the YMCA Surround Care program. Students will play on the playground until 8:00AM. The bell to enter the building rings at 8:00AM. This bell brings students in to have breakfast. The official day begins at 8:15AM.

All outside doors are locked at 8:15AM. If your child arrives late (after 8:15AM), please bring them to the main office doors on Kane Street to enter the building and ensure they enter safely before you leave. All late students are required to stop in the office for a “Pass to Class” – if the teacher has marked them absent, the “Pass to Class” lets the teacher know the student has checked in at the office.

Breakfast is served from 8:00 – 8:15AM.

In case of inclement weather, the children will enter the building before the 8:00AM bell and go to the gym for supervised activities until breakfast time.

IMPORTANT: Children are not allowed in the building prior to 8:00AM. We also ask that they not be dropped off before 7:45 AM as there is no adult supervision outside prior to 7:45AM. If you need care before 7:45AM, please enroll in the YMCA Surround Care Program (Information below).

After School Options for Families

- ☞ The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse will continue to offer after school activities & programs in Academics, Character & Leadership, and Healthy Lifestyles at Erickson Boys and Girls Club. If your child is not a current member, parents should go online or stop by the Boys & Girls Club for a membership form (608) 782-3926.
- ☞ YMCA Surround Care: The YMCA of La Crosse will provide affordable quality childcare and academic programming after school at the Northside/Coulee Montessori Campus beginning September 3rd. All children in grades K-5 will be accepted. No child will be turned away due to financial need. This program will take place between 2:55pm and 6:00pm Monday thru Friday. Students will participate in a combination of recreational activities, homework help, academic enrichment, academic tutoring, wellness education and arts and crafts as appropriate for each child. Parents can contact the YMCA of La Crosse at 608-782-9622, Ext. 275 for more information.

Drop off & Pick Up Information - After School Care Options

Medications

- ↪ Questions about medication procedures and health concerns can be directed to Northside/CM's Health Assistant, Alexis Klatt.
- ↪ Written, signed permission must be on file at school before any medication can be administered to a child.
- ↪ Prescription drugs require a doctor's and parent's signature; non-prescription drugs require a parent signature. Forms are available from the health office, on the School District's website, www.lacrosseschools.org, and at most clinics in the area.
- ↪ All medication must be in its original container with the dosage clearly marked.
- ↪ All medication will be administered and recorded in the health office.
- ↪ Our School District nurse is Shelley Johnson. Her schedule at Northside/CM is 7:45PM - 3:15PM, Monday through Friday.

Remember, if your child has a fever of 100 degrees or greater or has vomited/diarrhea within the last 24 hours, he/she should stay home from school.

Do not forget to call the school office at 789-7970 by 9:00AM to let us know your child will not be in school.

The Northside/CM Health Assistant is Alexis Klatt. Her phone number is 608-789-6703!



Nutrition Information

ALL students enrolled at Coulee Montessori are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **NO CHARGE** each day of the 2024-2025 school year.

IMPORTANT: It is still necessary for each family to complete a Free/Reduced Application so that if you have children in other schools in our district, they may still be evaluated to receive free/reduced meals at those schools. Completing the Free/Reduced Application is also necessary for Northside Elementary/Coulee Montessori to qualify for other funding that will enhance educational opportunities for students. In addition, completing the form assures that your child will be evaluated for free/reduced status if you should move to another district school sometime during the year. The Free/Reduced Application will be mailed to your home mid-summer. Families may also complete this application online.



2024-2025 Lunch Pricing

Students at Coulee Montessori will receive FREE breakfast and lunch.

However, we will still need parents/guardians to fill out the Free/Reduced Meal Application! You can do this online or by hard copy that will be sent to you this summer.

Adult Pricing

\$4.25/Lunch

\$2.75/Breakfast

\$.50/Milk

