



Pre-School & Primary School

Thursday Pack

The Thursday Pack is our weekly communication document sent to Parents and Staff to keep everyone updated with events, updates and household business at United World College Maastricht Primary.

Thursday 2nd September 2010

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School Website



On the school website www.uwcmaastricht.com under the Primary School link, you will find the updated **Parent Handbook** and the **2010-2011 UWCM Calendar** under Announcements.

Student Absences

Please refer to the updated Parent Handbook for more detailed information regarding Student Absences however in brief please follow the procedure outlined below:

In case of illness

As soon as you are aware that your child is going to be absent from school, please contact school via absences@uwcmaastricht.com or telephone 043 3561100. The absences e-mail box is checked every morning. If your child is absent and we have not received notification of this then you can expect to be contacted by a member of the Primary Administration team.

An appointment during school hours

If your child needs to be absent from school due to an appointment, please send a note to your child's class teacher in advance.

Being collected by somebody else after school

After school, if your child is going to be collected by somebody else, please send a note to your child's class teacher to state that you give permission for this person to collect your child from school.

Taking your child out of school during school hours

If your child is taken ill at school and you are asked to come and collect your child, please ensure that you sign your child out at the Primary administration office before leaving the school.

Holidays / Leave

If you wish to take extra leave outside of the school holiday dates, permission has to be granted in advance by Ms. Catherine Copeland, the Primary Principal. Copies of the Request for Leave of Absence form can be found in the Primary office.

Updates

Library:

The library has now been re-located to the top floor of the primary building. The allocated classroom will be a split purpose room for Dutch (DAL) and library. We look forward to having easier access to our large stock of library books and to developing a more differentiated Dutch language programme.

The main administration office and the SEN classroom:

The anticipated work on the primary admin office and the SEN room has now been re-scheduled to take place during the October break. The Primary administration office and the SEN room will undergo re-construction to create more flexible and productive work and teaching spaces.

First Week Plans



Wednesday 8th September 2010.

09:00 - 11:00

This is the first morning for new families. The doors open at 9:00 and the morning programme will end at 11:00.

New parents: please bring along the necessary paperwork for Step 3 of the registration process to complete your registration.

The children will spend time with their teacher and parents/guardians are invited to attend the introduction session in the staffroom, which will be hosted by UWCM Management and PSG Representatives.

Thursday 9th September 2010

08:20 - 15:15

This is the first day for all students. Teachers will be in the playground to welcome the children at 08:20.

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 line up in the playground at the front of the school.

Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 line up in the playground at the back of the school.

The teachers will come to the playground to collect their year group. The school day starts promptly at 08:30.

Friday 10th September 2010

Normal school day. Please note the half day for the lower school children as is normal on Fridays.

Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 - **08:20 - 12:00**

Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 - **08:20 - 15:15**

Friday 10th September Open House Afternoon

13:00 - 16:00

This is an opportunity to find out more about the UWCM Primary Curricula subjects and extra curricular activities, events and services in an informal setting.

There will be stands representing: Language, Math, IPC, ESL, DAL, Health & Wellness, Music, Mother Tongue, Third Culture Kids, Service & Learning, Global Concerns, PD Clubs, Music School, MIK after school care, University Maastricht Language Centre (see extra information below), Parent Support Group and more!

During this time you can sign up to attend specific workshops related to some of the subjects, which will be held during the first term of school.

15:15 - 16:00

During this time you are welcome to visit your child's classroom and to meet the teachers.

Additional Information from the University Maastricht Language Centre (Taalcentrum) for the Open House on Friday 10th September



Dutch course

Would you like to be able to cope better in Dutch? If you start now, you'll surprise everyone in a few months' time by being able to conduct short, everyday conversations in Dutch. At the UWCM you can follow Dutch classes together with other parents. Learn Dutch while your children are at school, get a taste of Dutch culture and make new friends!

During the open day on 10 September there will be flyers on Dutch, English and other languages you might be interested in. You'll also be able to take part in an interactive presentation about *Dutch Culture & Maastricht*. You can find the times for this presentation in the newsletter of 9 September.



Cours de néerlandais

Vous voulez pouvoir mieux vous débrouiller en néerlandais ? Suivez un cours dès maintenant et dans quelques mois, vous pourrez, au grand étonnement de votre entourage, faire face en néerlandais aux situations de tous les jours.

L'UWCM vous propose de suivre des cours de néerlandais avec d'autres parents.

Apprenez la langue pendant que vos enfants sont à l'école, venez goûter à la culture néerlandaise et rencontrer de nouveaux amis !

Le 10 septembre prochain, l'UWCM organise une journée portes ouvertes. Vous pourrez y trouver des brochures sur le néerlandais, l'anglais et sur d'autres langues.

Cette journée portes ouvertes vous offre, de plus, la possibilité de participer à une présentation interactive « La culture néerlandaise et Maastricht ». L'horaire de cette présentation sera communiqué dans la lettre d'informations du 9 septembre



Clases de holandés

¿Desea poder entenderse en holandés? Si empieza ahora mismo, dentro de un par de meses podrá sorprender a sus conocidos con conversaciones cortas en esa lengua.

En UWCM puede seguir clases de holandés con otros padres. ¡Aprenda holandés mientras sus hijos están en la escuela, conozca la cultura holandesa y haga nuevos amigos!

Durante el día de puertas abiertas de UWCM (10 de septiembre próximo) van a obtener el folleto con información sobre holandés, inglés y otras lenguas.

Ese mismo día les ofrecemos la posibilidad de participar en una presentación interactiva (Cultura holandesa y Maastricht). En el boletín de noticias del próximo 9 de septiembre les vamos a informar sobre el horario de esta presentación.



Niederländischkurs

Möchten Sie die niederländische Sprache meistern? Wenn Sie jetzt anfangen, können Sie in einigen Monaten jeden überraschen, indem Sie kurze alltägliche Gespräche auf Niederländisch führen. Belegen Sie gemeinsam mit anderen Eltern beim UWCM einen Niederländischkurs. Lernen Sie Niederländisch während Ihre Kinder in der Schule sind, kosten Sie die niederländische Kultur und machen Sie sich neue Freunde!

Am Tag der offenen Tür beim UWCM am 10. September liegt ein Informationsblatt über Niederländisch, Englisch und sonstige Sprachen für Sie bereit. An diesem Tag können Sie auch eine interaktive Präsentation über „Niederländische Kultur & Maastricht“ besuchen. Über die genauen Uhrzeiten der Präsentation informieren wir Sie im Newsletter vom 9. September.



Corso di olandese

Le piacerebbe essere in grado di cavarsela con la lingua olandese? Se inizia adesso, entro pochi mesi potrà sorprendere tutti con brevi conversazioni di vita quotidiana in olandese. All'UWCM può seguire lezioni di olandese insieme ad altri genitori. Impari l'olandese mentre i suoi figli sono a scuola, assaggi la cultura olandese e faccia nuove amicizie!

Nella giornata a porte aperte dell'UWCM il prossimo 10 settembre troverà un volantino con le informazioni sui corsi di olandese, inglese ed altre lingue. Durante questa giornata potrà anche partecipare alla presentazione interattiva "Cultura olandese & Maastricht. Nel bollettino del prossimo 9 settembre la informeremo sugli orari della presentazione.



Kurs języka niderlandzkiego

Chcieliby Panstwo nauczyć się języka niderlandzkiego? Jeśli rozpoczniecie Panstwo naukę teraz, to już za kilka miesięcy możecie zaskoczyć wszystkich umiejętnością prowadzenia prostych rozmówek po niderlandzku! W UWCM macie Panstwo możliwość uczestniczenia w kursie językowym wraz z innymi rodzicami. Nauczcie się Panstwo języka niderlandzkiego, podczas kiedy wasze dzieci są w szkole, skosztujecie kultury holenderskiej i zawrzyjcie nowe znajomości.

10 września odbędzie się w UWCM "Drzwi otwarte", podczas których uzyskać będzie można dokładne informacje dotyczące kursów języka niderlandzkiego, angielskiego oraz innych języków. W tym dniu będą mogli Państwo zapoznać się z interaktywną prezentacją dotyczącą kultury holenderskiej i Maastricht. O dokładnej godzinie prezentacji poinformujemy Państwa w Newsletter z dnia 9 września.

دورة للغة الهولندية

هل تريد إدارة أمورك بطريقة أسهل باللغة الهولندية؟ إذا بدأت الآن فسوف تدهش الجميع بعد بضعة أشهر بقدرتك على إجراء محادثات يومية قصيرة باللغة الهولندية. من خلال UWCM يمكنك متابعة الدروس باللغة الهولندية مع آباء آخرين. تعلم اللغة الهولندية في أثناء تواجد أطفالك في المدرسة، وتعرف على الثقافة الهولندية، وكون صداقات جديدة!

في اليوم المفتوح ١٠ سبتمبر في UWCM يوجد نشرة لك فيها معلومات حول الهولندية والانكليزية واللغات الأخرى.

و في أثناء هذا اليوم المفتوح يمكنك أيضا المشاركة في العرض التفاعلي الثقافي لهولندا وماستريخت.



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Taxi Procedure



New arrival procedure for taxis

Commencing the first school day, we would like to request that if your child is transported via taxi to school, that the taxi driver enter the back lane behind the school to assist in the safe drop off / pick up for your children. There has been an area designated, indicated by a painted yellow line on the driveway, adjacent to the primary playground of the school where we would like to request that **ALL** taxis wait.

The gates behind the school will be open for taxis only, and following the drop off of the students, the taxi can then proceed to the end of the lane, and exit via sensor. Parents assisting their children in entering the building may enter the primary playground from that fenced area, and also access the taxis at the same location to exit.

We are hoping that this new procedure will allow for a safer drop off and pick up procedure for your children, as well as maintain our parking arrangements with our local business neighbours. Please request that your taxi driver does not block other vehicles from entering this laneway. Many of our staff uses this area to park their own vehicles.

Personal Development Clubs (PD Clubs)

Please note that PD clubs, which take place after school, will not start until October. More information regarding activity choices and registration will be communicated soon. Therefore school ends at 15:15 for all students until this time.

I trust that this information has kept you fully informed of events to date. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me or another member of the Primary Management Team.

Regards, Catherine Copeland, Primary Principal of UWCM Primary