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Dear Families,

I hope that you are having an inspiring and happy summer. I would like to welcome all of you to the 2017-2018 school year.

We have had a rewarding summer here at school. Camp Co-op was well attended and each day held plenty of splashing and splashing and every kind of outdoor play fun. A new camp, Scientific Kids, was likewise sold-out and provided a terrific exploration and experimentation-based experience for young children for one week. Other successful camps this summer included Girls Leadership, Co-op Coders, Forensics, Sewing and Handwork, Lego Fun and the ever-popular Chess Camp.

Our new Admissions Director, Ana Younghusband, joined us and got right down to work as last minute inquiries pleasantly surprised us in August. With Dawne Weaver's continued stewardship of our Artists In Education Program (AIE) S.T.E.A.M. Education Grant, we were awarded the grant for the fourth year in a row. We are excited this time to expand to third and fourth grades the chance to collaborate with a working artist on an integrated project. Finally, we had new energy-saving LED bulbs installed throughout the school through a grant program provided by PSE&G. We are all looking forward to enjoying the brighter light and the lower utility bills.

In preparation for the upcoming school year, please be sure to check for updates between now and the first day of school on the SCOOP (<https://sites.google.com/a/montclaircoop.org/community/home?pli=1>). If you are a new parent/guardian, the SCOOP is our Co-op's private community portal. A SCOOP introduction for new members is included in this mailing or login instructions are available at: <https://sites.google.com/a/montclaircoop.org/community/start-page>. Class lists will be posted on the Class Pages where you can also review your classroom's group email history for messages from your child's teacher. Directions to complete enrollment forms can be found in the News and Announcements section.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on the first day of school on Thursday, September 7th. Please come and say hello at the Welcome Back Bagels and Coffee for parents from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. I also very much hope to see you at our Back-to-School Picnic on Friday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m. Bring a blanket and a picnic and come enjoy the company of Co-op families!

Enjoy the rest of the summer. May it bring still more fun adventures.

Warmly,

Head of School