

## **Julia's Garden 2019/2020**

### **Structural Changes Announcement**

Welcome to 2019/2020! We are making changes for the better, using our resources in the most effective manner to better serve you and your family at Julia's Garden.

#### **Primary, Main House Location, 26-29 children, 2 guides, M-Th 8:30 - 12:30**

As we examine our student body we see a strong socialization trend in our primary community. In order to fully support this tendency during this sensitive period for building social skills, a larger environment becomes essential. With a well-represented age group at each level, we can offer a complete range of social experiences on a daily basis. We see this need emerging as our study body ages, especially as a child in this program enters his 2nd and 3rd primary year. Even our first year students come to us with well-developed skills from the I.C. showing us they are confident workers ready for a larger world experience.

With a larger student community in place, we must also offer sufficient time for the children to engage in a 3-hour work cycle. Noting the popularity of the Early Arrival program this year, our primary class for the 2019/2020 school year now begins at 8:30 AM and lunch is a separate program you may choose to enroll your child in. Full Day\* children will enjoy lunch inside the Main House, or in the new side Garden Area, after our morning primary program dismisses.

*\*Please note Full Day program enrollment for this level is by invitation only.*

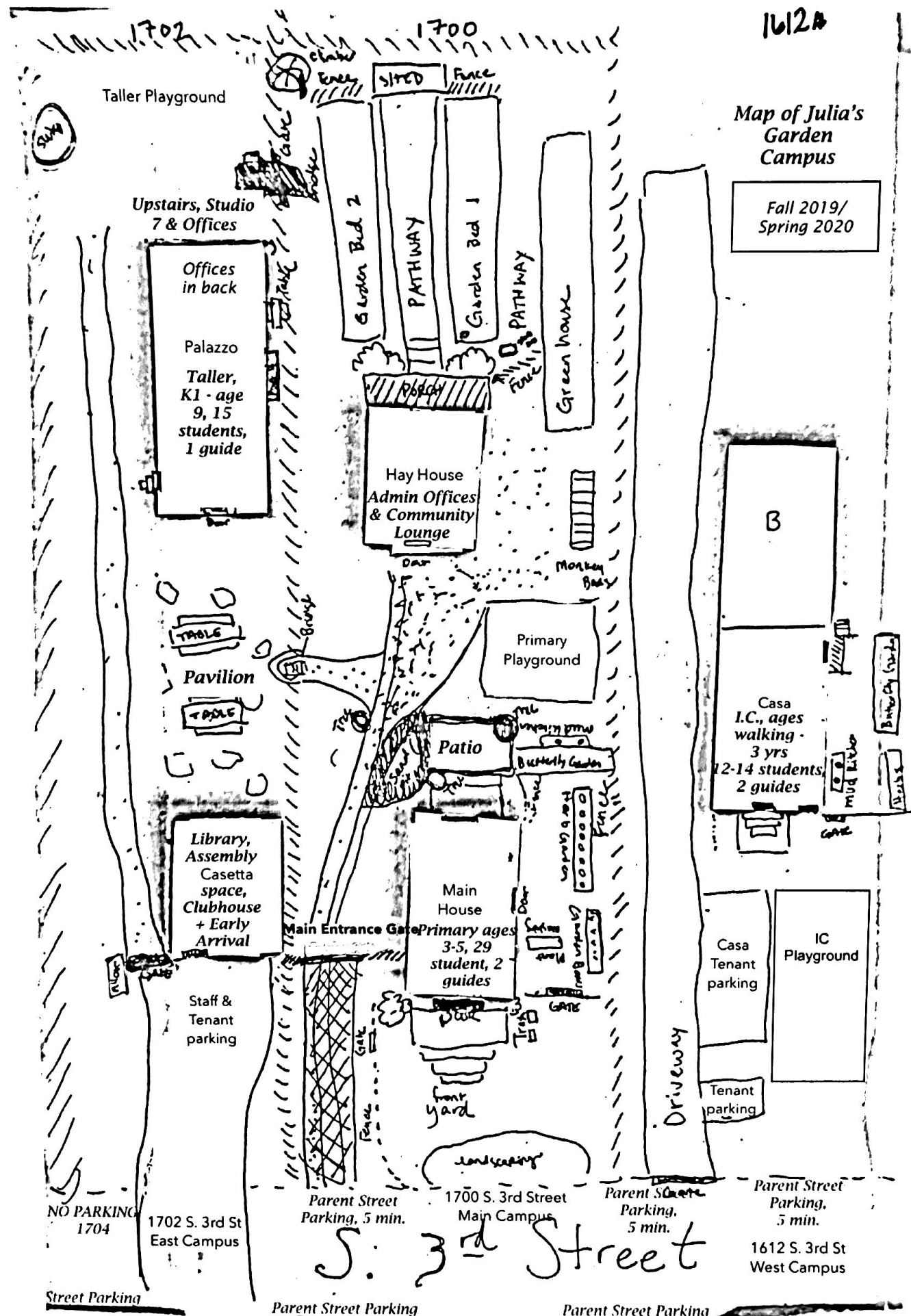
#### **Taller, Palazzo Location, 15-18 children, 1 guide 8:45 - 3:15 M-Th, Fridays 9 - 12:00**

In Taller, we are offering a smaller-sized, multi-aged elementary experience — led by one teacher to support a child-led community — coupled with an individualized academic and emotional support system. This pairing ensures each student's school needs are met without losing any of the independence they achieved at the I.C. and Primary levels. When learning counts the most academically (first grade curriculum mastery is essential to setting the stage for a child's success throughout school) we want ensure that our students understand not only what they are learning, but also why they are learning it. Social experiences are still offered, but served in smaller doses so academic success can take precedence. Learning is enjoyable as our students begin to research outside of their classroom walls to get the answers to their own questions about the work they are doing. A parent partnership becomes even more important to ensure the elementary-aged child's success. Instead of testing, parents commit to a

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### Map of Julia's Garden Campus

Fall 2019/  
Spring 2020



NO PARKING 1704

1702 S. 3rd St East Campus

Parent Street Parking, 5 min.

1700 S. 3rd Street Main Campus

Parent Street Parking, 5 min.

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1612 S. 3rd St West Campus

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once/month progress meeting in conjunction with field day chaperoning every 4th Friday of the school year.

**Infant Community (I.C.), Casa Location, 12-14 children, 2 guides**

Our youngest community members are also ready for change. A broader age range of friends to learn and grow from will be offered in our I.C. for the 2019/2020 school year. 18 month olds absorb societal norms from the example of their elder, 2.5/3 year old peers who have set the stage for independence and success. Similarly, our older tots coming into their 2nd year will benefit from a larger classroom with interactive group work that follows their emerging interest in "the other." This class is a-buzz with sensorial experiences and mastering of fine motor skills, including gardening and food prep, art, music and multi-stepped practical life activities. 2-3 guides are always present in their annexed home-school environment with a just-right sized separate play area with soft grass to "ring around the rosie" on. A full day IC experience that includes nap and lunch within a consistent space allows our toddlers ample opportunity throughout the day to do what they love the most: WORK.

**Lunch Program, Casetta & Pavilion Location 12:30 - 1:30 PM**

Our morning primary students will enjoy lunch on the pavilion with Ms. Elisabeth and the Clubhouse children when they enroll in our daily Lunch Program. Enrollment is per calendar year. An organic, box lunch option using Julia's Garden ingredients may be available, please mark your preference on 2019/2020 enrollment form.

**Clubhouse Program, Casetta Location 12:30 - 3:00 PM**

Non-napping primary children who are ready for a longer day of fun at Julia's can enroll in our Clubhouse Program. Ms. Elisabeth leads our children aged 3+ years in a guided meditation/rest period with essential oils, then offers free play indoors/outdoors and seasonal craft projects. The Clubhouse curriculum is unchanged but the time has shifted to accommodate Primary's earlier dismissal.

**Yoga Program, 3:00 - 4:00 PM, all ages**

With a semester commitment, your child can enjoy a daily yoga ritual with Ms. Elisabeth from Shine Your Light Yoga after Clubhouse, Full Day Primary or Taller.

**Community Space, Hay House Location, Parents and Staff, 9:00 - 4:00 daily**  
**Community Singalongs, Casetta Location Thursdays, Everyone!! 9:00 - 9:30 AM**

Our entire student and staff body will come together weekly to celebrate a special time of singing the garden songs we know by heart. A central office space will be available with coffee daily and *Coffee with Katherine* in an open forum with pastries will be available on Thursday mornings, provided and managed by the Taller students.

February 21, 2019

Anytime after drop-off parents can enjoy a cup of jo on the Hay House porch, pick up a flier, ask a question, tend the compost or harvest some veggies in the garden.

We can't wait for these changes and hope you all will return to Julia's Garden next year to enjoy them all with us!