

Weekly Notes January 30, 2024

Office Notes



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**2024/2025!**

Considering Montessori? Join us for our Winter Open House to learn more about our unique, whole child educational programs.

If your child is currently enrolled and moving up to the next program, please also plan to attend!

- Monday, January 29th | 5:30-6:30PM
  - Lower Elementary
    - Grades 1 - 3
  - Upper Elementary
    - Grades 4 - 6
  - Adolescent
    - ~~Grades 7-9~~

- Tuesday, January 30th | 5:30-6:30PM
  - Toddler
    - Ages 18 months - 3 Years
  - Primary
    - Ages 3 - 6 Years

**JOIN US  
TONIGHT!**



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## *Ms. Ginny's and Ms. Kelly's Toddler Class*

International Day is just around the corner. We are busy preparing songs and a small presentation for our "clans" that will come to learn about Scotland on February 8th. We ask that parents and/or grandparents arrive at 10:30AM that morning; our presentation will begin at 10:30. Lunch will follow. Please dress your child in a white shirt and black pants. We will supply the rest of their traditional Scottish attire. Please sign up for a Scottish dish to provide for the class via the Sign-Up Genius linked here: ['23-'24 Toddlers: International Day Lunch-Scotland \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848ADAE2FA7F49-47214110-norway#/)

Ms. Ginny

## *Ms. Shannon's, Ms. Kristin's, and Ms. Rachel's Toddler Class*

We had a wonderful visit from Ms. Florence. The kids loved hearing her fabulous accent and seeing the wonderful things she brought to share. She brought snacks for the class. She brought them flatbread and some Norwegian chocolates. I'll let you guess which one was the favorite.

International Day is almost here!! We will have our performance at 10:30 on Thursday, February 8th. We will have lunch following the performance. If possible, please make arrangements to take your child with you after lunch, especially if they suffer from separation anxiety. It's really hard for them to understand why you're here for so long and then leaving them again.

A lot of people have still not submitted their RSVP. Please go to the sign-up genius and do so today so everyone will know how much food to prepare. We need the number of adults. We will assume the number of toddlers is 20. Please sign up for a dish if you haven't already. Don't worry that you don't know how to make a Norwegian dish. We won't know if it's truly authentic! This is just a time for us to gather and enjoy a different culture.

The link is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848ADAE2FA7F49-47214110-norway#/>

Please bring your dish ready to serve and make sure to bring a serving spoon. Please sign up so we have enough food to share. Thanks!

Here's a reminder on costumes. On International Day the girls can wear white tights and cute shoes to go with their dresses. They can wear red or black. The boys will need to wear dark pants (black, gray, or brown) and a long-sleeved plain neutral shirt (white, gray, brown, black) with their Viking costumes. They can wear winter boots if they have them or just dark shoes.

Don't forget Open House is tonight from 5:30-6:30. This is a chance for the rising Primary children to visit those classrooms with their parents. Children returning to the Toddler class next year do not need to attend. If you know someone interested in joining our school next year, please encourage them to attend this evening.

Ms. Shannon

## *Ms. Angie's, Ms. Karabeth's, and Ms. Ribar's Primary Class*

International Day is almost here and we have been learning so much about Argentina. The children have also enjoyed learning the cultural side with the music, singing, and dancing, Parents, you are going to love it. Our parent performance on Thursday, February 8th is at 11ish and then our Argentinian lunch will follow, Thanks to everyone who has signed up to bring food and things . We have almost everything signed up for. Our menu sounds great and I Think the children will love it. Please try to make arrangements to join us for the performance and lunch as we would love to have you there. If you have any questions, please let me know.

We are excited to see parents for Open House tonight. If your child is moving up to a new program, please come so that we may share with you the program information and how it works.

Have a great week!

Ms. Angie

## *Ms. Ortrud's, Ms. Camela's, and Ms. Trudy's Primary Class*

*“The children of today will make all the discoveries of tomorrow. All the discoveries of mankind will be known to them and they will improve what has been done and make fresh discoveries. They must make all the improvements in houses, cities, communication, methods of production, etc. that are to be made. The future generation must not only know how to do what we can teach them, they must be able to go a step further.”*

*– Dr. Maria Montessori*

## *Ms. Robin's, Ms. Dolores's, and Ms. Rana's Lower Elementary Class*

The countdown is on for International Day! Please plan to attend on the morning of Friday, February 9th. Performance times will be announced soon, and you should stay to join us for our Tanzanian feast following the presentations.

We had a guest visit our classroom last week. Miriam Loya, a senior at Rome High School, shared Tanzanian money, clothing, Swahili, and stories about her summers spent in Tanzania with family. The children enjoyed her entertaining and informative talk; they asked lots of questions!

Thank you to Jennie Pruitt and Kim Headrick for assisting us with weaving and classroom decorations. Our crafty endeavors will continue for the rest of the week. We've ordered yards of beautiful African cloth for costumes. The children will wear some basic garments from home under the costumes.

Homework this week will be Tanzania presentation practice. The skit narrators (Jocy, Liam, Reynolds, and Henry) should already be practicing every night at home.

We had a good turnout for Parent Education Night and enjoyed sharing our materials with you. Third Year Primary students are in their second week of visits. Our students have been wonderful mentors! Our Third Year Lower EI students are benefitting from their visits to Upper Elementary; they come back ready to finish their work here, excited about next year. It was nice to meet some new families last night at our open house. We are excited to have them join our community next year!

Ms. Robin, Ms. Dolores, and Ms. Rana

### *Ms. Kathleen's and Ms. Anja's Upper Elementary Class*

Dear families,

This week, we focus on The Late New Kingdom (1295-1069 BCE): The Karnak Temple Complex, The Precinct of Amen, The Book of the Dead, Religious Festivals, Personal Worship, Ramesses II, III and IV-IX as well as The End of the 19th Dynasty, Threatening Invaders and Sacred Graffiti.

Our Egyptian lunch and snack bar will be open in our Upper Elementary classroom on International Day, February 9<sup>th</sup>. We will let you know soon what time to bring your dishes that day. The students are looking forward to the presentations for parents!

Our 5th and 6th year students were assigned special Egyptian characters to represent on International Day. Please bring the costumes to the classroom on Monday, February 5th.

Our Spelling group is out of index cards! If your child uses index cards in preparation for the Friday test, please kindly send a new package of index cards to school.

Thank you,

Upper Elementary Guides