

Weekly Notes May 15, 2024

Office Notes

Looking for something fun (and local) for your family this weekend? Check out this Rome International Film Festival (RIFF) event:

The Little Mermaid Singalong – Saturday, May 18th, 2:00pm at The Historic DeSoto Theatre

Thank you, Susie Franklin, for sharing a discount code for Montessori families!

Use this code to save on your tickets!

Discount Code: MSOR50

Lost and Found as of 5/3/24		
Items Found	Manufacturer /tag Info	Size
Blue Sweatshirt full zip hoodie	H&M	6X/7
Charcoal Fleece Quarter-Zip Pullover	The Childrens' Place	5T
Mustard V Neck Button Cardigan	Cat & Jack	S 6-6X
Navy fleece full zip cardigan	Columbia	XXS
Off white full zip hoodie w zipper pockets	Old Navy Active Dynamic Fleece	S 6-7
Charcoal w/chartreuse full zip light weight jacket	Nike	4-5 years
Light Gray sweatshirt w full zip hoodie	The Childrens' Place	3T
Navy/royal blue poly full zip hooded jacket	Nike	3-4 yrs
Blue/Gray quarter zip pullover	carter's kid	12 K
Navy sweatshirt full zip hoodie	Polo Ralph Lauren	3-3T
MSOR Christmas Long Sleeve t-shirt	Gildan	Youth M
Gray Thermal 3 button t-shirt	Tommy Bahama	2T
Black Jersey U-neck t-shirt	32 HEAT	M
Black thermal long sleeve t-shirt	GEORGE	Adult M 38-40
Black t-shirt round neck	wonder nation	XL 14-16
Pale Yellow t-shirt with cat face /flower heat press applique	100-	child size ?
Brown Jacket fleece lined and fleece sleeves	North Face	S/P
Royal Blue Jacket w gray accents and fleece lining full zip	WEATHERPROOF	3T
Purple Quilted full zip & snaps jacket w/fleece lined hood	Disney Store	S 5-6

Please look for items that may belong to your child and claim them before we donate them to charity. Thanks!!

MSOR Graduation Details

Thursday, May 23rd 2024

Congratulations to all of you; your child has reached completion of either the Primary, Elementary, or Adolescent Cycle and will be graduating! During the penmanship ceremony, we also take this opportunity to celebrate the mid-point accomplishment of our students moving from Lower to Upper Elementary. Regardless of the level of accomplishment, we are very excited for all of our graduates and you, our wonderful parents!

Please keep this email handy as a reference for graduation details.

Graduation Date: Thursday, May 23rd, 2024

Group Picture Time: 5:45pm **VERY IMPORTANT TO BE HERE BY THIS TIME**

Graduation Time: 6:30 p.m.

Graduation Location: Shorter University Brookes Chapel | 315 Shorter Ave.

Graduation Dress: We adhere to the following dress code for graduation:

Girls: *White or Ecrú dress and shoes. No strapless or spaghetti strap dress. No high heels.*

Primary: flats or sandals with a strap across the heel.

Elementary: no more than 3/4 inch heel.

Sandals need to have a strap across the heel.

Boys: *White Oxford shirts, Khaki dress pants, Navy Jackets, with any colored standard or bowtie. Dress socks and dress shoes.*

Floral: We order small nosegays and boutonnieres from Bussey's Florist. They will be distributed at Shorter before pictures.

Class group photos will be made beginning at 5:45pm. **It is very important your child be with his or her teacher no later than 5:45pm in order to keep the process moving quickly.** Once you have dropped your child off with his or her teacher, families are encouraged to then go find seating for the ceremony.

Music: A simple chorale program will feature Primary, Elementary, and Adolescent students.

Cost of graduation: The cost of the photos are up to you depending on the package you select. The remaining cost of facility rentals, gift to the graduates, Penmanship pens, decorations (ferns), and programs are covered by Montessori School of Rome and the Booster Club.

Important Graduation Information

**All students participating in graduation should be dropped off at Brookes Chapel (Shorter University) at 8:00am on Thursday, May 23rd for rehearsal that morning.
Rehearsal will begin promptly at 8:30am.**

Third Year Primary Parents – Please pick up your child from Brookes Chapel at 10:30am.

Elementary Parents – Please pick up your child from Brookes Chapel at 10:45am.

Primary and Elementary students are encouraged to go home and rest for the day following rehearsal.

Primary parents – if your child must return to school, please send something for him/her to rest on as they will have rest time at school.

IMPORTANT: Adolescent/Secondary students will not be dismissed following rehearsal and **MUST** return to school.

When returning that evening for Graduation, please leave your child with his/her teacher at Brookes Chapel **NO LATER THAN 5:45.** Group pictures will begin promptly at that time and we need all participating students present.

Reminder: Late Stay will end at 4:15pm on Thursday, May 23rd. All students must be picked up by this time!

LAST CALL FOR YEARBOOKS!

This Friday, May 17th, is the final day to purchase a 2023-2024 yearbook! Purchases can be made online by following these steps:

Order Your
MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF ROME
Yearbook Online



Step 1: Visit www.shop.memorybook.com



Step 2: Login if returning or new users click 'Register' to create an account using school code **189706M**

Step 3: Buy a yearbook for **\$21.00** through **May 17, 2024**
or a personalized book for **\$26.00** through **May 17, 2024**

Yearbooks will be delivered to the school during the summer. Ms. Jamie will contact you when they are available for pickup.

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Late Stay will end at 4:15pm on Graduation Day – Thursday, May 23rd.
Students must be picked up no later than 4:15 on this day.
- Friday, May 24th is our last day of the school year and will also be a half day! Dismissal schedule is as follows:

DISMISSAL SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY, MAY 24th:

- **11:00-11:15am** – Toddler
 - **11:15-11:30am** – Primary
 - **11:30-11:45am** – Lower Elementary
 - **11:45am-12:00pm** – Upper Elementary
 - **12:15-12:30pm** – Adolescent/Secondary
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Ms. Ginny's and Ms. Kelly's Toddler Class

We had so much fun at the Tennessee Aquarium. We know all of our students couldn't make it but thank you to those that could come. It was a blast!

Next Tuesday is Toddler Swim Day. If it is raining, Toddler Swim Day will be cancelled! If it is not raining, please send your child dressed in their bathing suits with water shoes and a towel with their name on it. Apply sunscreen before arriving. Please send extra clothes in a bag (remember to send in socks and shoes!). If your child is not potty trained, please send a swim diaper in with their change of clothes. We will put the swim diaper on them before we go outside. We'd love to have popsicles donated to the class so they can enjoy a cool treat that day too. Please reach out to Ms. Ginny if you are able to provide those. We will plan on picnicking on the patio too. Please send in simple lunches like sandwiches and chips!

We'd love to have an ice cream party on Thursday, May 23. If you'd like to donate ice cream, sprinkles, whipped cream, chocolate sauce or anything else please reach out to Mrs. Ginny.

Next Friday is the last official day of school. This is a half day of school. Please plan to pick up by 11AM. We will be on the playground from 10AM-11AM so you may pick up earlier than 11 by driving to our drop off/pick up gate and picking your child up directly from the playground. Please send in a large bag next week that can fit all your child's extra clothing, diapers, nap roll, and artwork.

It has been a joyful year! One of the best. We're wishing everyone a fun and safe summer; excited to see many faces again next year and wishing well those that are moving on up!

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

We are having a great time learning about the ocean. I hope you all had a fabulous time at the aquarium!! I love to see them so excited about what they are learning! I think they all had a fantastic time!

This week we have a couple of birthdays! Today was Dia's birthday so her family is providing lunch tomorrow. We will celebrate Parks' birthday on Friday with a birthday lunch.

This is the time of the year when life gets crazy and fun! Please look at the last week of school schedule attached to this email. There's lots of information that you will need to be ready for the last week of class. I can't believe it's almost the end of the school year!

LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Monday COLOR DAY We will tie dye shirts. (Please send in \$5 for shirts) Play with chalk. Have fun with colors!	Tuesday WATER DAY We will swim in our inflatable pools, weather permitting. If we have to stay inside we will still get wet and messy! We will play in shaving cream and bubble foam.
Wednesday DINO DAY We will hatch fizzy dinosaur eggs. Have a dino inspired lunch! Make a dinosaur craft.	Thursday MOVIE DAY It's a pajama and movie day! We will have snacks and watch a special movie. Loveys are welcome! Wear pajamas that will still be good for the playground
Friday DANCE PARTY DAY This is a half day. We will dance until we drop! We will also have face painting and snow cones!	WISH LIST • COLOR DAY-\$5 FOR SHIRTS • DINO DAY-SIGN UP FOR LUNCH, baking soda, vinegar • MOVIE DAY-WHITE CHEDDAR PUFFS/ • GUMMY SNACKS • SWIM DAY-SMALL POPSICLES, PLASTIC POOLS AND WATER TABLES TO BORROW

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

School is almost over for the year. It has flown by and we have had so much fun. Ms. Karabeth and Ms. Ribar are planning some fun things for next week. Reminder---if you want to celebrate your child's birthday in our class before school is out then please let me know. If your child is a third-year graduate, please see the news from the office on what to wear and how next Thursday will be. Please send in a bag so that we can begin putting everything in it that needs to go home.

Ms. Angie

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

Dear Parents,

As our school year is winding down we only have one more major event, and that, of course, is graduation.

For the parents of our graduates, a few particulars.

We will meet at Shorter College, Brooks Chapel on Thursday, May 23rd at 8am for graduation rehearsal. Please be punctual as we need to start the walk thru promptly at 8:30.

You will need to pick up your child at 10:30.

We encourage you to take your child home to rest up for the main event in the evening.

For the actual graduation ceremony, the girls need to be dressed in a white dress and the boys in khaki slacks, a white shirt, a tie and a blue blazer.

We ask you to please arrive at 5:30 pm so we can get the children ready for the ceremony.

Then, just sit back and enjoy the evening.

Ms. Ortrud

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

We're counting down the days, staying productive, and having fun during our last "regular" week of class! Students have been completing year end reviews in the morning and working on team building in the afternoon by splitting into three groups and writing their own short plays/skits. Today they voted on which themed dress up days they would like to have in the coming days. Please make sure that everything students wear is suitable for playground use.

Here is the schedule:

Tomorrow, 5/16 - Color Day - dress in your favorite color

Friday, 5/17 - Animal/Safari Day - dress as your favorite animal

Monday, 5/20 - Twin Day - dress alike with a friend

Tuesday, 5/21 - Tired Tuesday - roll out of bed and come to school in your jammies

Wednesday, 5/22 - Dream Job Day - dress up as you would for your favorite occupation

Thursday, 5/23 - Dress up for graduation tonight! (See office attachment.)

Friday, 5/24 - Sports/Beach Day - dress in sporty clothes or modest beachy attire for field day. Sneakers are required - no sandals or flip flops

Students will have a final spell check on missed words on Friday. Please send in the final homework packet on Thursday.

We will have a birthday lunch this Friday to celebrate the June birthdays of Arhaan, Ben, Cora, and Kingston. Lunch will include pizza, fruit, and cupcakes.

Please send a large, sturdy, labeled bag to school for packaging end of the year items to return home.

Have a great week!

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

Ms. Kathleen's and Ms. Leighan's Upper Elementary Class

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of another academic year, I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support. Your partnership has been invaluable in creating a nurturing and enriching learning environment for your children.

Your dedication to your child's education has not gone unnoticed. Whether it was attending MSOR events, volunteering in the classroom, driving for tennis, or simply providing encouragement at home, your involvement has made a significant difference in your child's academic journey.

I have been continually impressed by your commitment to your child's success and well-being. Your support has not only helped your child thrive academically but has also fostered a strong sense of community within our classroom.

As we reflect on the past year and look ahead to new beginnings, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity to work alongside such dedicated parents. Thank you for entrusting your child to me and for your ongoing support throughout the year.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful summer filled with joy, relaxation, and cherished memories.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Ms. Kathleen, Ms. Shemi, and Ms. Leighan