

Weekly Notes November 19, 2024

Office Notes

Be Sure to Mark Your Calendars for These Important Dates!

- Classroom Thanksgiving Feasts – Friday, November 22nd
- Thanksgiving Holidays – November 25th-29th
- R.O.M.E. Presents “The Wiz” – Friday, December 6th
- MSOR Holiday Program at Rome City Auditorium – Tuesday, December 17th
 - **Late Stay will end at 4:15pm on this date**
- Classroom Holiday Celebrations (1/2 Day of School – Early Dismissal) – Friday, December 20th
- Winter Break – December 23rd-January 3rd
- School Resumes – Monday, January 6th

Late Stay Reminders

At this time we are unable to accommodate any drop-in late stay requests. If your child is enrolled in Late Stay and you are picking your child up between 4:00-4:15pm, please pick them up from the lobby (not the playground).

Thank you for your understanding during this time!

Classroom Thanksgiving Feasts

One of our favorite traditions at MSOR is our annual classroom Thanksgiving feast. Your child’s teacher will be sending out more information about individual classroom feasts, including sign-up lists for food, as we get closer. As a reminder, parents are invited to attend the feast with your child. This day will be a regular school day, so classes will resume following the feast with standard dismissal time and late stay as per usual. If you are a parent to one of our little ones who may have some difficulty separating from you, however, you are more than welcome to take your child home with you following the feast.

We understand there are many families with siblings in different classes and more than one feast to attend. For convenience, please find the quick-reference schedule of some of our lunch start times.

Note: Classroom Feast schedule is subject to change.

- 11:00 – Ms. Ginny’s & Ms. Kelly’s Toddler Class
- 11:00 – Ms. Shannon’s, Ms. Kristin’s, & Ms. LaKosta’s Toddler Class
- 11:15 – Ms. Angie’s & Ms. Karabeth’s Primary Class
- 11:30 – Ms. Ortrud’s & Ms. Rana’s Primary Class
- 12:00 – Lower Elementary
- 12:30 – Upper Elementary

R.O.M.E. Presents "The Wiz" – Friday, December 6th

Exciting news! R.O.M.E., under the direction of Dr. Sam Baltzer, will present a musical performance of "The Wiz" and MSOR is invited! The performance will take place at the Rome City Auditorium on Friday, December 6th at 9:00am. Tickets are \$5.00 each and you may send cash or check to the Office to reserve your child's seat. Parents are also invited to attend, so if you wish to attend with your child please send \$5.00 for yourself, too. **Our final headcount is due next Friday, November 22nd so please send ticket money to the Office no later than this day.** This will be a school outing for our Primary, Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary, and Adolescent/Secondary Programs so keep an eye out for more information from your child's teacher regarding arrival details and more soon.

Holiday Program – Tuesday, December 17th

Our Holiday Program is just around the corner and we are looking forward to a wonderful event!

Your child's teacher will reach out about costumes/dress for the show, but for the opening number we are asking that all students wear black pants and a white or off-white long sleeve top.

Please also keep in mind our Late Stay Program will end early at 4:15pm on the day of our Holiday Program so everyone has an opportunity to get dressed and arrive at the auditorium in plenty of time that evening.

More information regarding arrival times, rehearsals, and more will be announced as in the coming weeks!

Ms. Ginny's & Ms. Kelly's Toddler Class

We're so excited for our Thanksgiving lunch on Friday at 11AM. Please bring your side dishes that morning, already warmed. You can bring them with you when you come at 11.

We will also be celebrating Rishi's 2nd birthday on Thursday with a pizza lunch. No lunchboxes two days in a row.

Hope you have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Ms. Shannon's, Ms. Kristin's, & Ms. LaKosta's Toddler Class

Gobble gobble! It's almost Thanksgiving! We are talking about what we are thankful for this week. We are also discussing the pilgrims and the Wampanoags. Please make sure to sign up for our Thanksgiving feast this Friday. I know there has been a discussion among the chicken nugget group about the possibility of sharing the cost of ordering nuggets from ChikFilA. I will send out a chat for those people in Remind. Make sure to RSVP (we know the child will be present but we need to know how many adults. If you plan on taking your child home after lunch please let me know so I can have their things together. Remember we are out of school the full week of Thanksgiving.

If you haven't sent in your turkey please do so. This activity is just a fun activity to do with your child and gives us cute decorations for our lunch. We have some pretty cute turkeys already in!

Ms. Kristin went through everyone's cubbies today. Please check your child's lunch box to see what you need to send in. Thanks!

We are still struggling with sickness this week. Please keep your child home if they are not feeling well. The first year of school is hard on toddlers. Unfortunately, they do not have the immunity to fight off all the germs and this is just part of that process. We currently have a few children in our class with strep so watch for those symptoms.

If you have not signed up for this year's class Remind please do so. To join send a text saying @7h97gk9 to 81010. This will keep you updated on any last-minute things I need to share with the class, such as birthday lunches. We know no one wants to miss that

Ms. Angie's & Ms. Karabeth's Primary Class

Tomorrow, Wednesday, is the last day your child will need to bring a lunchbox this week. This Thursday we will celebrate Serena's birthday with a lunch provided by her parents and Friday we are excited to welcome parents for our annual Thanksgiving Feast! Parents – Please arrive on Friday between 11:00-11:15 as the students have prepared a song to kick off our Thanksgiving Feast.

Our Holiday Program is right around the corner and students have been rehearsing. Keep an eye out for recordings to come by this Friday so your child can practice songs at home.

With the chilly weather creeping in we are seeing more and more jackets and loose winter items. Please remember all items should be clearly labeled with your child's name so we can make sure your child's items are returned to him or her. Thank you for helping us with this!

Friendly reminder: Don't forget students have been assigned a date to bring in fresh flowers for arranging in the classroom. If you cannot remember your child's assigned date, please reach out to us.

Lastly, don't forget about the upcoming school outing to see "The Wiz" at the Rome City Auditorium on Friday, December 6th. Cost is \$5.00 and parents are asked to drop your child off and pick your child up from the auditorium on this day. If you wish to attend with your child, the cost is also \$5.00 per adult. We will hold a regular school day following the performance, so your child may return to school following the performance. Please send ticket money to the Office by this Friday, November 22nd.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we want to extend our gratitude to all of our parent volunteers! We appreciate our parents so much for giving their time to join us in the classroom. We are so thankful!

As a reminder, MSOR will be closed November 25th-29th for Thanksgiving Break.

Ms. Ortrud's & Ms. Rana's Primary Class

We look forward to seeing you Friday at 11:30 to celebrate Thanksgiving. We ask that those who have signed up to set-up, please arrive by 11:00 am.

We want to wish you a relaxing holiday break and look forward to seeing everyone back on December 2nd!

Lower Elementary Class

We had a very nice visit to The Spires last Friday. Your children exhibited grace, courtesy, and so much kindness interacting with the residents. Thank you so much to all of our parents who made this visit possible.

We need one or two more drivers for our December field trip. From last week's note:

We have a NEW December field trip planned for Friday, December 6th. We are going to ease on down the road to the Rome City Auditorium to see The Wiz. The show is at 9:00 am, and we will need drivers for the trip. The ticket price is \$5.00 per student. Parents may stay to enjoy the show for \$5.00, but you are also welcome to drop them off with us and enjoy some parent time downtown. Please send payment to the office by Friday, November 22nd. The local field trip form will also be used for this excursion. We will announce leave and return times when we have more information. Students to wear field trip shirts and khakis for this outing.

Please use this link to go to our Sign-Up Genius to sign up for our Thanksgiving luncheon. PLEASE RSVP with a number attending if you did not include that information when you responded previously.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45AAA72BA6FFC25-52974427-thanksgiving> Three families still haven't signed up to bring food, and several haven't RSVP'ed with the number of people attending. We have several slots open.

Students are SO excited about our holiday program.

Please order a costume for your child. We will be dressing like 80's rappers Run DMC. Students may wear a black track suit like the one in the link below, or they may wear black jeans, with red or white t-shirts and a black "leather" jacket. (or a similar black jacket or sweatshirt)

<https://a.co/d/gOcvrb>

<https://search.app/txXZbtRvAbAV8Xud6>

<https://search.app/Mq1GMwRbsBkmXFq97>

Students may also wear black hats and bling. There are lots of options out there. Have fun with it, and please feel free to send us links to share if you find something better or more affordable. The great thing about the tracksuits is that they can be worn all winter long, not just for one show!

<https://a.co/d/agDpFRn>

Ms. Angela has provided lyrics for 3 songs. See e-mail sent today for the attachment. Thank you!

Upper Elementary Class

THANKSGIVING FEAST & FRIDAY LOGISTICS

There has been a time change- our Thanksgiving Feast will begin at 12:30pm THIS FRIDAY, November 22nd. If Ms. Shemi has not contacted you regarding what to bring to the feast, she will do so at either car line or late stay pick up. Please arrive with food (warm, and ready to serve) between 12:00 - 12:15pm, as we will begin the feast promptly at 12:30pm.

Key Reminders for Friday:

- On Friday, student attire is SUNDAY BEST.
- Friday is a FULL DAY, not a half day. Dismissal for 4th and 5th years is at 3:00pm, as normal.
- The Friday tennis group WILL have tennis, departing at 2:30pm for Lawrence Preserve as normal. 6th years should bring a change of clothes for tennis!

TARDIES

We are starting to see a lot more tardies! As a reminder, Upper Elementary Drop-Off is from 7:30-7:40am. Morning Work/Classes start promptly at 7:45am.

CLOTHING/SEASON CHANGE REMINDERS

As the seasons begin to change, please continue to send your children in modest, functional, and seasonally appropriate clothing. Here are a few key reminders:

Girls: Leggings can only be worn if the shirt or blouse is long enough to cover everything.

Boys: No sweatpants are permitted- Pants please!