

Weekly Notes February 4, 2025

Office Notes

Be Sure to Mark Your Calendars for These Important Dates!

- International Day (Toddler & Primary) – Thursday, February 6th
- International Day (Elementary) – Friday, February 7th
- Parent/Teacher Conferences (School in Session) – Friday, March 7th

International Day Parent Presentation Schedule:

International Day is almost here! Our faculty and students have been working tirelessly to transform our classrooms into a completely new part of the world, and we can't wait to share with you! As always, parents are cordially invited to join us for the Parent Presentation for your child's classroom.

The International Day Parent Presentation schedule is as follows:

• Thursday, February 6th

- 10:30am - Ms. Ginny's & Ms. Kelly's Toddler Class [Brazil]
- 10:30am - Ms. Shannon's, Ms. Kristin's, & Ms. LaKosta's Toddler Class [Australia]
- 11:00am - Ms. Angie's & Ms. Karabeth's Primary Class [Greece]
- 11:30am - Ms. Ortrud's & Ms. Rana's Primary Class [Ecuador]

• Friday, February 7th

- 11:15am - Lower Elementary Class [Ireland]
- 12:00pm - Upper Elementary Class [Ancient Mayan/Aztec/Incan Mesoamerican Civilizations]

Lunches will take place immediately following the Parent Presentation for each class.

We look forward to having our parents join us for this time-honored MSOR tradition! See you there!

Check out this incredible article about International Day at Montessori School of Rome:

https://www.northwestgeorgianews.com/why-is-international-day-so-important-to-montessori/article_66c11222-0476-5151-9aee-7a76d0f12f11.html

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

Can you believe it? International Day is here! We want to express our gratitude with a hearty THANK YOU to Arthur's family for providing our International Day lunch. We are so excited to try some delicious Brazilian cuisine! Thank you, too, to our parents who have volunteered for other miscellaneous needs as we prepare for International Day. We couldn't do it without you!

Please don't forget to dress your child in a green or yellow top and blue jeans for Thursday, and please note our official parent presentation time may differ slightly from the schedule posted above, so please keep an eye out for additional details to be communicated as we get ready.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday!

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

It's finally here! We are so excited to share what we have learned with you on Thursday. I still have a few parents who have not sent in their \$5 for their costumes. On Thursday they should wear khaki shorts or pants and a white shirt. Our program will begin at 10:30 and we will have lunch afterwards. Remember to sign up to help with lunch if you haven't done so already

(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848ADAE2FA7F49-54462925-australia>)

We still have some things that have not been claimed. We also need a couple of cases of water for the parents. Remember we have 21 kids in our class and they will all have family visiting so please keep that in mind when you prepare your food so we can be sure to have plenty for everyone. You can take your child with you after lunch if you like.

We have had children at school this past week and again this week who are not feeling their best. I understand that it is not easy to miss work when your child isn't feeling well but it's also not fair to the other children or teachers to send them in. I know a runny nose and cough don't seem like a huge deal but these children touch everything and put things in their mouths and they also are not very good or consistent with covering their cough so they are casting their germs all over the room. We do our best to keep the environment clean and germ-free but it truly next to impossible when they are all coughing and sneezing. This week, I really need my class and teachers well for International Day. Please consider taking your child to be seen by their pediatrician if they have a bad cough, thick mucus(especially green), and are just not acting like themselves. Rome is overrun with Covid, Flu A, and Norovirus at the moment. I am including part of the handbook for reference. Thank you for helping to keep everyone well!

*If your child is observed to have any of the following symptoms by one of the teachers, you will be called to get your child from school. ***Your child must remain out of school for at least 24 hours AFTER the symptoms have passed and when deemed well WITHOUT the use of medication. Your child MUST ALSO BE well (without medication) for at least 24 hours prior to returning to school, i.e.: if a student is sent home with a fever on Tuesday they cannot return to school until Thursday.** This is to ensure the health and welfare of all students and staff.*

- *Fever of 101*
- *Influenza*
- *Diarrhea or vomiting*
- *Severe coughing*
- *Difficulty breathing*
- *Pinkeye*

- *Sore throat or trouble swallowing*
- *Unusual rash*
- *Severe itching*
- *Severe headache or stiff neck*
- *Lethargy*

This list is also not all-inclusive. If a teacher observes that a child is not feeling well, she may at her discretion, ask that the child be taken home, even without any of the above symptoms if she feels that the child would be more appropriately cared for at home. If you are notified that your child is sick, you are expected to come and get them within an hour. If you do not, the school might be required to call the next person on your emergency list.

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

We are very excited for International Day on Thursday. The children have been learning so much and want to share it with you. The posters are amazing that the children researched. Sharing them in class has been a lot of fun and we have learned so much. Our parent presentation will be at 11:00 and lunch will follow. They can wear their togas to school. Our school presentation is at 9:00 for the students. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday. Thanks for all the help to make it a success!

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

Dear parents,

International Day is almost here! The students have worked very hard to decorate our classroom. We also want to thank Ms. Marissa who has shared her artistic touch with several of our classrooms. Our presentation to parents will take place at 11:30 this Thursday and we look forward to enjoying Ecuadorian cuisine following the presentation. If you have not already signed up to bring a dish, please see the Sign-Up Genius that went home previously.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday!

Lower Elementary Class

Parents,

We're counting down the days to International Day!

Please make sure that students continue to practice/ memorize their scripts and lyrics.

Gabriella, Cora, Juliet, Wyatt, Constance, Lilah, Parker, and Shawn now have some green flashcards to practice reading aloud. They also need to bring them to school each day for group rehearsal. These do not need to be memorized.

Students should come to school dressed in costumes on Friday. Please send a change of clothing if your child is staying for the rest of the day.

Please send serving utensils for your dishes and label your belongings. We will have 21 students, and expect a total of 50-60 people for lunch.

Our parent performance time is 11:15, followed by lunch at noon. We will need some help from parents to move tables for lunch after the performance, and also for serving and clean up. Please let us know if you can help. Parents with children in Upper Elementary may bring siblings with you to visit when you leave. We know that it's difficult to split your time between two classrooms.

Next Friday is Valentine's Day. Children exchange Valentines at the end of the day. Please have your child make or prepare 20 cards for their classmates. Treats with cards are not required, but we would love to have a volunteer send a special Valentine's Day dessert for the class. Please let us know if you want to send something special.

We'll see you all Friday!

Ms. Maggie and Ms. Robin

Upper Elementary Class

Dress rehearsal tomorrow: Please come wearing a black t-shirt and leggings. Thank you for signing up for the food list- if you have not already signed up, please do so as soon as possible. We're going to have a delicious authentic Mesoamerican meal! We're expecting around 50 people, so please plan accordingly. The students are working very hard, and they are super excited to share their discoveries about Mesoamerica. We look forward to seeing you on Friday for our parent presentation at 12:00 noon. Please arrive at 11:30 to drop off your ready-to-serve food.

Thursday's tennis lesson may be rained out, and we will let everyone know on that day. Friday's tennis lesson will proceed as normal regardless of weather.

Keep in mind - Student speeches need to be memorized for tomorrow. We've been working on this for a solid two weeks and have been dedicating lots of class time to it. Today we went over speeches at least four times but students need to memorize their speech at home.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday!