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MONTESSORI SCHOOL of ROME

Weekly Notes September 23, 2025

Office Announcements

International Day of Peace:

Yesterday we celebrated International Day of Peace. This tradition is celebrated annually by Montessori classrooms across the globe. Our students worked hard to perform "Light a Candle for Peace" and we have posted a video of the performance to our MSOR Facebook. Be sure to take a look and enjoy!

Attendance Policy Reminder:

Dear parents,

The Georgia Department of Education (GA DOE) continues to enforce the compulsory education laws regarding attendance for the state. As a reminder, a school-age student is considered truant if he or she has more than (5) days of unexcused absences. Per our MSOR policy, we also consider (3) tardies as one absence. For this reason it is extremely important that your child be on time for school each day.

For more information about attendance from the GA DOE, please visit: <https://gadoe.org/whole-child-supports/attendance/>

Parent Education Nights:

Thank you to those who attended our Upper Elementary Parent Education Night yesterday! The Upper Elementary students enjoyed displaying their work and we hope everyone learned something new!

Tonight we will host our Primary Parent Education Night and we look forward to seeing our Primary parents at 6:00pm. Please be reminded we will not have childcare available during the meeting.

Thursday will be our Lower Elementary Parent Education Night and next week on Thursday, October 2nd will be our Toddler Parent Education Night. Please make an effort to attend as this is a wonderful opportunity to ask questions and learn more about your child's Montessori program and curriculum!

Club Schedule:

As a reminder, we have several afterschool clubs that occur throughout the week. For your convenience, our master club schedule is shown below. If you see a club you may be interested in please reach out to Ms. Jamie to confirm if space is still available!

- **Toddler:**
 - Creative Movement – Mondays 2:30-3:00pm
 - Art Club – Tuesdays 2:15-2:45pm
- **Primary:**
 - Creative Movement – Mondays 2:30-3:00pm
 - Spanish Club – Wednesdays 2:30-3:00pm
 - Art Club – Thursdays 2:30-3:15pm
 - STEM Club (Third Year Primary only) – Thursdays 3:15-4:15pm
- **Lower Elementary**
 - Chess Club – Mondays 3:15-4:15pm
 - Art Club – Mondays – 3:15-4:15pm
 - Spanish Club – Wednesdays 3:15-4:00pm
 - STEM Club – Thursdays 3:15-4:15pm
- **Upper Elementary**
 - Chess Club – Mondays 3:15-4:15pm
 - Art Club – Mondays – 3:15-4:15pm
 - Spanish Club – Wednesdays 3:15-4:00pm
 - Dungeons & Dragons Club – Wednesdays 4:00-5:00pm

Parent Volunteers – Background Checks

Please remember: If you would like to be a Parent Volunteer in our classroom(s) this year, a background check must be submitted to the Office ahead of your volunteer date(s).

The Floyd County Sheriff's Office provides a background check for \$10.00 with no appointment needed. *More information can be found here:* <https://www.floydsheriffga.gov/admin-services>

Please provide a copy of the result as soon as it becomes available. We are excited to welcome our Parent Volunteers to the classroom!

Reminder: New Clubs Available!

Don't forget! We added two new clubs and space is still available! See below and contact Ms. Jamie to sign up!

A colorful poster for the STEM Club. It features a girl in a lab coat and goggles, a DNA helix, a lightbulb, a globe, a boy working on a circuit, and various scientific icons. The text reads: "WELCOME TO STEM CLUB", "CELEBRATING SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING AND MATH", "For third year primary and lower elementary students", "Thursdays 3:15-4:15pm, Starting Oct. 2", "Fall Semester \$135", "Are your children curious about the natural world? Are they interested in how things work? Enroll them in STEM Club! Here, your student will take part in hands on, experiential learning based projects to help gain a better understanding of our world! And of course, have TONS of fun!"

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A poster for the Dungeons and Dragons Club. It features a D20 die. The text reads: "Dungeons and Dragons Club!", "Dungeons & Dragons Club is back in business!", "Join a D&D campaign hosted by Charles Giles and Marissa Gonzalez!", "Let your imagination run wild!", "Starting September 17, Sessions will take place on Wednesdays 4:00-5:00pm in the Adolescent Main Classroom", "See sign up form for pricing!"

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See sign up form for pricing!

Mark Your Calendars for These Important Dates Coming Up!

- Primary Parent Education Night – **TONIGHT!**
- Lower Elementary Parent Education Night – Thursday, September 25th
- Toddler Parent Education Night – Thursday, October 2nd
- Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School) – Friday, October 3rd
- Toddler & Primary Field Trip | Rocky Hollow Pumpkin Patch – Thursday, October 16th
- Annual MSOR Fall Festival – Friday, October 24th from 5:30-7:00pm
- Historical Timeline – Monday and Tuesday, October 27th & 28th (Location TBD)
- MSOR Halloween Parade – Friday, October 31st at 10:30am
- Fall School Portraits – November 4th & 5th (Rain Date: November 7th)

Ms. Ginny's and Ms. Stephanie's Toddler Class

Our month on the farm is going great! We are learning so much about the animals and talking about the crops the farmers raise. Our songs are fun....The Farmer In the Dell, Old McDonald, 5 Little Ducks and more!

We continue to work on colors and shapes, as well as grace and courtesy daily.

They love the doughnut game we play about colors and also singing about what of color clothes they are wearing.

Please remember our drop-off time in the mornings are 8:15 - 8:25 and pick up is 2:15 - 2:25.

Please remember to return your child's library book by Thursday morning! They will always go home on Fridays!

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

We are deep into our studies of the farm this month and the students are loving it! We have been reading lots of books and singing lots of songs about our monthly theme.

Thank you to everyone who sent in fruit for our classroom! The students loved tried so many different types of fruit! We posted some pictures to our Facebook page if you would like to check them out!

Please be sure to mark your calendars for our Toddler Parent Education Night next week on Thursday, October 2nd at 6:00pm. This will be a great opportunity for our parents to gather and learn more about the Montessori curriculum your child is working on. This is also a great night to ask any questions you may have about our classroom and the Toddler program overall!

Please remember that next Friday, October 3rd, will be our Parent/Teacher conference day. Students will not attend school on this day.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for a conference slot. Please use the link to do so if you haven't:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848ADAE2FA7F49-58547989-2025>

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

Thanks to everyone who has sent in things while we have been learning about the ocean. We are enjoying it so much. We would love to have a special ocean snack next Thursday, October 2nd. Please let us know if you would like to send one in.

Thirty day notes are going out on Friday. It lets you know how your child has settled into the routine. It is hard to believe that we have been back at school for six weeks. Normalization is happening so beautifully in our class. Please find the time to observe during the morning work cycle. You will be amazed at your child.

Parent/teacher conferences are next Friday. We have sent out a signup genius that also gives available dates and times throughout the week next week. Please be sure to signup for a conference time. We are excited to

share wonderful things about your child. Please remember— NO SCHOOL FRIDAY, October 3rd. Looking forward to seeing you next week for conferences and the near future for observation.

Have a wonderful week and thanks for sharing your awesome children with us.

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

We have been experiencing a lot of tardiness in the mornings. Please remember that morning drop-off is from 8:00 am to 8:15 am. This will help keep traffic down for when the toddler classrooms do their morning drop off.

Tonight is our Parent Education Night from 6 pm to 7pm. Remember to bring your questions.

Please keep a look out this week for an email with our Parent/Teacher Conference signup genius.

We have completed working on our Square1Art project, so keep an eye out for the fundraiser information. The kiddos really enjoyed working on this project.

We are looking for a few house plants for the classroom. If you have a plant that you would like to donate, please feel free to have your child bring it to class.

Ms. Maggie's Lower Elementary Class

We enjoyed celebrating Peace Day yesterday. I loved hearing about how they find peace and ways that they can help the world become more peaceful.

We still have a couple of students that need to sign-up for a Historical Timeline character. Please let me know as soon as possible. Costume plans are due on September 30th.

Conferences begin next week. Please let me know if any of the times or dates do not work for you.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45AAA72BA6FFC25-58803806-fall>

Our Parent Education night is Thursday, September 25th. We look forward to seeing you at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday.

Homework is due this Wednesday.

Thank you,

Ms. Maggie

Ms. Robin's Lower Elementary Class

Our first Historical Timeline due date is tomorrow. Please send in the name of the person, death date, and the biography or a picture of the book/order link if it has not arrived yet. Next week, on Tuesday 9/30, the costume plan is due. Your child should draw a picture of their person and describe the costume drawn in the picture.

Students brought home spelling lists on Friday. Please help them to read and practice their spelling words before our Friday spell check.

Homework is due on Wednesday.

The Sign Up Genius link is below; please sign up for a conference.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44AEAD2DA4F5C43-58845406-parent>

Parent education night is Thursday, 9/25, at 6:00 in the classroom.

I hope to see you all there. Please come with any questions that you have about our Lower Elementary program.

Ms. Robin

Upper Elementary Class

What's Happening In the Classroom: Thank you SO MUCH for an incredible Parent Education night! We were thrilled and overjoyed by the student presentations, and parent involvement all-around.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Ms. Shemi and Mr. Keith are in the process of calling to schedule parent-teacher conferences! Be on the lookout for a call from them.

Adolescent & Secondary Class

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Ms. Shemi is in the process of calling each of you to schedule our parent-teacher conferences! Our conference day is Friday, October 3rd. For those new to the Adolescent program, the Adolescent student DO come and attend their conferences! We will send out a reminder about the conference schedule once it is finalized. We cannot wait to meet up and talk through all things Adolescent Life! :)

Glamping at Ms. Shemi's - THANK YOU: Thank you so, so, so much to all Adolescent and Secondary parents and family members who came to support the event this past weekend! We especially want to thank those who set up and tore down tents. Your support makes these events possible.

Tennis: Please be on time picking up your children from tennis! The Adolescent students are finished with tennis promptly at 4:30pm at Lawrence Preserve! As a reminder, students are to bring a change of clothes for tennis, and are not permitted to wear tennis clothes to classes.

Uniform Days: Due to Peace Day, this week's uniform schedule is flipped. Normally, informal uniform days are on Mondays, and formal uniform days are on Wednesdays!