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# MONTESSORI SCHOOL of ROME

*Weekly Notes October 7, 2025*

*Office Announcements*



## Mark Your Calendars for These Important Dates Coming Up!

- *Creative Playhouse* Pop-Up Shop – Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> (see write-up below for details)
- Toddler & Primary Field Trip | Rocky Hollow Pumpkin Patch – Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>
- Annual MSOR Fall Festival – Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00pm
- Historical Timeline – Monday and Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> (*Location TBA*)
- MSOR Halloween Parade – Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:30am
- Fall School Portraits – November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> (Rain Date: November 7<sup>th</sup>)

## Introducing... Creative Playhouse!

The newest MSOR microbusiness, *Creative Playhouse*, is brought to you by Will Miller, a 7<sup>th</sup> Year Adolescent student whose academic journey with us began just this year – but he's no stranger to our community, as his brother Ben is already part of our MSOR family. As part of our Adolescent & Secondary Programs, students participate in microbusinesses to raise funds for international travel – this year, to Japan.

Will, who brings a strong blend of creativity and tech skills, launched *Creative Playhouse*, a microbusiness that showcases his love for building and innovation. Using his 3D printer and feedback gathered from our Elementary students, Will is designing and selling a variety of creative fidgets, toys, and other useful items through pop-up shops and even a potential subscription service.

After a successful Upper Elementary pop-up last week, Will is excited to bring his next pop-up shop to our Lower Elementary families tomorrow, Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Keep your eyes open and look for his set-up along the Lower Elementary fence line. Be sure to stop by to see his latest creations and support his journey to Japan – thank you for being part of this inspiring experience!

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

We are really enjoying learning all about nocturnal animals! They are all really enjoying the books and songs. We are starting some fun crafts today!

I really enjoyed parent/teacher conferences and getting to know my new families better! You all have really great toddlers!!

We have 3 important dates to remember for October:

This Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> – We will celebrate Davis's birthday with a birthday lunch (pizza and cupcakes) provided by his parents! No lunch boxes will be needed on Friday.

Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 – Field Trip to Rocky Hollow Patch (336 Ricky Hollow Rd. Cave Spring, GA 30124). I believe it opens at 10:00 and this will give everyone time to purchase their tickets. The cost is \$10 for adults and children. Please bring whatever your child may need, snacks, water bottle, diapers, wipes, etc. It will last between 1 1/2 hours to 2 hours. I believe it stays open until 2:00 if you want to stay longer. There will be no school or late stay on this day. If your child can't go you will need to find other arrangements.

Then, we will have our Fall Festival next Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00pm. It will be lots of fun for the kids!

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

We are jumping into our nocturnal studies. The children had a great lesson today on fireflies. We caught one on the playground and brought it inside to see if we could get it to light up at nap time. We got it to blink once before lunch. They were so excited!

We also had a lesson on the life cycle of the pumpkin to get ready for our upcoming outing. I would love to have a variety of pumpkins for them to explore. It would be fabulous to have bumpy ones, small ones, a large one to carve, small pie pumpkins for scrubbing, a variety of colors and shapes. Please let me know what you would be able to send in for the class. Don't forget the outing to Rocky Hollow is on the 16th.

We will have a birthday lunch on Thursday to celebrate Agastya's 3rd birthday! His family is sending in Chick-fil-A for everyone. No lunch will be needed. Thank you to Agastya's family for lunch. Please remember that sweets are a special treat at school that is reserved for celebrations and not to come in lunches daily.

I have put out a lot of new water work this week. It is common for there to be a lot of spills. Please send in extra clothes for your child the following day if they come home.

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

Hope everyone is having a great week. The children have been enjoying the nicer weather. No complaints from us. Thanks to all who came for their conferences. It was nice to share great things about your children. If your child has any books about Halloween or the human body that they would like to share, please send them in. We do have some reminders for our class.

- Please send in library books on Thursday mornings.
- Please send in utensils with your child if needed.
- Please return work folders that are sent home with your children on Fridays.
- Rocky Hollow Pumpkin Patch is Thursday, October 16th. Every child needs a chaperone and we will meet there.
- Please check the lists for your fruit/veggie day and flowers.

Thank you so much. Enjoy the week.

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

Thank you to all our parents for attending Parent/Teacher Conferences last Friday. It was great to sit and talk to you regarding your children.

Our first field trip will be to the Rocky Hollow Pumpkin Patch on Thursday, October 16th. We will meet at the Pumpkin Patch that morning. Parents are responsible for driving their children to the patch. We will spend a few hours exploring Rocky Hollow and then you are free to enjoy the rest of the day with your child. We will send more details later this week!

The temperature is starting to get cooler, please make sure your child is properly dressed and that their sweaters/jackets have their name written on them.

## *Ms. Robin's Lower Elementary Class*

Thank you to all who attended our Parent/Teacher conferences. I enjoyed sharing about your child's progress and answering your questions.

We are progressing with Historical Timeline and it will be here before we know it! Most of our students have turned in Historical Timelines outlines, and additional information went home today so students may begin working on speeches. As a reminder, speeches are due next Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

It's a busy time of year, but we are looking forward to it!

## *Ms. Maggie's Lower Elementary Class*

Good afternoon,

Thank you for meeting with me for conferences. Our observation window is now open. Please let me know if you are interested in observing your child during the morning work cycle.

Historical Timeline outlines were due today. Your child's speech is due on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Speeches need to be in first person ("I", "we") and should be around 2 minutes.

Helpful Advice for 1st Year Parents:

- Please avoid including any dates.
- Use language that your child understands and can read without assistance.
- Include interesting anecdotes that will make the speech more interesting, entertaining, and easier to remember.

Presentation days are October 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>. Students will also have a presentation day at school during the week of the 20<sup>th</sup>. They will come to school dressed up as their character and present their speech to the Primary classrooms.

Fall Festival is on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

## *Upper Elementary Class*

### **Upcoming Field Trip: New Echota**

This Thursday, October 9, is our next monthly field trip! We will be going to the New Echota State Historic Site in Calhoun, GA. After a normal morning work cycle, we will have an early lunch and depart for our trip shortly after. We will be returning to campus at an estimated arrival time of 3:45pm. We are visiting the capital of the Cherokee Nation! "Field Trip Attire" (MSOR polos, khakis, and tennis shoes) is expected, and a field trip cost of \$7.00 is to be turned in no later than this Wednesday, October 8. On Thursday, please send your child a lunch (if they are not signed up for Lunch Box), a water bottle, and their normal school supplies! It is our honor and privilege to take our students out into the world, and we cannot wait to go on another field trip this month.

## Tennis & The YMCA

There is no tennis this Thursday, due to the pre-scheduled field trip. As this was planned ahead of time, there is no tennis session to be made up. The YMCA will happen this Friday, as scheduled.

## Homework Schedule & Historical Timeline

Can you believe that the Historical Timeline event is three weeks away?! In preparation for this event, we want to get our speeches written, as well as have a chance to practice them as much as possible. Beginning next week, Ms. Ariana's AP Language Secondary students will be coming in to listen to speeches and provide coaching on public speaking. Please regard this homework schedule for this week, as it is different from our normal schedule.

### Due Wednesday 10/8 :

- 2nd half of the Astronomy homework (second 3 pages),
- Speech written on index cards

### Due Thursday 10/9 : 1/4 of the speech roughly memorized

### Due Friday 10/10 : 1/2 speech roughly memorized

The process repeats, with a completed speech coming home to memorize over the weekend.

## *Adolescent & Secondary Class*

If you had not noticed... Adolescent and Secondary students are writing our section of the monthly newsletter, Dolphin Tales! In the months of August and September, we have seen articles from Tegan, Kaleb, Claire and Wanling! We will continue to rotate student writers each month. Make sure to watch out for student-written articles in each new edition of Dolphin Tales!

## Fall Festival Planning

Fall Festival is just shy of 3 week away on October 24, 2025! This is both our largest Japan fundraiser for the entire year, as well as it is a chance to socialize and spend time with our community. For this reason, this is an all hands on deck event... we need any and all Adolescent and Secondary parents to be there for both the event *and* the sleepover! The students met yesterday to discuss what booths will be set up for the event, and they also decided what items they wanted to make for the bake sale. Be on the lookout for separate correspondence later this week and in the weeks to come detailing items needed, logistics, and more. We will also ask our student officers to post information for their classmates in their Adolescent & Secondary Life Google Classroom.

## Ecology Lesson- Getting Outside of the Classroom!

Ms. Lili has been inspiring the minds of our students by bringing science right into our outdoor environment! This past month, we had a wonderful visit from Dr. Martin Cipollini- former Ecology, Forestry, Conservation, and Botany Professor at Berry College. To our Adolescent and Secondary students, Dr. Cipollini taught about forest ecology, and the preservation of longleaf pine ecosystems. He spoke of the importance of good stewardship,

along with the impact that humanity has had on our environment. Students even considered the importance of logging and fire suppression, tree plantings, responsible usage of natural resources, and so, so much more. Dr. Cipollini also brought some tools used for prescribed fire, including a backpack fire hose, which the students got to try for themselves!

### **Upcoming Events: October**

October is a BUSY month for our class. Friday, October 17 is the last day of the 1st Academic Quarter! After this day, all grades from the first quarter are final. Friday, October 24 is the Fall Festival, with the Sleepover to follow. As a reminder, this day and night is an all-hands-on-deck event. The following Monday and Tuesday, October 27-28, is the Elementary Historical Timeline Presentation. As is tradition, the Adolescent and Secondary students emcee the program and introduce each speaker. For all aforementioned events, attendance is mandatory.