



MONTESSORI SCHOOL of ROME

Weekly Notes October 28, 2025

Office Announcements

Historical Timeline

Your family is invited to join us for our 2025 MSOR Historical Timeline! Last night's performance was incredible, and we look forward to seeing the students do it again tonight!

The final night of our Historical Timeline takes place tonight at 6:00pm at historic Heritage Hall located at 415 E 3rd Ave, in Rome. Elementary students have spent weeks preparing for an exciting evening of immersive history!

Every October, Montessori programs throughout the world participate in this time-honored tradition called The Historical Timeline. This program allows students to understand and appreciate the accomplishments of others. Additionally, students develop an awareness of the global and personal impact of these historical figures.

Understanding the historical significance of their character only begins the learning process. The students also begin to grasp the concept that history involves much more than empires and civilizations, dates and events. They understand the personal lives of these ordinary people and how they lived their lives even before they made their mark on history.

Students utilize many skills while preparing for this special evening. Preparations include reading biographies, taking notes, writing speeches, and designing costumes. Furthermore, students take part in public speaking to peers, family, friends, and the community.

We hope you will join us tonight at Heritage Hall for the program. Call time for our participating students (Elementary) is 5:30-5:45pm and the program will begin at 6:00pm. Students should arrive dressed in costume and ready for an exciting evening diving into history!

Third Year Primary students and families are encouraged to attend and watch the program. It is a great example of what to expect when your child enters Lower Elementary!

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Fall School Portraits

The leaves are beginning to change and the temperatures are cooling down outside. This means it is finally time for our Fall School Portraits! We wait until the perfect time of year to capture the beautiful colors of our campus as our photos are taken outside. These photos will be used in the yearbook, so please see below to find your child's photo date:

- **Tuesday, November 4th**
 - Ms. Ginny's Class
 - Ms. Shannon's Class
 - Ms. Angie's Class
 - Ms. Ortrud's Class
- **Wednesday, November 5th**
 - Ms. Robin's Class
 - Ms. Maggie's Class
 - Upper Elementary
 - Adolescent & Secondary
- ***Rain Date – Friday, November 7th***

Please scroll down for the printable order form for photos. Our photographer is Classic Impressions and all photo packages must be pre-paid. Order forms and payment must be submitted to the Office prior to your child's photo date. Please also be sure totals for cash and checks (made out to Classic Impressions) are exact as we will be unable to issue change for overpayment.

If you have more than one child at MSOR and would like sibling photos to be taken of the children together, please fill out a separate photo form with all the children's names and write "SIBLING PHOTOS" at the top of the page. Please note sibling photos will take place on the date of the younger sibling's photo.

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Pictures will be taken on: _____ outside at the school.
You are welcome to purchase more than one package for the same price, on the day of pictures. All packages are to be prepaid. Make checks payable to Classic Impressions. If you have any questions about your photos please call us at Classic Impressions.

Package A: \$40.00

1(5x7)

4(3 ½ x5s)

1-5x7 group

Package B: \$40.00

1(5x7)

2(3 ½ x 5)

8 wallets

1-5x7 group

Package C: 40.00

2 Digital Images (of one student)

emailed to you

(make sure to include your email address
and phone number on this form)

Package D: 12.00

1 (5x7) Class Photo

Additional Prints After a Package is Purchased:

8x10- \$15

1-5x7- \$12

8-wallets-\$15.00

Pictures taken by:

Classic Impressions
P O R T R A I T S T U D I O

1108 North Fifth Ave. Rome Ga 30165

Phone: 706-234-6242

Student Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Extra Package(s): _____

Total: _____

STEM Kits

We loved seeing everyone at Fall Festival, and we want to extend a big THANK YOU to those who purchased a Halloween STEM kit with the static electricity ghost!

We are now taking orders for a Thanksgiving STEM kit. These kits are amazing take-home experiments suitable for grades K-6, and instructions are included! They will be delivered to students the week before Thanksgiving break so they can complete them at home over the break! The deadline to order your child's Thanksgiving STEM kit is Friday, November 14th.

As a reminder, all proceeds from the sale of STEM kits and STEM Club enrollees go toward the Adolescent & Secondary international trip to Japan in Spring 2026. Thank you for supporting our school!



Square 1 Art – Deadline for orders is next Friday!



Don't forget! The deadline to order Square 1 Art will be here soon! Don't miss your chance to take home precious keepsakes featuring your child's artwork. These make fantastic holiday gifts, but don't wait! Orders must be received by Friday, November 7th to ensure delivery in time for the holidays!

If you did not receive your catalog, you can simply search for your child's art using [Art Search](#), and enter state, school name, and your student's name. Your student's art and code will appear, and you may order!

Order Deadline: November 7th 2025

If you have questions, or need anything at all, [contact customer care online](#).

Thank you for supporting Montessori School of Rome!

Mark Your Calendars for These Important Dates Coming Up!

- Historical Timeline – 6:00pm Tonight at Heritage Hall
- MSOR Halloween Parade – Friday, October 31st at 10:30am
- Fall School Portraits – November 4th & 5th (Rain Date: November 7th)
- Square 1 Art Order Deadline – November 7th

Missing Anything?

We have an unclaimed change of clothes from the sleepover last Saturday. If your child attended our sleepover and is missing a change of clothes, please let Ms. Jamie know so we can see if these belong to you!

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

This month is almost over but we have really enjoyed it. The children did lots of crafts, learned some Halloween songs and a poem. Ask them to tell you about 5 Little Pumpkins Sitting on a Gate!

Please remember we will be having our Halloween parade on Friday at 10:30. You are welcome to watch the parade but would really like for you to leave from the playground after. It will be easier on the kids. Please send them in their costume that morning and send extra clothing in a bag with their name on it to change in to before we have our pizza party. We will also exchange treats if you want to participate. We have 13 children total. Bring something for them to gather their goods in 😊.

On Tuesday, November 4, we will have school pictures made! These usually are really nice pictures! Dress them in what they will have their picture made in and send extra clothing in a bag to change into afterwards if you want them to be changed.

Please send in money for the field trip tee \$10, pajamas for Christmas program \$10 and pizza money for Halloween \$4.50 if you haven't already done so. You can send this to my Venmo:

@Mary-Alford-12

I want to thank Kady Chaffin (Jack's mom) for coming in this morning and carving our pumpkin with the kids! They loved it! She also brought different types of pumpkins for the kids to explore! They are loving them too!!

Happy Halloween 🎃

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

We are continuing with our study of nocturnal animals this week. The children are really enjoying this unit! We have learned a lot about a variety of animals. Their favorites are the bat, fox, bear, and owl. Today, one of the children asked a question that I didn't know, so I thought I would pass it along to you. Male owls do not have a name just for them. The female owls are hens and the babies are owlets, but the males are just owls.

We will carve our pumpkin tomorrow. We always clean the seeds and have them for a treat at lunch. We will have cinnamon sugar and garlic seeds. We will cook them with butter in the air fryer.

Halloween is this Friday. We will have a Halloween parade. Separation anxiety is tough for this age. If you plan to attend the parade, please keep this in mind. If your child struggles with separation, it might be best not to attend or make plans to take them with you afterward. The children should come dressed in their costumes. Costumes should be something comfortable (they should allow for movement and sitting), and they need to wear tennis shoes. We ask that the children's costumes not be scary. Your child needs a change of clothes (labeled) in a bag for afterwards, if you would like them to be changed, and if it is not something they can nap in. Some people have asked if they can send in treat bags for the class, and that is fine. We have 18 students

Thank you to everyone who is helping with lunch this Friday. Please send in your contribution on Friday morning.

The weather is starting to feel more like fall. Please send in a set of fall-appropriate clothes for your child's extra clothes cubby. You are welcome to bring a jacket, hat, and mittens that can stay at school so that you don't have to send them back and forth every day. Please label all clothing before sending it to school. Most of the children have several jackets, so it's important to label them. Please check the weather before dressing your child for the day. We are on the playground from 10:00 to 11:00, and it is still chilly on some days. Remember, we can only wear tennis shoes to school - no boots, slides, etc.

Our fall picture day will be Tuesday, November 4th. Children should come dressed to impress for their pictures. If they need to be changed afterwards, please send in a bag with extra clothing. The pictures will be used in our yearbook. There will be a class photo and an individual photo taken.

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

Fall is here! We have been getting into the fall season with lots of exciting lessons and we are looking forward to carving pumpkins this week, too! Please remember to label all jackets and outerwear with your child's name

Students will not need to bring a lunchbox on Friday – Thank you to our parents who are working together to provide lunch for our class that day. Friday we will also hold our school-wide Halloween Parade at 10:30am. This will take place on our Elementary playground and parents are welcome to come and watch if you would like to, but please note it only takes a few minutes and is over quickly.

Picture Day is next week on Tuesday – we would love a parent volunteer to come help us in the classroom on Picture Day. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know! Thank you, too, for the beautiful flowers and fruit that have been coming in! The children are loving it!

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

We want to extend a big thank you to Ms. Maggie (Evan's mom) and Ms. Shaina (Lyla's mom) for joining us in the classroom on Monday to carve pumpkins. The kids enjoy the scary and happy jack-o-lanterns!

Parents please make sure you are emptying your child's folder before you return them on Monday. They not only contain your child's work but often school communications.

We are looking forward to seeing all the ghosts and ghouls this Friday and have plans for a pizza lunch with Halloween treats.

Ms. Ortrud & Ms. Rana

Ms. Robin's Lower Elementary Class

Parents,

Historical Timeline got off to a great start last night! I'm so proud of all our students and am looking forward to seeing the second night. Thank you to all of you for your assistance with this project.

On Friday, children should come to school dressed in Halloween costumes for our parade. Please send a change of clothing, or have them wear their YMCA clothing underneath the costume if possible. We will have a fun-filled day.

Our Halloween lunch will include chicken nuggets, potatoes, a veggie tray, drinks, and cupcakes. We are still in need of fruit and a few small pumpkins for a class project on measurement. Please let me know if you can provide any of these.

We do not exchange candy-they'll get enough that night!!

We will leave for the YMCA around 1:00pm on Halloween.

School pictures will be next Wednesday; photos with younger siblings in Toddler or Primary will be taken on Tuesday. Order forms were sent home with children today.

Have a spooky week!

Ms. Robin

Ms. Maggie's Lower Elementary Class

Happy Tuesday!

The last week of October is always such a fun and busy time. The students are doing a great job with Historical Timeline. We are very proud of them. Thank you for all of your hard work in making this event a success.

Please bring in your library book on Thursday. Homework will be going home on Thursday once again. 2nd/3rd year students: Please write your Alb. Card homework on the provided paper.

Please wear your costume to school on Friday. The Halloween parade begins at 10:30. Thank you to the Bruen and Green family for providing lunch and a treat on Friday! Students do not need to bring in a lunch.

Please bring a change of clothes for the Y.M.C.A. on Friday. Since we missed Tuesday's session, we plan to leave for the Y.M.C.A. around 1:00-1:30 p.m. We will let you know the exact time once it is finalized.

Thank you to the Dougherty family for the pumpkins!

School pictures for us will be on Wednesday, November 5th.

Happy Halloween!

Ms. Maggie

While we have no weekly notes for today as many updates and announcements have already been communicated, please keep an eye out for additional announcements throughout the week from our Upper Elementary, Adolescent, & Secondary programs! Have a spooky week!



Upper EI - Tuesday Notes

We are very proud of our presenters from Monday night and Tuesday night —Bravo!

This note contains additional details about Thursday – Friday.

I would like to thank our volunteer drivers for Thursday and Friday:

Thursday: - Kim Headrick - Lelia Stina - Mr. Keith - Ms. Shemi - Ms. Ribar

On Thursday, we will depart the campus at 9:40 AM and return by 11:30 AM.

Friday: - Kim Headrick - Lelia Stina - Jenny Pruit - Ms. Shemi

On Friday, we will leave at 9:30 AM and return by 10:15 AM.

The Friday Class Halloween Party: will take place immediately following the parade at 11:30 AM.

Debby Chen will provide pizza to celebrate Zoey's birthday.

We encourage all the students to bring spooky food to share:

- 4th graders are asked to bring a spooky veggie treat.
- 5th graders are asked to bring a spooky fruit treat.
- 6th graders and Adolescents are asked to bring a sweet spooky treat.
- Secondary students are asked to bring spooky punch, additional pizza, and paper products.

The party will be from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. We will clean up afterwards and head to the YMCA fields at 1:30 PM for some outdoor playtime to burn off the sugar. Free play will be available for an hour.

The YMCA program will run from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM. If your child will be returning to school for a late start, please let me know.

