



MONTESSORI SCHOOL of ROME

Weekly Notes January 13, 2026

Office Announcements

Mark Your Calendars for These Important Dates Coming Up!

- Winter Open House – TONIGHT! Tuesday, January 13th | 5:30-6:30pm
- MLK Jr. Day (No School) – Monday, January 19th
 - "January Fun Day" MSOR Sitter Service – 8:00am-5:00pm
- MSOR Winter Festival – Friday, January 30th | 5:30-8:00pm
- International Day (Toddler & Primary) – Thursday, February 5th
- International Day (Elementary) – Friday, February 6th
- Parent Education Night (Elementary) – Monday, February 16th
- Parent Education Night (Primary) – Tuesday, February 17th
- Parent Education Night (Toddler) – Thursday, February 19th
- Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School) – Friday, March 6th

YMCA This Week:

We are excited to be kicking off our Spring semester of YMCA!

Please be reminded that the YMCA fees for the Spring semester are due at this time (if not already paid). Please make checks out to the YMCA.

- Lower Elementary YMCA Fees: \$172
- Upper Elementary YMCA Fees: \$120

Please also be reminded the pick-up time for YMCA is 3:30pm. This is a firm pick-up time so we may keep our afternoon logistics running smoothly, and we appreciate your understanding!

Finally, YMCA will **NOT** be held this Friday, January 16th. We will have a regular school day on Friday with regular dismissal. Thank you for your understanding!



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 5th**

- 10:30am - Ms. Ginny's & Ms. Stephanie's Toddler Class [Mexico]
- 10:30am - Ms. Shannon's, Ms. Kristin's, & Ms. LaKosta's Toddler Class [Canada]
- 11:00am - Ms. Angie's & Ms. Kelly's Primary Class [Denmark]
- 11:30am - Ms. Ortrud's & Ms. Rana's Primary Class [Japan]

- **Friday, February 6th**

- 11:00am – Ms. Robin's Lower Elementary Class [Canada]
- 11:30am – Ms. Robin's Lower Elementary Class [Guyana]
- 12:00pm - Upper Elementary Class [Ancient Greece]

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



NEED A SITTER FOR MLK DAY?!

MSOR CAN HELP!

Join us for a day of FUN:

Arts, Crafts, Games, Snacks, and a

movie!

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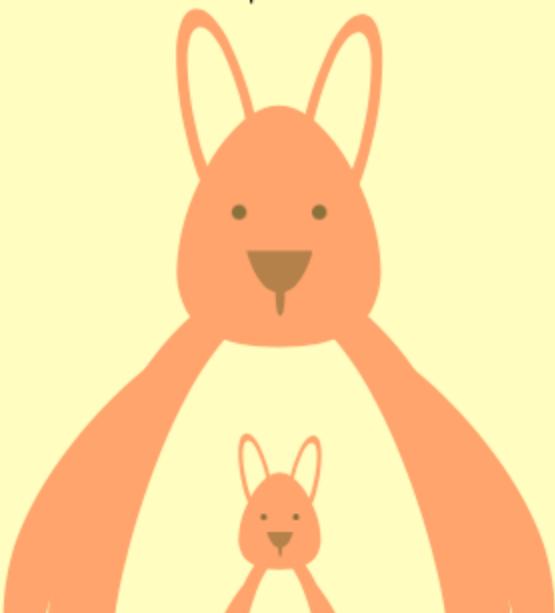
Drop off: 8 am

pick up: 5 pm

Children all ages
welcome!

JANUARY 19TH MLK DAY

Please provide a lunch and
water bottle with your child at
drop off!





MSOR Winter FESTIVAL

**JAN. 30TH, 5:30PM - 8PM
3175 CEDARTOWN HIGHWAY**

**CRAFTS, FOOD, GAMES, INFLATABLES &
MORE!**

\$10: INFLATABLES ONLY

\$15: FOOD AND INFLATABLES



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

We are talking about Mexico daily trying to touch on things the kids will be interested in. We are working on a short version of the Mexican Hat Dance. They are trying to get the hang of it 😊 😊!! Today I read a couple of stories about Mexico, one talking about piñatas which they really liked. We plan on having one on International Day! They are excited about that.

On International Day, we will have a short presentation then a lunch consisting of Mexican food. We will have a sign up sheet like we did for our Thanksgiving feast! We now have 14 students and plan on parents attending, so please plan accordingly. It hopefully will be a fun time 😊. We will be sending a menu to choose from on sign up genius soon!

Please remember to send a jacket in on cold days!!

Ms. Ginny & Ms. Stephanie

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

We are having a great time learning about Canada! Today we talked about snow. We read, "The Snowy Day." We also did some exploration with ice. We tied it into the story because Peter tried to bring in a snowball in his pocket, and it melted. We discussed how cold it is in Canada. We watched a video with lots of snow, and we saw some of their animals in action, showing that they made prints in the snow, like Peter.

I will be making our version of the Northern Lights on the classroom ceiling. If you have any Christmas lights that have white cords or icicle lights that we can use to decorate our class, please let me know. If you have anything that you would like to share to bring the spirit of Canada to our class, that would be welcome as well.

The children are doing a lot of water work. Please send in clothes the following day if your child comes home changed. With the weather cooling down again, I want to make sure they stay warm on the playground. With that said, please ensure your child has a warm jacket and hat on these chilly days.

Ms. Shannon, Ms. Kristin, & Ms. LaKosta

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

Thank you to Harper and Hudson for the sweet birthday celebration. We'd like to welcome Agastya to our class, as well. We will not have school on Monday (1/19/26) but MSOR will be offering babysitting from 8-5. The cost is only \$60. Mrs. Angie will be working it so if you need childcare, please reach out to the front office to reserve your space.

Remember to sign up for clubs this semester! MSOR offers Art club, Spanish Club, and Creative Movement.

International Day is quickly approaching. We have been learning fun facts about Denmark and we want to show off what we've learned. We are asking each child to bring in a poster telling a little about Denmark. See your child's category below. Also, second and third years should have received an email with a little "speech" we are asking your child to learn for International Day. If you have any questions, please reach out!

Matthew: Vikings

Robert: King Frederik X

Emerson: Castles

Clayton: Vikings

Victoria: Queen Mary of Denmark

Maverick: Animals

Declan: Legos

Josie: Prime Minister

Charlotte: Animals

Ford: Legos

Fateh: Transportation

Cece: Animals

Jeb: Hans Christian Andersen

Agastya: Schools

Dia: Clothes

Lyla Kay: The Little Mermaid

Harper: Castles

Annabelle: Food

Hudson: Sports

Everleigh: Numbers & Language

Merritt: Music

Gray: Music

Maxwell: Food

Ms. Angie & Ms. Kelly

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

Our classroom is preparing for International Day with the study of Japan. Please be sure to order your child's costume if you have not done so already as shipping times may vary. Please also keep an eye out for a Sign-Up Genius for our Japanese lunch to come out soon. When signing up for a dish, please remember to prepare for 22 students plus parents.

Our presentation will take place on Thursday, February 5th at 11:30am with lunch to immediately follow. Parents are encouraged to attend and we look forward to seeing everyone there!

As we are kicking off our second semester the students are excited to be introduced to new lessons and materials. Be sure to ask your child what he or she has been learning! We will also be hosting another Parent Education Night on February 17th, so mark your calendars. These nights are an incredible opportunity to learn more about Montessori and what makes our curriculum so unique.

Thank you

Ms. Ortrud & Ms. Rana

Ms. Robin's Lower Elementary Class

Parents,

We're having a busy week with academics and Canada research. The students are enjoying hearing the story of Anne of Green Gables, learning lots of new vocabulary in the process and having lively discussions about the characters. This book will be our class wide Junior Great Books until we complete it. It's fun for them to immerse themselves in Canadian literature as well as the usual facts. They're also reading silly books by Robert Munsch independently.

Mid year spelling inventories have been completed and the students will bring home new spelling lists this Friday. Homework is due on Wednesday.

I'm writing this from the YMCA, and am happy to report that the children raced into the gym today, excited and ready to get back into action! Mr. Chris is focusing on physical fitness during this unit.

I'm finalizing costume ideas and recipes for International Day, and will send information in the coming week.

Last but not least, please be sure to return library books with the homework on Wednesday each week. Thank you.

Have a great week!

Ms. Robin

Ms. Maggie's Lower Elementary Class

International Day is Friday, February 6th. Our country is Guyana! I would like for them to dress up like their part (or as best they can). Get creative with this! I can also help with ideas or send you some links for things. The costume list was sent out on Monday. A food sign-up form will be sent out soon.

Please remember to turn in homework on Wednesdays and library books on Thursdays.

Birthday lunch for Gabriella, Vittoria, and Peyton will be on Friday, January 23rd. No lunches needed on this day.

Have a great week!

Ms. Maggie