



MONTESSORI SCHOOL of ROME

Weekly Notes January 20, 2026

Office Announcements

Mark Your Calendars for These Important Dates Coming Up!

- MSOR Winter Festival – Friday, January 30th | 5:30-8:00pm
- International Day (Toddler & Primary) – Thursday, February 12th **New date!**
- International Day (Elementary) – Friday, February 13th **New date!**
- 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

Notice Regarding Impending Weather:

Dear families, we are continuing to actively monitor the impending weather expected this weekend. At this time, no changes have been made to the school schedule, but possible changes are anticipated should the weekend weather cause issue. If a decision is made to delay or cancel school, we will communicate that information as soon as possible through our usual channels. As always, please let safety be your guide!

Important Reminders:

- YMCA (Elementary)
 - Elementary 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!

- **International Day – Date Changes**
 - **International Day has been rescheduled to Thursday and Friday, February 12th and 13th.**
 - Previously our academic calendar indicated it would take place on Thursday and Friday, February 5th and 6th, but we have moved this schedule forward one week to allow enough time to prepare the classrooms and for the children to learn the music as winter weather is anticipated to cut down on our available days for preparation and rehearsal.



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 12th (Rescheduled from 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 13th (Rescheduled from February 6th)**
 - 11:00am – Ms. Robin's Lower Elementary Class [Canada]
 - 11:30am – Ms. Maggie's Lower Elementary Class [Guyana]
 - 12:00pm - Upper Elementary Class [Ancient Greece]

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





 **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 enjoying some of the things we are learning about Mexico. I think the kids favorite thing is shaking the maracas!! Stephanie is working on teaching them the colors of the Mexican flag in Spanish as well as how to count to five in Spanish. I believe International Day will be postponed for a week due to anticipation of bad weather maybe affecting the first part of next week. We would then have it on Thursday the 12th.

We are still working on the menu sign-up sheet and it will go out soon. Keep an eye out!

There is a lot of sickness going around our school so much and we do appreciate you keeping your child home when they are sick. All our parents have been so good about this! Thank you!

Ms. Ginny

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

We have been knee-deep in our studies of Canada! The students have enjoyed learning all about Canadian animals, traditions, culture, and more! Thank you to Dalia's family for sending in a special Canadian treat for snack today. We enjoyed pancake bites, blueberries, and genuine Canadian maple syrup! Yummy!

Regarding International Day, please don't forget our dates have moved forward one week. International Day will now take place on Thursday, February 12th. Our program will take place at 10:30am inside of our classroom and parents are encouraged to attend. Following the presentation, we will hold a Canadian potluck lunch – Be thinking of some delicious Canadian dishes, and keep an eye out for a Sign-Up Genius coming home soon!

As the temperatures continue to drop outside please remember to clearly label all outerwear (jackets, sweaters, hats, gloves, etc.) with your child's name. This time of year means lots of items, so we want to make sure your child's items stay with him or her!

Winter is also a time when illness spreads. We are seeing lots of coughs, sniffles, sneezes, and more. RSV and Strep have been diagnosed in our Toddler program. Please stay aware if your child is not feeling his or her best and help us to keep our community healthy by keeping your child home if he or she is unwell.

Have a wonderful week!

Ms. Shannon

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

I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend. I had a great birthday and then came to school and had another celebration. My families are the best! I am so grateful for each of you. Thank you so much for everything.

It is going to be very cold this week. Please be sure to send a coat each day for your child. Also, keep a lookout on the weekend weather as temperatures are expected to drop. Be safe and stay warm!

International Day has been moved forward one week. Our date is now Thursday, February 12th. Everything else will remain the same. The posters that the students are making are due by Friday, January 30th. They can be any size—just have fun with your child learning about the happiest country in the world—DENMARK!!!

Stay warm!

Ms. Angie

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

Welcome back after our three-day weekend.

Our kiddos are in high gear learning and preparing for International Day. They are excited to share what they have learned about Japan.

Please be aware that the Office has sent out notification that due to the possibility of inclement weather, International Day has moved from February 5th to February 12th.

Please remember to purchase your child's yukata, taking into consideration shipping delivery times.

Please keep a lookout for the Signup Genius for the International Day Luncheon.

Ms. Ortrud & Ms. Rana

Ms. Robin's Lower Elementary Class

Parents,

I hope you all had a nice long weekend. Time is moving much too quickly this month! Homework is due and spell check is tomorrow.

Our homework for the next week is a fun project. We are studying the Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, and the indigenous people who live there. We have also studied beavers and learned how they build dams and lodges. Children should choose what they are interested in and make a diorama of either a beaver structure or a human made structure.(igloo, Thule whale bone house, tipi, etc.) This should be a fun project; there are many sources and ideas available to search online with parental assistance.

Please send in those empty paper towel tubes as soon as possible. I've asked the children to collect and bring in small, flat rocks that we can use to build inuksuks (stacked stone structures).

Clothing requirements for International Day are simple. Dress for Arctic weather! Anything that looks like fur would be great- bulky sweaters, outerwear, etc. Boots, hats, gloves, scarves, etc. We'll keep the room cool that day and then they can take off the heavy outerwear to eat.

We have a lot to do to get our room ready and no assistant. If anyone would like to volunteer to help draw and paint murals and other things for our walls, please let me know. I'll send out a food sign up soon. Have a good week!

Ms. Robin

Ms. Maggie's Lower Elementary Class

Good afternoon,

Brrr...It's cold outside! Please remember your coats in the mornings.

Homework is due on Wednesdays and library books are due on Thursdays.

Thank you to Ms. Kelly and Ms. Karabeth for helping us with some crafts for International Day. We appreciate your help!

Birthday lunch for Gabriella, Vittoria, and Peyton will be this Friday, January 23rd. Happy Birthday, Girls!

Please note International Day has moved forward one week. International Day for our classroom will now take place on Friday, February 13th. Following our International Day presentation, we will enjoy a Guyanese lunch. Here is the link for the lunch sign-up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45AAA72BA6FFC25-61779855-guyana>

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding costumes or lunch items.

Ms. Maggie

Ms. Shemi's, Mr. Keith's, & Ms. Ribar's Upper Elementary Class

Dear Upper El families,

The students are working hard preparing for International Day! Please don't forget to send in \$20.00 for your child's costume. Please also note the dates for International Day have moved forward one week, so our presentation for parents will now take place on Friday, February 13th.

Please also be sure to send in your payment for the Spring Semester of YMCA if you have not done so already. Cost is \$120.00 and checks should be made out to the YMCA. Tennis payments, too, should be made if you have not done so already.

Please keep an eye out for additional communication from the Office regarding changes to scheduling due to imminent weather. Should a decision be made to delay or cancel school, we will communicate this to all families.

Have a wonderful week!

Ms. Shemi's, Ms. Ariana's, Ms. Gabi's, & Ms. Lili's Adolescent & Secondary Classes

Academics for the 3rd Quarter are in full swing! Report cards for 7th-9th grade were sent home this week: please sign the envelope and return it to Ms. Ariana ASAP. Since we are fully back into academics, please continue to reinforce study habits with your children. Even if no homework is assigned, students should still do some review of materials learned in class to prepare themselves for testing. Practice makes permanent!