



MONTESSORI SCHOOL of ROME

Weekly Notes September 15, 2026

Office Announcements

International Day of Peace

Dear MSOR families,

On Monday, September 21st, our school will join Montessori schools around the world in celebrating the International Day of Peace. As part of this global tradition, our entire student body will gather at 9:00am to sing "Light a Candle for Peace" under the direction of Ms. Angela McRee.

We kindly ask that you ensure your child is dressed nicely for this occasion (not Sunday best, just neat and presentable). Please also be sure your child is on time for his or her drop-off window tomorrow morning as we will be actively preparing for this event promptly at 8:30am.

As with tradition, we will film the song and upload it to share with other Montessori schools worldwide as part of a collaborative global performance. This special moment unites Montessori children everywhere in a shared message of hope and harmony. Students who do not have permission to be photographed or filmed will not be a part of our video, however, they will still join us to sing with everyone.

Parents need not attend this event, but please know we will also share our video to Montessori School of Rome social media for families to enjoy!

We are excited to be part of this annual worldwide celebration and look forward to yet another year of singing peace around the world!

Thank you,

MSOR Office

2025-2026 Yearbooks For Sale!

Missed out on buying a 2025-2026 yearbook? Don't worry! The Office has a few extra copies left up for grabs. The cost is \$25.00 and these available are first-come, first-served. Contact Ms. Jamie today to reserve your copy. Keep in mind - Once they're gone, they're gone!

Mark Your Calendars for These Important Dates Coming Up!

- **TONIGHT!** Primary Parent Education Night – Tuesday, September 15th | 5:30-6:30pm
- International Day of Peace – Monday, September 21st
- Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School) – Friday, October 2nd
- Toddler & Primary Field Trip | Rocky Hollow Pumpkin Patch – Friday, October 9th

Tennis Reminder

This message is for Upper Elementary, Adolescent, and Secondary families:

Just a quick reminder that Tennis for our Upper Elementary, Adolescent, and Secondary students has begun. If you have not yet submitted payment, please do so at this time.

The Tennis fee is \$186.00 for the Fall Semester. Payments should be made directly to Coach Jaleel Riaz.

Please note that students who have not submitted payment will be unable to attend tennis lessons.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation! We are looking forward to another great year of tennis!



STEM CLUB

MONDAYS-3:00-4:00 PM
STARTING AUGUST 31
THE CLUB IS RUN BY: MS. LILI, SABRINA, AND ZOEY

JOIN US IN THE FUN OF LEARNING SCIENCE! YOUR KIDS WILL TACKLE ENGINEERING, EXPERIMENTS, TRIAL-AND-ERROR, AND MUCH MORE! NO NEED TO BRING ANYTHING, JUST YOURSELF--- AND YOUR CURIOSITY!

ART CLUB

IS BACK!!



Please see QR code for all information!!



Creative Movement Club

Every Friday from 2:30 to 3:00
with Ms. Rebecca, Ms. Kelly, Wanling, and Wyatt!
 Questions?
 Email: chenwan@msor.org
\$150 per semester
Open to Toddler and Primary students

Come dance with us while we learn about different types of music and movement!
Max Capacity of Students: 14

MSOR Elementary Chess Club

Meets weekly on Thursdays from 4:00-4:55pm
 beginning September 10th

\$270 per semester or \$510 for the full year

Please submit sign-up forms and payments to the MSOR office on or before September 16th

 *One-on-one private chess lessons also available upon request* 

Contact Benjamin Cramer: cramebe@msor.org

Hosted by Adolescent & Secondary students:
Charles Giles (Rated with a 1500 Elo chess score)
and Benjamin Cramer (Rated with a 2000 Elo chess score)

All proceeds fund Adolescent & Secondary travel to France & Greece in Spring 2027! Thank you for your support!




MSOR Spanish Club!!!

Weekly on Wednesday
 Primary from 2:30 to 3 PM
 Elementary from 3:15 to 4 PM
\$150 per semester

Guided by Mrs. Lelia and adolescents Seanna and Will T.

Crafts, music, games, and fun activities while learning Spanish

All funds will support our International travels!

Lost & Found

This item (it looks like a car seat cover) was left in Upper Elementary. If it belongs to you, please let Ms. Jamie know. Thank you!



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

We are enjoying our line times learning all about the zoo. We have made several crafts and read lots of books!

It's almost conference time. The week before conference day I will have several slots allotted for conferences while the children are napping. These conferences will be held on our patio. On Friday, October 2nd, they will be held in our classroom. These are really just to let you know how your child is doing so far. The sign-up sheet will go out later this week.

Remember - There will be no school for children on Conference Day: Friday, October 2nd.

The following Friday, October 9th, will be our field trip to Rocky Hollow Farm Pumpkin Patch. You will need to meet us there that morning if you plan for your child to attend. Keep in mind there will be no school for Toddler and Primary students that day, so if you do not plan to attend the field trip you will need to make alternate arrangements for your child that day. We hope everyone is able to go, however, as it is always so much fun for the children!

Ms. Kelly's & Ms. Kristin's Toddler Class

We are having fun learning about zoo animals this month! We have read about elephants, monkeys, lions and zebras so far – up next will be giraffes! We are also working on learning the song for International Day of Peace. It is called "Light a Candle for Peace." Please play the song in the car, at

bedtime, or whenever you can to help your child learn as many words as possible. There is a link to the song in the September newsletter.

Your children are learning how to do many things by themselves, including washing hands, throwing trash away, wiping up spills, pulling pants up and down (potty trainers), and putting their socks and shoes on. They still may need some help and it may not be done perfectly, but please encourage your child to do these things, and more, at home.

Please send in clean clothes when we send dirty items home. Also, please include an ice pack every day in your child's lunch. This is a requirement from the state. A big "Thank You" to all parents for making drop off and pick up go so safely and smoothly. We appreciate everyone's patience.

Upcoming events:

October 2nd – Parent/Teacher Conference Day (No School)

October 9th – Field Trip to Rocky Hollow Farm Pumpkin Patch

Thank you for sharing your child with us. It is an honor and privilege to guide them on their journey.

"The child is both a hope and a promise for mankind." Dr. Maria Montessori

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

We are learning about the ocean this month and about Fall since it is almost here. The children enjoy learning some sign language to go along with these lessons. We have a few reminders for the week.

****Return library books on Thursdays seeing that we need to be over there on Fridays at 8:30.**

****Music is on Fridays at 10:00.**

****We will celebrate International Day of Peace on Monday, September 21st. More info to come from the office.**

****Thank you for sending in your fruit/veggies and flowers on your dates.**

****Return folders each week on the next school day.**

****Parent Education Night is TONIGHT from 5:30-6:30. We are excited to everyone you there!**

****Parent/Teacher conference signup went out in an email. Please sign up. We would love to share with you about your child.**

Have a great week!!

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

Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to see the children arriving each morning with smiles and growing confidence! They are becoming more comfortable with our basic daily routines and are beginning to find their way into the classroom with greater independence.

We are especially noticing that many children are now able to choose an appropriate activity on their own and remain engaged with it for longer periods of time. This is an important step in developing concentration, independence, and a sense of belonging within our Montessori environment. We are so proud of their progress!

A few gentle reminders for Monday:

 **Please return work folders on Monday** so we can continue using them throughout the week.

 **Please keep library books in the provided book bag** and return them by Friday, so your child may borrow a new and different book for the next week.

Ms. Ortrud

Ms. Maggie's Lower Elementary Class

Dear Parents,

We enjoyed our field trip to Tellus on Thursday! Thank you to our drivers and chaperones for making the trip a success.

The yellow Historical Timeline folder will go home this week. Please go over the due dates page and begin reading about your character.

No lunch needed on Friday (September 18th). A pizza and fruit lunch will be provided by the Takase family. Happy Birthday, Atsuto!

Parent/Teacher conferences will begin the week of September 28th. A sign-up genius will be sent out soon.

We have an upcoming field trip to Pettit Creek farms on October 15th. The field trip permission form will go home this week.

Thank you,

Ms. Maggie

Ms. Robin's & Ms. Rana's Lower Elementary Class

Parents,

Thank you to all of the parents who have provided birthday lunch and driven on our field trip to Tellus. The students spent the morning learning about our satellite, the Sun, and visiting the planetarium, science lab, observatory, and mineral gallery.

Students enjoyed visiting Upper El to see the presentation of the Timeline of Humans. This week, we are following up with the study of time. Students have had lessons on the clock and are practicing telling time. Please encourage your child to practice this at home. We still teach analog clock use, so please display one in your home and consider gifting them with a fun wrist watch to practice on their own. We will study how humans keep track of the passage of time and create our own timelines at school.

Parent/Teacher conferences will take place on Friday, October 2nd. We will send out a Sign-Up Genius next week.

Have a good week,

Ms. Robin and Ms. Rana

Upper Elementary Class

Thank you to Bill King of the Exchange Club for coming by today to give a presentation on the American flag! Be sure to ask your students what they learned about the history of the flag, including how to fold the flag correctly. Fun fact: It takes 13 folds to properly fold the flag!

This upcoming Monday we will celebrate International Day of Peace. Please see the top of the Weekly Notes for more information from the Office.

Have a wonderful week!

Adolescent & Secondary Class

Lunch Tomorrow:

Tomorrow we will be celebrating Parker's birthday! His family is providing the pizza, and we ask that you pack your child's own sides and water for lunch. Thank you!

International Day of Peace: Monday, September 21 marks the day of one of our most treasured Montessori traditions; the International Day of Peace. As we do every year, we will gather in the Upper El Classroom with the entire school and sing for peace for 5 minutes straight. Adolescent & Secondary Students are to wear their **FORMAL UNIFORM** on Monday, September 21st- this will count as our

uniform day for next week! Skirts need to be modest, shirts tucked in, belts on, jackets pressed, dress shoes shiny... we need to look our absolute best (and don't forget, we film this!)

Tennis This Friday: Please be advised that our tennis drivers this Friday are Ms. Natalie, and Parker's grandfather. Parents, please be on time picking up your children at 4:30pm at Lawrence Preserve. Thank you!

Tennis: The students were thrilled to start tennis last week with Coach Jaleel! Unless otherwise communicated, tennis will meet on Fridays from 3:30pm to 4:30pm at Lawrence Preserve with Coach Jaleel Riaz. Payment to Coach is due ASAP, if you have not already done so. As a reminder, the cost of tennis is \$186.00 per semester, and we request that you pay the coach directly. If you need to pay electronically, please reach out to Ms. Ariana to facilitate that process.

Parent Teacher Conferences: With respect to our course add-drop period, we have already begun our panel meeting for Parent Teacher Conferences! Thank you, parents, for spending time with us- these discussions leave us invigorated and energized on the success of each child, and we appreciate the chance to work with you as a strong team in this endeavor. This Friday, September 18, we look forward to the following panel meetings.

- 7:30 - Wanling
- 7:50 - Claire
- 8:10 - Sabrina
- 8:30 - Zoey
- 9:00 - Charles

Clubs/Businesses: Almost all clubs are up and running, and this week marks the first session of Creative Movement... yay! We have tried our best to make sure that all clubs have their own "day" of the week this year - Monday STEM, Tuesday Art, Wednesday Spanish, Thursday Chess, Friday Creative Movement... and pop up sale events will occur for 3D Prints. Parents, please be advised that your child might not be ready to leave right at dismissal time on their respective club day, as they are working hard to dismiss club-goers, clean up, and do finances.