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MONTESSORI SCHOOL of ROME

Weekly Notes October 6, 2026

Office Announcements

Mark Your Calendars for These Important Dates Coming Up!

- Toddler & Primary Field Trip | Rocky Hollow Pumpkin Patch – Friday, October 9th
- Lower Elementary Field Trip | Pettit Creek Farm – Thursday, October 15th
- Camp Out Party & Sleepover – Friday, October 16th
- Fall Festival – Friday, October 23rd | 5:30-7:00pm
- Historical Timeline – Monday, October 26th & Tuesday, October 27th
- Halloween Parade – Friday, October 30th | 10:30am

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!

MSOR Camp Out Party & Sleepover – Friday, October 16th

We are excited to announce we will be holding a Camp Out Party & Sleepover next Friday, October 16th! 🏕️ This event is open to Third Year Primary and Elementary students only and will be held at Ms. Shemi's residence:

- Third Year Primary and older may join us for the Party Only from 5:30pm-9:00pm
- Elementary and older may join us for the sleepover to follow (pickup at 8:00am on Saturday morning)!

This Camp Out Party & Sleepover will take place at Ms. Shemi's residence, so please be sure to read the sign-up form for all of the important details. As a reminder, this is a camp out, so Elementary

students spending the night will be sleeping in tents! If you have a tent we can borrow for the event, please let us know!

We are looking forward to fun evening of camping memories - including sports, a bonfire, and everyone's favorite part - s'mores!

Registration must be received no later than Wednesday, October 14th to allow us time to make arrangements for the event. Thank you for your understanding!

A promotional poster for an event called "MSOR Campout". The title "MSOR" is in yellow and "CAMPOUT" is in large green letters. Below the title, a yellow banner says "FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, 2026". The main text lists activities: "SMORES | OUTDOORS | SPORTS | BONFIRE & MORE!". It specifies the age group: "3RD YEAR PRIMARY AND UP FOR THE PARTY!" and "ELEMENTARY ONLY FOR THE SLEEPOVER!". It also states "DINNER PROVIDED!". The location is "MS.SHEMI'S HOUSE!" with the address "928 TURNER CHAPEL RD.". Two price circles are shown: "SLEEPOVER \$40" on the left and "PARTY \$30" on the right. In the center is an illustration of a campsite with two tents, a bonfire, a picnic table, and trees. At the bottom, it says "CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!" in blue and "ALL SIGN UPS MUST BE TURNED IN/SUBMITTED BY WEDNESDAY. OCTOBER 14TH." in green.

MSOR
CAMPOUT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, 2026

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MS.SHEMI'S HOUSE!
ADDRESS- 928 TURNER CHAPEL RD.**

**SLEEPOVER
\$40**

**PARTY
\$30**

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!](#)

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Fall STEM Kits for Sale – Pumpkin Catapult!

Back by popular demand, MSOR STEM Club is now taking orders for Fall STEM Kits! These kits are amazing take-home experiments suitable for grades K-6, and instructions and materials are included!

Our Fall STEM Kit project is the pumpkin catapult! 🎃

Pre-ordered Fall STEM Kits are \$10.00 each and may be picked up at our MSOR Fall Festival on Friday, October 23rd from 5:30-7:00pm. If you are unable to attend our Fall Festival, pre-ordered STEM Kits will be sent home on Monday, October 26th.

As a reminder, all proceeds from the sale of STEM kits and STEM Club enrollees go toward the Adolescent & Secondary international travel fund. Thank you for supporting our school!

pumpkin Catapult FALL STEM KIT



Everything you need for harvest time fun!
Pre-ordered kits can be picked up
at Fall Festival!

Not able to make it? No problem! Kits can
be picked up from the office the following
Monday.

STEM KIT ORDER SHEET PUMPKIN CATAPULTS

PARENT	STUDENT(S)	TEACHER(S)

I have included the total cost in:

☐ Check ☐ Cash



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PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL



Celebrating 46 Years of
Montessori School of Rome

FOOD! **INFLATABLES!** **GAMES!**
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD | 5:30-7:00PM



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2026-2027 After-School Clubs



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

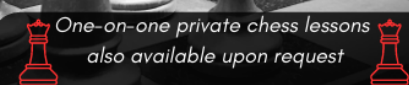


MSOR Elementary Chess Club

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

Missing something? We have a few items hoping to be reunited with their owners!

- Car Seat Cover
- Woven shawl/wrap with a patch that says "Endless Summer 09.05.26" on it
- Faded neon green beach/sun hat

If any of these sound familiar, please visit our Lost & Found box or contact Ms. Jamie to claim!

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

We have enjoyed our first few days talking about some of the animals that come out at night. Today we spent line time reading a book on where pumpkins come from. They really seemed to enjoy seeing how it went from a tiny seed, to a long vine that eventually had a pretty yellow bloom that turned into a small green ball, then changed to yellow as it grew and finally turned orange! It was then ready to pick!

We wanted to get them ready for our field trip on Friday! I previously said in the newsletter to meet at 9:45, but we have decided 9:30 would be better so everyone could purchase their tickets before a little information meeting they have. Please also remember to stop by the "General Store" (the cabin) at Rocky Hollow on your way out to collect your child's free pumpkin! This is a part of our field trip package. Any other information is in the newsletter published last Friday! Please let me know if your child will not be attending the field trip so we won't be looking for them!

Please remember drop off time is 8:15-8:25. If you happen to see students in our classroom before 8:15, it means they either have siblings in our Elementary program or are enrolled in our early care program.

I'd like to welcome our newest student, Eleanor (Ellie). She completes our classroom for this year giving us a total of 14 students. We are so happy to have Ellie join us!

I enjoyed talking with all of you during our conferences. It's fun to get to know you all a little better! I've decided I have a great group of parents 😊!!

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

A big thank you for attending Parent Teacher Conferences. I enjoyed getting to know each of you a little bit more and talking about all the wonderful things your child is accomplishing.

Field trip to the Rocky Hollow Farm is this Friday, Oct 9th. The address is: 336 Rocky Hollow Road SW, Cave Spring GA 30124. We are meeting at 9:30a.m. to ensure we get tickets before the opening

pumpkin show at 10:00 a.m. Please remember to stop by the "General Store" (the cabin) at Rocky Hollow on your way out to collect your child's free pumpkin! This is a part of our field trip package.

We are very appreciative of the pumpkin donations. The children have enjoyed seeing and touching the different shaped pumpkins. We have done pumpkin scrubbing as part of our water work and will cut some of them open so the children can see the inside and scoop out pulp and seeds.

In addition to pumpkins, we are studying nocturnal animals and fall. Bats, owls, racoons, opossums , these creatures that work all night are very interesting.

"Through independence the child learns how to be responsible for caring for themselves, others and the environment." Maria Montessori

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

Conferences went great. Thanks to everyone who came. We enjoy sharing about your children. October is here and we have a few things coming up.

Rocky Hollow Pumpkin Patch Field Trip – This Friday

Our field trip to Rocky Hollow Farm is this Friday, Oct 9th. The address is: 336 Rocky Hollow Road SW, Cave Spring GA 30124. We are meeting at 9:30a.m. to ensure we get tickets before the opening pumpkin show at 10:00 a.m. Please remember to stop by the "General Store" (the cabin) at Rocky Hollow on your way out to collect your child's free pumpkin! This is a part of our field trip package.

We also have some other exciting events happening this month:

- 10/8 Chick fil a birthday lunch for Agastya.
- 10/9 Rocky Hollow Pumpkin Patch field trip. Meet there at 9:30. Purchase your tickets and then find your child's teachers.
- 10/12 Birthday lunch for Davis
- 10/23 Fall Festival 5:30-7:00
- 10/30 Halloween parade and classroom celebration. More info coming soon.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kelly or myself. See you at the Pumpkin Patch!!

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

Thank you to all of our families for the wonderful conversations during Parent-Teacher Conferences. We truly enjoyed connecting with you, sharing your child's progress, and working together to support their growth.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on our upcoming field trip to Rocky Hollow Pumpkin Patch! We can't wait to enjoy a fun day together with our Casa community.

Ms. Maggie's Lower Elementary Class

Good afternoon,

Thank you for meeting with me last week. I enjoyed speaking with all of you about your child's progress.

No lunch is needed on Thursday. Happy Birthday, Juan! Pizza and fruit will be provided for the class.

Our field trip to Pettit Creek is on Thursday, October 15th. The permission slip and payment are due by October 7th. Please let us know if you plan to drive and the number of students you can transport.

Historical Timeline speeches are due on Thursday. As the students practice, I may add or omit lines due to the 2-minute time limit.

Thank you,

Ms. Maggie

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

Parents,

This week we're presenting the Fifth Great Lesson, The Story of Numbers, and completing follow up activities that include money work, and lessons on Roman Numerals.

All students had Junior Great Books on Monday and should have brought the books home. Please read the story with your child, help them to formulate a question and return the book and question tomorrow. (Wednesday)

Historical Timeline speeches are due this Thursday. Next week, we will share school morning classroom presentations for Primary students for the week of 10/19 and choose evening presentation dates for the 26th and 27th.

Permission slips and money for our 10/15 field trip to Pettit Farms are due TOMORROW. Please let us know by tomorrow if you can drive/chaperone, and how many students you can transport.

We had a great turnout for conferences; it was nice to see all of you! Have a good week,

Ms. Robin and Ms. Rana

Upper Elementary Class

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Students are working diligently on Historical Timeline figures. All are expected to have three sources printed from research at home, and the HT work takes the place of regular Language homework this week.

The first assignment is to complete a 'character report' using the selected biography. This character report will assist students in sequencing the Historical Timeline presentation. We will write sections daily on early, middle, and later life this week and complete this work by Friday 9/9. Students will use the completed report to craft oral presentations. The dates for Historical Timeline are Monday and Tuesday, October 26-27. The location will soon be confirmed.

Next Monday, students will complete a geography quiz on the continent of Africa. Everyone is encouraged to use the website Seterra: <https://www.geoguessr.com/quiz/seterra>. You may also google the phrase 'seterra geography.' This educational site is filled with interactive geography games and quizzes.

Adolescent & Secondary Class

First Quarter Report Cards: The end of the first Academic Quarter is Thursday, October 15th. After this day, grades up to this point in the year cannot be made up or altered. Please expect a Report Card to be electronically issued during the following week. As a reminder, to obtain "mastery", a student must maintain an 80% average in each class to be considered "passing." This 80% average is the basis by which we determine SPORTS eligibility, and INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL eligibility.

Thinkwave: On the subject of grades, please be reminded that as a parent, you can check on your child's grades at any time, 24/7! The more that all of us are aware of where grades stand, the better we as a parent-teacher team can proactively support each child. If you do not have access to Thinkwave, please email Ms. Ariana.

Upcoming October Events: October is a BUSY month for us! Please put the following dates on your calendar, if you have not already. Thank you in advance for all of your parental support and volunteerism!

- *Friday October 16th Campout Event* - The students are planning to hold a campout @ Ms. Shemi's house on Friday, October 16. ALL students are expected to work this event (historically there is a high turnout for this event). A separate email will be sent/separate correspondence will be communicated. In the meantime, if you have a tent or know someone that you can borrow a tent from, please let Ms. Shemi know!

- *Friday October 23rd Fall Festival & Fall Festival Sleepover* - This is the big one. By now, Ms. Ariana has contacted all parents to request your presence and help... this is the big All Hands on Deck event of the year. If at all possible, we need at least one parent from every Adolescent & Secondary Family to We will coordinate all the specifics in the coming weeks, but please plan to help with the event, and the transition into the Sleepover. Any and All parents that can/are willing to stay overnight, please sign up! Thank you in advance... the success of this event is only possible because of the strong community behind its planning.

- *Monday & Tuesday, October 26th-27th Historical Timeline* - In the Adolescent & Secondary Program, our students introduce the speakers and emcee the program. This will count as a project (Quiz level or higher) grade in either their English or History classes, therefore attendance and participation in this event is critical to class grades. If there is one of the days you know you absolutely cannot go to, please let Ms. Ariana know ASAP. Students are expected to memorize and deliver speaker introductions, and support our distinguished elementary speakers.