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MONTESSORI SCHOOL of ROME

Weekly Notes October 20, 2026

Office Announcements

Mark Your Calendars for These Important Dates Coming Up!

- **Fall Festival – This Friday, October 23rd | 5:30-7:00pm**
- **Historical Timeline – Monday, October 26th & Tuesday, October 27th**
- **Halloween Costume Parade – Friday, October 30th | 10:30am**
- **Fall School Portraits by Classic Impressions – Tuesday, November 3rd & Wednesday, 4th (Rain Date November 10th)**

Join us This Friday for our Fall Festival! 5:30-7:00pm

Dear MSOR Families,

It's time for one of our favorite MSOR traditions – **our 46th Annual Fall Festival!** For nearly 50 years, this special event has brought our community together to celebrate the beauty of the fall season and the wonderful spirit of MSOR.

Join us this Friday from 5:30-7:00pm on our campus for an evening filled with family fun, delicious food, and festive fall memories!

Here's what you can look forward to:

- 🌭 **Delicious food:** Mr. Jim will be firing up the grill for his MSOR-famous hot dogs and German brats!
- 🍁 **Autumn market:** Our Adolescent & Secondary students are preparing a variety of handmade goods for sale to raise funds for international travel!
- 🎨 **Fun for everyone:** Enjoy face painting, inflatables, our playgrounds, and more!
- 🎃 **Halloween spirit:** Students are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes if they wish!
- 🌙 **Sleepover:** We will end our evening with Fall Festival sleepover beginning at 7:00pm! We will have a costume contest, games, movies, dance party, and some fun spooky stories to share!

Our Fall Festival sleepover is open to students aged Third Year Primary and older and pick-up will be 8:00am on Saturday morning.

- [Click here to register!](#)

We can't wait to gather with our MSOR families for an evening of fun, laughter, and community. Bring your appetite, your costumes, and the whole family - we look forward to seeing you there!

**LET'S KEEP THE PARTY GOING
AT.....
FALL FESTIVAL
HALLOWEEN
*Sleepover***



**Join us for a Spooky Fun night!
October 23, 7PM**

**Dance Party, Costume Contest, &
Treat Bags and a movie!**

**Please see the sign up sheet for more
details!**

\$35 Spooky inquiries welcome!
Reach out to
ashlete@msor.org

[Click Here to sign up!](#)



Fall Festival Activities

A 46 YEAR MONTESSORI TRADITION

BAKE SALE

TREAT YOURSELF TO A VARIETY OF HOMEMADE COOKIES, BROWNIES, CUPCAKES & MORE!

FACE PAINTING

with Marissa & Tegan!



Tips are always appreciated!

DELICIOUS HOT COCOA



REGULAR: \$3

PREMIUM: \$5
(SPECIALTY TOPPINGS)

Mr. Jim's Famous BRATWURST!

\$5- LONELY GERMAN DOG

\$8- BRATWURST PLATE



HOT DOGS!

Plates include chips & water

\$3 - LONELY DOG

\$6 - HOT DOG PLATE



STEM KITS!

BRING HOME THE FUN WITH OUR STEM KITS—PACKED WITH HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES THAT MAKE LEARNING, CREATING, AND EXPLORING EXCITING!



CRAFT TABLE!

GET CREATIVE AT OUR FALL FESTIVAL! STOP BY THE TABLE FOR FESTIVE FUN FALL CREATIONS TO TAKE HOME!



The Fall Festival is an annual tradition run by the Adolescent & Secondary Community. Proceeds from all sales support student international travel.

CASH PREFERRED

(SMALL BILLS PLEASE)

FOOD • INFLATABLES • FUN
SCHOOL SPIRIT • COMMUNITY

Friday, October 23rd
5:30-7:00pm

You are Cordially Invited to Join us for Historical Timeline!

Dear MSOR Families,

We are delighted to invite you to experience a special Montessori tradition, the Historical Timeline, presented by our Elementary programs!

Every October, Montessori schools around the world celebrate this time-honored tradition, bringing history to life through the stories of remarkable people who have shaped our world. Through this experience, students learn to appreciate the accomplishments of historical figures and discover how their lives and contributions have made a lasting impact on the world around us.

More than learning dates, events, and civilizations, students explore the personal stories behind history. They discover who these individuals were, how they lived, and the experiences that helped shape their place in history.

Our Lower & Upper Elementary students prepare for this special evening by reading biographies, taking notes, writing speeches, and designing costumes. They then share their learning through public speaking before peers, families, friends, and members of the community.

This is also a wonderful opportunity for our Third Year Primary students to preview the Lower Elementary experience as they begin considering the next exciting step in their Montessori journey!

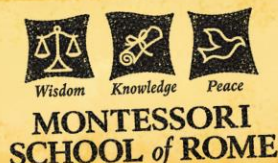
Program Details

Dates: Monday, October 26th and Tuesday, October 27th

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Vernon and Gaynelle Grizzard YMCA
1232 Turner Chapel Rd. Rome, Georgia 30161

We hope you will join us for this inspiring evening of learning, discovery, and celebration as our Elementary students bring history to life!



Historical Timeline

Dear MSOR families,

It is time again for MSOR's Historical Timeline!

Historical Timeline will take place next week on Monday and Tuesday, October 26th and 27th, at 6:00pm both evenings, held at the Vernon and Gaynelle Grizzard YMCA gymnasium located at 1232 Turner Chapel Rd. Rome, Georgia 30161.

Elementary students who are presenting are asked to arrive between 5:20-5:30pm on the evening he or she is assigned to present (assignments below).

For your convenience, we have divided our presentations up over the two-evening span. Our order of presenters for each evening is as follows:

Monday, October 26th

1. Augustus Conrad
2. Liam Angio-Stina
3. Jackson Bruen
4. Coco Suzuki
5. Mack Pollard
6. Victoria Valenzuela Gonzalez
7. George Franklin
8. Penelope Conrad
9. Dev Shah
10. Noah Dougherty
11. Juan Guerrero
12. Atsuto Takase
13. Gabriella Townsend
14. Ira June Singleton
15. Uriah Green
16. Haruto Takase
17. Alexandra Townsend
18. Vittoria Rutledge
19. Matthew Sewell
20. Constance Franklin
21. Peyton Jenkins
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Tuesday, October 27th

Ameera Hussaini
Wyatt Polera
Rajveer Singh
Chandler Foster
Carter Mitchell
Zazil Hernandez Rodriguez
Leo Tufan
Jeb Morris
Yuvraj Singh
Zoey Wu
Wanting Chen
Quentin Johnson
Aiden Wu
Frida Hernandez Rodriguez
Serena Chen
Clayton Hale
Cora Kautz
Eva Reddy
Lyra Ye
Kevin Weng
Grace Holmes
Ben Miller

Elementary students are highly encouraged to attend both evenings, one evening as a presenter and the other as an audience member, to show support for classmates. We are all looking forward to another incredible year of MSOR's Historical Timeline!

Classroom Observations

We are excited to share that our classrooms have reached the point of normalization, and we're now ready to welcome parents in for classroom observations! This is a great opportunity to see your child in their classroom environment and get a glimpse of their learning, independence, and daily routines. If you would like to schedule an observation, please reach out to Ms. Jamie directly to schedule a date and time. As a reminder, Toddler & Primary observations will take place in our observation rooms and your child will not see you as you observe through the window. This will allow you to observe without your child noticing you, which is beneficial for our youngest students!

Fall School Portraits

The leaves are beginning to change and the temperatures are cooling down outside. This means it is nearly 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 3rd**
 - Toddler & Primary
- **Wednesday, November 4th**
 - Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary, Adolescent & Secondary
- ***Rain Date – Tuesday, November 10th***

Keep an eye out for photo order forms coming home soon! This year our photographer will be 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.

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 items sound familiar, please visit our Lost & Found box or contact Ms. Jamie to claim!

Square1 Art Fundraiser

Dear Families,

Your child has been working hard on a special piece of artwork for you! Items featuring your child's artwork will be available for order in a custom Square 1 Art catalog coming home to you soon! **In the meantime, you can get a head start and shop for fun keepsakes and gifts featuring your child's artwork online.**

To find your child's artwork, visit <http://www.square1art.com/shop> and use the [Art Search](#) feature. Just enter your state, school name, and your child's name. Their artwork and unique code will pop up, and you'll be ready to order! You can also use [Art Upload](#) feature to add more artwork if you'd like!

 **The order deadline is November 6, 2026.**

All proceeds from sales will directly fund our MSOR Booster Club. We appreciate your support!

If you have any questions or need help, Square 1 Art Customer Care is available online.
Thank you so much for supporting our school and helping make this fundraiser a success!

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



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

We will continue to talk and read about nocturnal animals and we also have several Halloween books we are reading! The children love them. They are also loving the pumpkin work (washing and polishing)! Thanks to Madeline Cornwell, Parker's mom, for bringing those pumpkins for the children to enjoy!!

The weather is cooling down so please send in some warmer clothing for their extra clothing boxes. We in turn will send back the summer clothes.

This week on Friday night is our Fall Festival from 5:30 until 7:00. Please try to make it as it's lots of fun for the kids.

Please remember to send in \$5 for our pizza lunch on October 30th. We will also buy fruit for them. I've only received one Venmo. If we don't get enough money, I'll refund those that paid and then everyone can just bring a lunch for their child. Cassidy, Slayton's mom, has volunteered to bring them all a special snack that day. Thanks so much, Cassidy!!

Reminder: Next Friday, October 30th, we will have our Halloween Parade at 10:30 on the playground. You can send your child in their costume but send a bag labeled with extra clothing for the rest of the day. We will also do trick-or-treating inside our classroom that day!

Fun days ahead!! 🎃👻🎃

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

Our week is off to a great start! We are continuing our study of pumpkins and will learn about bats and the habits of nocturnal animals.

PLEASE remember to label jackets, hats, etc. with your child's name as this helps us get the correct outerwear on each child as we go outside several times a day.

The Halloween Parade is next Friday, October 30th. Please plan for your child to wear their school clothes underneath their costume if possible. We will also exchange Halloween treats in the classroom that day. Please send your child with their Halloween bucket or a bag and a treat to share with each child. Children will not be allowed to eat anything out of their bucket/ bag in the classroom. All treats will be sent home.

Thank you for continuing to support your child's independence at home by involving him or her in everyday tasks (food prep, laundry, table setting/clearing, cleaning...).

"Independence is not a static condition; it is a continuous conquest, and in order to reach not only freedom, but also strength, and the perfecting on one's powers, it is necessary to follow this path of unrelenting toil." Maria Montessori, The Absorbent Mind, p. 90

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

The weather is changing and we are enjoying it so much. As the leaves fall, if you find some gorgeous, large leaves, please send them in so that we can talk about them in class. Also, label all outerwear so that we can make sure that it goes home daily with your child. Friday is the Fall Festival from 5:30-7:00. Hope to see everyone there to enjoy family fun. It sounds like a lot of fun and the food is always delicious.

We are enjoying the Historical Timeline characters visit our classroom each morning of this week. They give us a shortened version of their characters and the class gets very excited for their visits. We hope that your children have a chance to go next week on Monday/Tuesday evening for their full presentations. More information will come from the office.

Enjoy the awesome weather this week!!

Ms. Angie and Ms. Kelly

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

We are looking forward to seeing all of our wonderful families this Friday, October 23, for our Fall Festival!

As the seasons change and the temperatures begin to drop, please remember to update your child's extra set of clothing to include warmer, weather-appropriate items. Please make sure that all clothing is clearly labeled with your child's name so we can easily keep track of their belongings.

With Halloween approaching, we are also looking for a few parent volunteers who would be willing to bring in a pumpkin or two and help lead a pumpkin-carving activity with the children.

If you are available to help, please let us know what day and time might work best for you.

Ms. Ortrud & Ms. Teri

Ms. Maggie's Lower Elementary Class

Good afternoon,

The Pettit Creek field trip was a success. The students had a great time! Thank you to our parent drivers for helping.

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Monday, October 26th: Jackson, Coco, Victoria, Noah, Juan, Atsuto, Uriah, Vee R., Peyton

Tuesday, October 27th: Wyatt, Rajveer, Leo, Serena, Clayton, Lyra

There will be no Y.M.C.A. this Friday, October 23rd. Pickup will be at our regular 3:00 dismissal time.

On Friday, October 30th, please come dressed in your Halloween costume. We will have a fun-filled day! Please let me know if you would like to send in a Halloween related snack.

Ms. Maggie

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

Parents,

Thank you to all of our drivers and chaperones who attended our visit to Pettit Farms last week. We had a nice time .

We started our speech presentations to the Primary classes yesterday. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday this week children have come to school dressed as their character to greet arriving younger friends and practice their speeches in Primary classes. Please remember to send a change of clothes if your child has not yet presented! Our speakers today and yesterday did an excellent job, and we are looking forward to tomorrow's speakers, too.

On Friday we will celebrate the birthdays of Ameera and Yuvraj with a Chick-Fil-A lunch and cake, so no lunchboxes are needed if your child enjoys Chick-Fil-A.

There will be no Y.M.C.A. this Friday, October 23rd. Pickup will be at our regular 3:00 dismissal time.

Yesterday we began our study of North America. Students are labeling political maps and will also study land and water forms and biomes.

Ms. Jamie also sent an important email regarding the evening Historical Timeline presentations for parents next week. Please note an initial email went out but a final list was sent out afterward. I'm copying and pasting the final, confirmed list for our class only below.

Ms. Robin & Ms. Rana

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3. Matthew Sewell
4. Constance Franklin

Tuesday, October 27th

1. Ameera Hussaini
2. Chandler Foster
3. Carter Mitchell
4. Zazil Hernandez Rodriguez
5. Jeb Morris
6. Yuvraj Singh
7. Quentin Johnson
8. Aiden Wu
9. Cora Kautz
10. Eva Reddy
11. Kevin Weng

Upper Elementary Class

Hello parents! We are in full swing, so here's a quick list of what's going on and what's coming up!

- 1) Students will present Historical Timeline next Monday and Tuesday at the new YMCA building of Grizzard Park (located at 1232 Turner Chapel Rd.)
 - a. Speeches should now be memorized. Please consult with Ms. Shemi or Mr. Keith if you need assistance with costumes.
- 2) Students are now in rehearsals with Dr. Sam and Ms. Janet Baltzer for a December performance. Students will dress in the style of a 'generic' fairytale character to be assigned (baker, butcher, fairy, etc.) but should not wear anything branded to a franchise. Please keep your eyes open for more announcements regarding rehearsals, performances times/dates, and costumes coming soon.
- 3) Please send any unwanted or cast-off Halloween items to assist with the 'Haunted House'.
- 4) Reminder: Fall Festival is this Friday from 5:30-7:00pm. We look forward to a great time!
- 5) **No YMCA Friday:** YMCA is hosting its 'Boo-Fest' so students will not attend the YMCA Friday. Pickup time will remain normal.

Adolescent & Secondary Class

Fall Festival:

- **Bake Sale:** Bake sale items must be homemade (nothing store bought), and must be individually packaged for sale! Make sure that baked goods are festive, decorated, and homemade!
 - (20 or 30 of each, individually wrapped)
 - Benjamin- Cake pops
 - Kaleb- Brownies
 - Zoey- Haystacks
 - Seanna- Halloween trail mix
 - Will Miller- Lemon pie and donuts
 - Wyatt- Lemon bars
 - Wanling- Cupcakes
 - Will Thomas- Halloween-shaped cookies
 - Claire- Chocolate covered pretzels and Nutter Butter cookies
 - Sabrina- Halloween-themed Chocolate Covered Marshmallows
 - Parker- Halloween-themed Rice Krispies
 - Tegan- Chocolate chip cookies
 - Charles- Red velvet cake
- Supplies: a separate email will be sent with supplies for Hot Chocolate, sleepover, and other essentials!
- ***Parent Logistics... watch for an email from Ms. Ariana either tonight or tomorrow morning!!!!***

Historical Timeline: On both evenings, students are to be in their official Formal Uniform! See information below, and please speak with Ms. Shemi if you have any specific questions. A separate email will be sent regarding any remaining logistics of what time we are going to set up, etc.

- **Girl's Uniform:** These are the links to the Lands End Products that Ms. Shemi requested the girls to have. This was sent in a prior email on September 9th. These are the links for the skirt, blazer, and shirt for our uniforms.
 - https://www.landsend.com/products/womens-long-sleeve-oxford-shirt/id_285386?attributes=44967,13091
 - https://www.landsend.com/products/school-uniform-girls-hopsack-blazer/id_364624?attributes=52957,12604
 - https://www.landsend.com/products/womens-blend-chino-skort-top-of-the-knee/id_185845?attributes=44966,1242
- **Boy's Uniform:** These are the links for the boys' clothing.
 - https://www.landsend.com/products/mens-no-iron-supima-cotton-pinpoint-buttondown-collar-dress-shirt/id_242762?attributes=44967,44896,13259
 - https://www.landsend.com/products/mens-recycle-active-chino-comfort-waist-pants/id_388839?attributes=44967,1242
 - https://www.landsend.com/products/school-uniform-boys-hopsack-blazer/id_364688?attributes=52958,44967,12604

Square One Art: Square One Art order forms were sent home with students TODAY!