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MONTESSORI SCHOOL of ROME

Weekly Notes October 27, 2026

Office Announcements

Mark Your Calendars for These Important Dates Coming Up!

- **Historical Timeline** – Tonight at 6:00pm | 1232 Turner Chapel Rd. Rome, Georgia 30161
- **No Early Care This Friday** – October 30, 2026
- **Halloween Costume Parade** – This Friday, October 30th | 10:30am
- **Fall School Portraits by Classic Impressions**
 - **Tuesday, November 3rd**
 - 9:00am | Ms. Kelly's & Ms. Kristin's Toddler Class
 - 10:00am | Ms. Ortrud's & Ms. Teri's Primary Class
 - 11:00am | Ms. Robin's & Ms. Rana's Lower Elementary Class
 - 11:30am | Ms. Maggie's Lower Elementary Class
 - **Wednesday, November 4th**
 - 9:00am | Ms. Ginny's & Ms. Stephanie's Toddler Class
 - 10:00am | Ms. Angie's & Ms. Kelly's Primary Class
 - 11:00am | Upper Elementary Class
 - 11:30am | Adolescent & Secondary Classes
 - **Tuesday, November 10th**
 - 9:00am | Ms. Robin's Class Group Photo
 - 9:30am | Make-Up Photos for absentees

Historical Timeline

Your family is invited to join us for our 2026 MSOR Historical Timeline! Last night's performance was incredible, and we look forward to seeing the students do it again tonight! Elementary students have spent weeks preparing for an exciting evening of immersive history!

The final night of our Historical Timeline takes place tonight at 6:00pm at the Vernon and Gaynelle Grizzard YMCA located at 1232 Turner Chapel Road in Rome. Please drive past the main entrance to Grizzard Park and the entrance for the gymnasium will be on the right a little further down the road past the main entrance.

Every October, Montessori programs throughout the world participate in this time-honored tradition called The Historical Timeline. This program allows students to understand and appreciate the accomplishments of others. Additionally, students develop an awareness of the global and personal impact of these historical figures.

Understanding the historical significance of their character only begins the learning process. The students also begin to grasp the concept that history involves much more than empires and civilizations, dates and events. They understand the personal lives of these ordinary people and how they lived their lives even before they made their mark on history.

Students utilize many skills while preparing for this special evening. Preparations include reading biographies, taking notes, writing speeches, and designing costumes. Furthermore, students take part in public speaking to peers, family, friends, and the community.

We hope you will join us tonight at Grizzard YMCA for the program. Call time for our participating students (Elementary) is 5:20-5:30pm and the program will begin at 6:00pm. Students should arrive dressed in costume and ready for an exciting evening diving into history!

Our Third Year Primary students and families are especially encouraged to attend and watch the program. It is a great example of what to expect when your child enters Lower Elementary next year!

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

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!



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MONDAY

Bake Sale

Sweet treats, spooky delights and homemade goodies!

Items are \$2 - \$4 each. Students may bring money to shop the bake sale!

TUESDAY

Spooky Tunnel

A playful, Halloween walk-through filled with fun surprises! Run by our Upper Elementary students and faculty. It's suitable for all ages and won't be scary!

A donation to the Rome Floyd Humane Society grants access to the Spooky Tunnel!

WEDNESDAY

Spooky Dogs and Sliders

Parents can order a hotdog or hamburger slider plate to be delivered to their child's classroom!

Plates are \$7 each and include chips and fruit.

THURSDAY

Spooky Story Time

in the MSOR Library

Students will enjoy a festive, age-appropriate Halloween story during their classroom's visit to our library!

FRIDAY

Costume Parade

at 10:30 AM

Parents welcome to attend!

Historical Timeline Presentations

Monday & Tuesday Nights at 6:00 PM

at the YMCA at Grizzard Park

Students are collecting donations for

The Rome Floyd Humane Society

all week long!

Food, toys, blankets and other pet supplies are appreciated! Monetary donations can also be accepted!

Fall STEM Kits for Sale – Pumpkin Catapult!

Still want a Fall STEM kit project...

Its not too late, MSOR STEM Club has a few kits. 🎃

Fall STEM Kits are \$10.00 each and may be picked up no later than Friday, October 30rd . Contact office for details on where to pick them up.

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



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

It's time for Fall School Portraits at MSOR! 📷📅

Please mark your calendars for next week on **Tuesday, November 3rd, and Wednesday, November 4th**, when we'll be taking individual student portraits and classroom group photos.

One of our favorite parts of fall portraits is that photos will be taken outdoors, surrounded by the beautiful fall foliage! The autumn colors provide a lovely natural backdrop for capturing this special time in your child's Montessori journey. These photos will also be used in our 2026-2027 yearbook, so we look forward to photographing lots of smiling faces!

Portrait Schedule

Tuesday, November 3rd

- 9:00 AM | Ms. Kelly's & Ms. Kristin's Toddler Class
- 10:00 AM | Ms. Ortrud's & Ms. Teri's Primary Class
- 11:00 AM | Ms. Robin's & Ms. Rana's Lower Elementary Class
 - *Note: Ms. Robin's & Ms. Rana's Classroom Group Photo will be taken on Tuesday, Nov. 10th.*
- 11:30 AM | Ms. Maggie's Lower Elementary Class

Wednesday, November 4th

- 9:00 AM | Ms. Ginny's & Ms. Stephanie's Toddler Class
- 10:00 AM | Ms. Angie's & Ms. Kelly's Primary Class
- 11:00 AM | Upper Elementary Class
- 11:30 AM | Adolescent & Secondary Class

Sibling Portraits

If you're ordering sibling photos and would like your children photographed together, please plan to have both children dressed and ready for portraits on the day of the younger sibling's scheduled photos. This allows us to capture sibling portraits while your Toddler or Primary student is already dressed and ready, helping us avoid the need for a second portrait day. Thank you for helping us make the process as smooth as possible!

Portrait Orders & Payment

We are so excited to once again welcome Classic Impressions as our school portrait photographer this year!

Portrait package order forms will be coming home soon, but you can also click here to access the [Official Portrait Pricing & Order Form](#). Be sure to complete and submit the completed form, along with payment, to the Office before your child's scheduled Portrait Day.

Please note: A separate order form must be completed for each photo package you wish to purchase. For example: If you would like sibling portraits of your children photographed together, an additional form must also be completed for the sibling photo package. Please double-check that all applicable forms are submitted so your order is complete.

Cash and checks should be clearly labeled and made payable to Classic Impressions. Payments may be submitted to the Office for Ms. Jamie to collect.

Please remember that all orders and payments must be received before your child's portrait day. If you have any questions about portrait orders, please contact Ms. Jamie.

Absentee & Make-Up Date

If your child will be absent on their scheduled portrait day, our make-up date will be Tuesday, November 10th. Please let Ms. Jamie know as soon as possible if your child will need to be scheduled for our Make-Up Date.

Thank you, and we are looking forward to capturing some beautiful smiles!

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!

Wreaths Across America

★ Wreaths Across America ★

This year the Montessori School of Rome is a sponsor for Wreaths Across America! This is a national organization dedicated to honoring our veterans with the goal of placing a wreath on the grave of every American Veteran from the American Revolution to present conflicts.

THE HISTORY

The tradition began in 1992 when the Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine found themselves with an excess of wreaths at Christmas time. The owner of the company, Morrill Worcester, decided to send the wreaths to the Arlington Cemetery in Washington, DC to decorate the tomb of the Unknown soldier and the surrounding graves. With community support, this became a tradition that has taken place every year. In 2005, the tradition grew and began to include 7 wreaths going to every state: one for each branch of the military and one for MIA/POAs. As of 2025, Wreaths Across America included 3.1 Million wreaths and 5,598 locations. And the numbers keep growing in support of our country and our veterans!



REMEMBER ME

As a school community we have set the goal of sponsoring 30 wreaths to contribute to this project!

OUR COMMUNITY

The Rome community is working together to get a wreath on every soldier's grave in Myrtle Hill Cemetery this year to not only honor those that have supported our country, but to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our incredible country. Myrtle Hill has 941 veteran graves!

THE CEREMONY

On December 19th, all of the wreaths purchased from around the country will be placed on veteran graves. The Rome Ceremony will take place on the same day at Myrtle Hill Cemetery at 12:00pm EST. We are also looking for volunteers that would be willing to help lay wreaths on this day. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Lili lili@msor.org.

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT?

To help support our community, we are asking our families to consider sponsoring a wreath (by purchasing through our QR code located on the flyer) or by donating cash (in any amount) in the Main Office. Every wreath is \$17 and with every wreath purchase, Wreaths Across America will donate \$5 back to the school to help give back to our community. So with every sponsorship, you are not only supporting our veterans but you are supporting our school community as well.

Through the website, you are able to purchase any number of wreaths you would like and your name will be listed on our sponsor's page. Wreaths are automatically sent to Myrtle Hill Cemetery when purchasing through our website, however, if you would like your wreath to go to another location (ie. if you have a family member that is located in another cemetery and would like to put a wreath on their specific grave, that can be arranged through the website as well).

For more information from Wreaths Across America, please see their website:
<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>

To make a sponsorship please use the QR code found in the flyer, or follow this link:
<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/page/193631/Overview?relatedId=179695>

If you have any questions, would like assistance in making a sponsorship, or would like to volunteer for the wreath laying ceremony, please contact Ms. Lili McNulty: lili@msor.org

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★ December 19, 2026 ★

National Wreaths Across America Day



Help Montessori School of Rome honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Myrtle Hill Cemetery

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/GA0557





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

Tomorrow, Wednesday, Frances' parents are providing a pizza lunch to celebrate her 3rd birthday. We are very excited to have our first 3-year-old this year!! You will not need to send a lunchbox on Wednesday.

On Friday is our Halloween Parade. Parents are welcome to come but please know we start promptly at 10:30. Allow yourself plenty of time to park and be on the upper playground. We ask you not to come into the classroom. Please send your child in their costume and send a bag to send it back home. They will need clothing for the rest of the day unless the costume fits over their clothes.

We will also exchange treats in our classroom. Please send in enough for 14 children and a pail or bag for the kids to put the treats in.

We will also have pizza lunch on Friday, please send in \$5 either in their lunchbox or you can Venmo me

@Mary-Alford-12. If your child is leaving after the parade and not staying for lunch, there is no need to send money in. If they are participating in the pizza lunch, you will not need to send in a lunchbox. We need to know if they are going home so we can get the pizza ordered.

Please remember our Fall Portrait Day is Wednesday, November 4th.

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

Happy Halloween! We scooped out pumpkins last week and this week we are going to taste the toasted pumpkin seeds. We are finishing our lessons on nocturnal animals learning about owls.

An email was sent out, but as a reminder no lunches needed Tuesday and Friday this week. Happy Birthday to Anna and Halee! Thank you to the Weng and Smith families for providing lunch.

Halloween Parade Friday at 10:30am. If you are taking your child home after the parade, please let us know and we will send the nap roll home on Thursday. Please have your child wear their school clothes under their costumes. We will exchange treats so please send a bucket or bag and 15 treats to exchange. No treats will be consumed at school; everything will be sent home.

With the changing weather, please ensure jackets have your child's name on them. Also, we need to swap out the summer change of clothes for warmer clothes. We will send the summer clothes home when we receive the warm clothes.

"Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed." Maria Montessori

Kindly,

Ms. Kelly

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

October has flown by and the weather is beautiful. We have several reminders for the next couple of weeks. ** We are looking for someone to come in and carve a pumpkin on Friday morning. If you are available, please let us know. We would love to have you come in. **Halloween Parade is Friday at 10:30. Parents are invited to come. Your child can wear his/her costume to school and can be changed after the parade. Please label all things so that we can make sure that everything gets home. **

There will be a pizza lunch, fruit, drink, and treat provided by some of our parents. 🍕❤️ ** Please let us know if you would like to bring goody bags for the kiddos. ** We have school pictures next Wednesday, November 4th. Dia's mom is coming to help with keeping children groomed and walking them to and from pictures. ** Friday, November 20th will be our Thanksgiving feast in our classroom. We will have 23 children and at least 30 adults for our feast. We will send out a sign-up genius this week. Thanks for each family. You make our classroom run smoothly.

Happy Halloween 🎃

Mrs. Angie and Mrs. Kelly

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

We hope everyone had a wonderful time at our Fall Festival! It was such a pleasure seeing all of you and sharing this special occasion with our classroom community.

A Friendly Reminder About Breakfast

We understand that mornings can be busy, but we kindly ask that children eat and finish their breakfast at home before arriving at school. This allows them to enter the classroom feeling nourished, settled, and ready to begin their day. In our Montessori environment, a calm and uninterrupted start to the morning helps children transition smoothly into their work, choose activities independently, and develop concentration.

Halloween Parade – Friday

We are looking forward to our Halloween Parade this Friday! Please have your child arrive at school already dressed in their Halloween costume.

If you would like your child to change out of their costume after the parade, please send a complete change of clothes in a bag clearly labeled with your child's name.

Ms. Ortrud and Ms. Teri

Ms. Maggie's Lower Elementary Class

Parents,

October is wrapping up. Thank you for all your help and participation in the Historical Timeline presentations. They did a great job!

Please come dressed in your Halloween costume on Friday. We will have a fun-filled day! Please let me know if you would like to send in a Halloween related snack or small pumpkins (measurement activity). We will go to the Y.M.C.A. this Friday. Please send in a change of clothes if needed.

Our picture day is Tuesday, November 3rd at 11:30 a.m.

Ms. Maggie

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

Historical Timeline community presentations were wonderful last night; I'm excited to see the rest of our students present this evening. These final presentations represent weeks worth of research, writing, and speech practice. Our students have gained knowledge and confidence along the way. Thank you to all of our families who helped them with this project.

Thank you to the families of Ameera and Yuvraj who provided birthday lunch last Friday.

School pictures will be taken next week on Tuesday, November 3rd. Our class picture will be taken the following week on Tuesday, November 10th. Please send in orders and money to the office before next Tuesday.

This Friday we will celebrate Halloween with our school-wide Halloween parade at 10:30. Parents are welcome to come and watch the parade. We would love to have a Halloween treat to serve the class after lunch; please let me know if you would like to make or donate a spooky dessert.

Just as a reminder, we will attend YMCA this week. Pick-up is at 3:15 at school.

Upper Elementary Class

Thank you all for attending our Fall Festival and for contributing to the Upper Elementary Spook House! We received so many donations, and we are tallying everything up currently. These contributions, including food, toys, other pet items, and cash, will be donated directly to the Rome Floyd Humane Society. Thank you for helping our students make a positive impact in our community!

Tonight is the final night of our Historical Timeline. We are so proud of all the students who presented last night, and we look forward to more incredible speeches this evening! Those who presented last

night and strongly encouraged to attend tonight to support your classmates. We look forward to seeing you there!

Tomorrow, Wednesday, is our Spooky Sliders & Dogs lunch! Plates are \$7.00 and include fruit, chips, and a choice of hotdog or hamburger slider. Please let Ms. Jamie know if your child would like to order a plate and payment may be made directly to the Office.

We will resume our regular homework schedule beginning this Thursday, including math, language, and Junior Great Books.

This Friday, students are asked to arrive at school already dressed in costumes. We will depart at 9:15am for Renaissance and no parent drivers are needed. We will return in time for our MSOR Costume Parade at 10:30am. Following the parade, we would love to have a Halloween pizza lunch for Upper Elementary. We would love to have our parents send in some sides to go with the pizza, and students are also asked to bring in candy for our Halloween candy exchange. Please let us know if you would like to send in a spooky side for everyone!

Friday is also our YMCA day. As a reminder, pickup will be at 3:15 p.m. at the school.

We're looking forward to an exciting rest of the week!

Adolescent & Secondary Class

Picture Day: Our picture day is scheduled to be Wednesday, November 4th at 11:30am! As is tradition, our group photo is taken in formal uniform (and this works perfect, because Wednesdays are our Formal Uniform Day)! Please send with your child the outfit of your choice for Individual Portraits... students wear their formal uniform like normal... easy-peasy! Picture day order forms are being sent home today!

AP Exam Registration: Reminder that Exam fees are due to Ms. Jamie by this Thursday, October 29th! You can pay in cash, or check. Students will be registered for exams officially early next week, and Ms. Ariana and Ms. Jamie will confirm all registrations with Rome High School. We are excited that so many students are taking Advanced Placement classes... many of them for the first time!

Halloween: Our annual Halloween celebration is happening This Friday! Students come in costume (they decided on a Monsters Inc. Theme), and they can bring candy baskets and treats to exchange! Please try, for the peanut allergy's sake, to bring as many options that are peanut free as you can. Students need to bring a regular change of clothes, as well as the regular lunch/backpack/water/tennis stuff. Tennis is scheduled to happen as of now, and any classes that we can have WILL happen, including music and guitar!