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MONTESSORI SCHOOL of ROME

Weekly Notes November 10, 2026

Office Announcements



Today is Founder's Day at Montessori School of Rome, and we're remembering Ms. Swarna Kumar on what would have been her 90th birthday.

Her vision came to life nearly 50 years ago, in 1980, when she brought Montessori education to Rome, creating a place where children could follow their curiosity, learn through hands-on experiences, and grow in confidence at their own pace.

We see her legacy in the everyday moments here: when a child proudly says, "I did it myself!" or pulls up a chair to show a friend how something works. These simple moments reflect the heart of Montessori education — independence, discovery, kindness, and a lifelong love of learning.

Mark Your Calendars for These Important Dates Coming Up!

- **Second Day of Fall School Portraits by Classic Impressions**
  - (Tomorrow) **Wednesday, November 11th**
    - **8:30 AM** | Ms. Ginny's & Ms. Stephanie's Toddler Class
    - **9:00 AM** | Ms. Angie's & Ms. Kelly's Primary Class
    - **9:30 AM** | Ms. Robin's & Ms. Rana's Lower Elementary Group Photo
    - **10:00 AM** | Upper Elementary Class
    - **10:30 AM** | Adolescent & Secondary Class
- **Thanksgiving Feasts in Classrooms**
  - **Friday, November 20th**
    - 11:00 – Toddler
    - 11:15 – Primary
    - 11:30 – Lower Elementary
    - 12:00 – Upper Elementary, Adolescent & Secondary
- **Thanksgiving Break (School Closed)**
  - November 23rd-27th

- **Elementary Concert with NWGA Winds**
  - Tuesday, December 8th
- **MSOR Holiday Program – *Christmas Around the World***
  - Tuesday, December 15th at 6:00pm | Rome City Auditorium
  - *Reminder: Late Stay will end at 4:15pm on the date of our Holiday Program*
- **Holiday Classroom Celebrations (½ Day Dismissal)**
  - **Friday, December 18th**
    - Dismissal Schedule
      - Toddler – 11:00am
      - Primary – 11:15am
      - Lower Elementary – 11:30am
      - Upper Elementary – 11:45am
- **Winter Break (School Closed)**
  - December 21st-January 1st
- **School Resumes & Spring Semester Begins**
  - Monday, January 4th
- **MLK Day (School Closed)**
  - Monday, January 18th

Fall School Portraits – Rescheduled from Last Week

Due to the rain, the second day of Fall School Portraits was postponed. The rescheduled date is tomorrow, Wednesday, November 11th.

The colorful fall leaves are still here, thank goodness, so this week's photos are sure to be just as beautiful as those from last week! Remember – All students will be photographed as these photos will be used in our 2026-2027 yearbook. We look forward to photographing lots of smiling faces tomorrow!

Wednesday, November 11th Portrait Schedule*

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* Schedule may vary.

Portrait Orders & Payment

Portrait package order forms from Classic Impressions are available by clicking here: Official Portrait Pricing & Order Form. **Be sure to complete and submit the completed form, along with payment, to the Office today to secure your package order.**

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.

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

Since the November newsletter just went out on Friday, I am just going to send a few reminders.

1. **Fall Portrait Day is (tomorrow) Wednesday, November 11th.**

2. The Thanksgiving Feast menu will go out this week. Please sign up for a dish or let me know of a dish you would like to send if not on the menu. Also, let me know if you are not planning on attending. We need to know how many to plan for.

3. Thanksgiving break is from November 23 - 27. There will be no school during that week.

4. Please remember to label all outerwear.

5. We are beginning practice for the Holiday program at the Rome City Auditorium. The children will wear matching Christmas pajamas. We will send out the link to you so you can order the correct size. Please don't wait too long to order so you will receive them in time.

Thank you!

Ms. Ginny

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

We are enjoying our lessons on opposites, reading nursery rhymes, and learning about Thanksgiving.

We welcomed a new student, Emerson, to our classroom last Thursday. We are excited and honored to guide her on her journey!

I will send out an email soon with the Signup Genius link for our Thanksgiving feast scheduled for November 20th. If your child with be going home with you after the feast, please let us know and we will send their nap roll home on Thursday.

Please remember to return the Disguise a Turkey craft this week and we will display them for the feast.
We are looking forward to gathering together!

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

What a great weekend we have had. The weather has been nice, and we are enjoying the fall foliage.

We will be doing our classroom portraits tomorrow, so please be here no later than 8:30am.

We have been planning our Thanksgiving feast for next Friday, November 20th. Ms. Kelly has already sent out a Signup Genius. Please take a look and sign up for something that you would like to bring. If it isn't listed, please let us know that you have a special something you would like to send in. Also, please let us know if you are joining us for our feast. We would love to have you, and all parents are invited to attend.

We have begun learning our songs for the holiday program. When Ms. Angela sends us the songs, we will forward them to you and will also send our costume attire suggestions so that everyone can get them ordered. We always love this time of year, but it gets very hectic with emails, texts, and Reminds. We appreciate your patience.  If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to share with us.

Thank you goes out to each of you for making Ms. Kelly's birthday so special. Your love shone through every moment of it and each thought put into it. Blessings to each of you. Have a great week!

Ms. Angie and Ms. Kelly

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

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to contribute to our upcoming **Thanksgiving Feast**! We truly appreciate your generosity and willingness to help make this special celebration a success.

If you have not yet had a chance to sign up, please take a moment to visit our **SignUpGenius** and select an item you would like to contribute.

We are also still looking for **volunteers to assist with setting up and cleaning up** after the feast. Your help in these areas would be greatly appreciated!

We have noticed that a few small items from our classroom materials and activities have gone missing recently. If you happen to come across an unfamiliar object at home, we kindly ask that you check with us to see if it might belong to one of our classroom pieces of work.

Many Montessori materials contain small, specific pieces that can be difficult to replace. When a piece is missing, the entire work may become incomplete and unavailable for the children to use.

We understand that young children sometimes become particularly attached to an object and may bring it home simply because they find it interesting or beautiful, without any intention of doing something wrong. This is a natural part of their development and curiosity.

We appreciate your help in keeping our classroom materials complete and available for everyone to enjoy. Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and continued support of our classroom community!

Ms. Ortrud and Ms. Teri

Ms. Maggie's Lower Elementary Class

Dear Families,

Thank you to Jackson's family, Atsuto's family and Wyatt's family for the Halloween treats! Also, thank you to Ms. Rebecca for taking care of my students and classroom during my absence. We appreciate your help!

Our Thanksgiving Feast is on Friday, November 20th at 11:30 am. We have 15 students and we expect to have around 30 adults. A sign-up Genius for food items will be sent out soon.

Thanksgiving Break is November 23rd – 27th.

Our holiday program is Tuesday, December 15th at 6pm at the Rome City Auditorium.

~ Ms. Maggie

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

Parents,

Thank you to the families of Dev, Eva, and Kevin for sending in pizza, lemonade, and Halloween treats. The students enjoyed celebrating together! Thank you, too, to Ms. Rana and Ms. Maggie for watching over the classroom during my absence.

This month we've been completing maps of the United States and researching states and capitals. We will begin our Native American studies work this week in preparation for studying the fundamental needs of humans as we prepare for Thanksgiving. Our classroom Thanksgiving Feast will take place on Friday, 11/20. A sign-up genius will be sent after the class plans the menu by the end of the week. Please let me know if you have any holiday favorite dishes that you would like to prepare as we plan. Thanksgiving break is 11/23-11/27.

Have a good week.

Ms. Robin and Ms. Rana

Upper Elementary Class

Hello Parents!

The most immediate reminder is that yearbook pictures will be taken **tomorrow (Wednesday)!**

Students are working hard to prepare for the various holiday programs. Please watch for details regarding the annual Thanksgiving Feast. We are planning to follow the same schedule as last year with Upper Elementary breaking bread at noon on November 20th.

Students are rehearsing with Ms. Angela, along with Dr. Sam and Ms. Janet Baltzer for a performance with the Northwest Georgia Winds. The students will perform novel arrangements including a lovely Silent Night with a

verse in German along with an energetic 12 Days of Christmas Shrek style! The performance is Tuesday evening, December 8th at 7:00 PM at the Rome City Auditorium with a call time of 5:45. There is a dress rehearsal on Monday, the evening before the performance at 6:30 PM.

We need to improve punctuality. This is a reminder that students need to be in the classroom by 7:45 each day to avoid being marked tardy. Thank you so much.

Adolescent & Secondary Class

Parents,

Fear not, you have not been forgotten! Please keep an eye on your inbox for weekly updates coming your way soon. We look forward to staying connected and keeping you informed!