

## *April 25, 2017*

### *Tuesday Notes*

**May Day** is Monday, May 1 at 8:30 a.m. Please arrive by 8:15 a.m. The lyrics to the all-school song *Branch of May* are on the website at <https://msor.org/may-day-2017/>

You may want to bring a chair. The program is in the front parking lot, so please no parking in the lot that morning. Please park in the Upper Elementary lot so that we may keep the main parking lot open for the children.

**Havana Night** is Friday, April 28, and tickets are in the office. Please join us for this cultural exchange event!

Thank you for completing the re-enrollment paperwork! We are looking forward to a wonderful 2017-2018 school year: our 37<sup>th</sup> year of operation! The school calendar will be published the first week of June. We are welcoming so many new families to MSR!

### *Ms. Ginny and Ms. Pam's class:*

First of all, I want to thank you all for all the beautiful flowers, soil, birdseed, thermometers and for all the special people that came and spent time with your toddler. They really enjoyed it, and our patio looks so pretty!! Also, a big thank you to Parker's parents for bringing brand new buckets and shovels for all the children!!

We are talking about insects this week. Yesterday we learned all about dragonflies!! It was very interesting and the kids loved it. Today we will talk about grasshoppers and ladybugs!! It's hard to believe this is the last week on insects and gardening.

The T2's are finishing up visiting the primary classes. They have loved visiting and are doing very well!

We have several children that like to put "work" in their pockets. We usually catch it, but if they make it home with items, please be sure and send them back.

Don't forget about May Day/Mother's Day on Monday at 8:30. You just drop off as usual and then go outside in the front drop off area and find a place to stand or you may bring a lawn chair if you'd like. **The children need to dress in "Sunday clothes" and bring a "branch of May" (aka a flower from the yard), to exchange with someone at the end of the program. After the program, you are invited inside for cookies and lemonade.**

Please remember this Friday night at 6:00 is Havana Night located at the Division Street gym. You may purchase tickets in the office. It will be lots of fun. I hope you will be able to support our adolescents as they are working hard on this.

## *Ms. Shannon and Ms. Dana's class:*

Thank you for coming to Special Person day and Gardening Day! We love seeing the beautiful new plants. The patio and window boxes look wonderful! The picnic was so much fun last Friday. Weather permitting, we would like to do it every Friday, so no warm ups please on Fridays through the end of the year.

We are watching the caterpillars form their chrysalis. Thank you to Banks for sharing his butterfly garden.

The Primary visits are going great so far. Don't forget your child needs to be here by 8:15 so I can have them in Primary on line for 8:30 line time. If you are late, they will miss their chance to visit for the day. Thanks!

May Day is this Monday, May 1. It begins at 8:30, so please be here by 8:15. Please park in the Upper Elementary lot. You just drop off as usual and then go outside in the front drop off area and find a place to stand or you may bring a lawn chair if you'd like. **The children need to dress in "Sunday clothes" and bring a "branch of May" (aka a flower from the yard), to exchange with someone at the end of the program. After the program, you are invited inside for cookies and lemonade.**

Please enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt pictures and the Special Person pictures on our website and on Facebook!

## *Ms. Angie and Ms. Nikki's class:*

Thank you for all you did to make Special Person and Gardening Day such a great day. Our patio looks lovely, and we all made wonderful memories. See the pictures on our website and on facebook.

We have been very proud of our students' leadership with the toddlers who have visited. We enjoy seeing them show the toddlers about primary work!

April 28<sup>th</sup>

Havana Night- The adolescent class is looking forward to sharing with you, what they learned in Cuba. It will be a night of cultural exchange. There will be Cuban Food, salsa lessons, dancing, photos, and videos. It will be at the Division Street Gym from 6pm to 10pm. \$20 for Adults and \$10 for kids.

May 1<sup>st</sup>

May Day/Mother's Day program will start at 8:30am. The program should last about 30 minutes and then plan on staying so that you may enjoy cookies and lemonade with your precious little one. This is a beautiful celebration that we look forward to each year.

## *Ms. Ana María and Ms. Carolina's class:*

Hello!!

I hope everyone has had a great start to the week.

If you did not bring in readers or word ladders today, please make sure to bring them in tomorrow. Reader day is also on Thursday.

Please make sure your child is at school before 8:30 am. We are having some fun lessons during morning line time and the children are starting to get upset if they miss part of it. We also have toddlers visiting this week and it helps a lot to have all the children on the line when our lesson starts.

We had a wonderful time during special person day. I enjoyed getting to meet so many new people and getting to see everyone. Our patio looks amazing! Thank you to everyone!!

I hope everyone got to see our picnic table. Al Donahue took it home over spring break to fix it up and we are just loving it. We have enjoyed working outside and eating outside.

I am sure you have all heard about **Havana Night!** Please make plans to attend.

The adolescent class learned so much in Cuba and would love to share their love of Cuba with you.

It will be a night of cultural exchange. There will be Cuban Food, salsa lessons, dancing, photos, and videos.

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If you would like to purchase a ticket, please stop by the classroom. I have a few to sell.

### **Monday, May 1st- May Day**

-Please make sure your child is at school by 8:15am. The program will start at 8:30am.

- They need to wear their "Sunday best." You are welcome to send in clothes for our child to change into after the program.

-They need to bring a branch of May to exchange at the end of the program. They will sing a song and then exchange the flowers. A branch of May is a flower or a lovely branch from a bush. We have already spoken with the children that they will be giving a branch of May as a gift. **Your child will not go home with the flower they bring to school.** You may want to prepare them for that. Sometimes, the children get upset that they do not keep the flower they brought to school.

-The program should last about 30 minutes and then plan on staying so that you may enjoy cookies and lemonade with your precious one. This is a beautiful celebration that we look forward to each year.

Thank you!

Ana Maria

## *Ms Dolores and Ms. Nicki's class*

Gardening Day was great! Thank you to all who came and worked in the Ms. Kumar's Memorial Garden. It was messy, but you all made it look wonderful. We appreciate you!

ITBS is going well; please continue to have your child here by 7:45 a.m. The last day for 2<sup>nd</sup> years testing is Wednesday. 3<sup>rd</sup> years continue to test Thursday and Friday and need to continue to get in bed early and have a good breakfast.

May Day is Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30. Please be here by 7:45. Parking is in the Upper Elementary lot.

Girls should wear a spring dress and boys wear khaki pants and white shirt.

Jekyll is right around the corner. We will send out packing lists again in the next week.

**Reminder:** Water bottles are needed daily and shorts/dresses need to be fingertip length or longer. Privacy shorts are needed under dresses and skirts.

## *Ms. Maggie and Ms. Stefanie's class:*

Thank you all for making our classroom "garden" area look so lovely! It's nice to look out the windows & see all the colors! We're all anticipating the day when we'll see signs that the radishes & lettuces are growing.

ITBS test week is here! Please remember to have your child at school by 7:45. The doors will be locked promptly at 8:00am. It is very important for your child to eat a good breakfast and get plenty of rest this week so they can do their best!

Thursday afternoon we'll have a special Botany day with Mrs. Cathy Donahue who will be sharing information on hummingbirds. We're all looking forward to this lesson about these beautiful creatures & how they receive their food from flowers!

Friday will be PE as usual, so please have your child choose appropriate clothing. Water bottles are a must! We still have several students without water bottles on a daily basis. Every student should be bringing a water bottle to school every day as we are outside whenever the weather allows & active children get thirsty!

May Day is coming up next Monday, May 1st. We are enjoying practicing our songs & looking forward to seeing all our families for this annual celebration. The program begins at 8:30am in front of the primary/toddler building. We will also be honoring our mothers on this day so all mothers (grandmothers, aunts, or other special persons) are invited to the classroom following the May Day celebration for light refreshments.

The Jekyll Island 4H trip is quickly approaching for our 3rd years. The students will be leaving on Wednesday, May 10th from the school at 5:30am and will return to the school on Friday, May 12th around 7:15.

**Reminder:** Water bottles are needed daily and shorts/dresses need to be fingertip length or longer. Privacy shorts are needed under dresses and skirts.

Ms. Stefanie & Ms. Maggie

### *Ms. Rebecca and Mr. Eric's class:*

Parents,

Here are a few reminders for the next several days:

- **Testing** continues this week. Make sure all students arrive on time, get plenty of rest at night, and eat a good breakfast.
- **PE** Friday
- **MayDay**/Mother's Day is Monday, May 1st. Bring a "branch of May" to give away and wear your Sunday best.
- May 2nd -- the 5th year students have a **Fire Safety Field Trip**. **We need one more driver to go on this trip**. We will leave school by 11:25 am and return at 2/2:30.

Thanks,

Upper Elementary

### *Adolescent News:*

Testing Week. We will test all week.

Esha and Cydney are taking the AP Exam for Human Geo at RHS on 5/12.

April 28: Havana Nights! We are trying to get 50 people to participate in this cultural exchange. The food and music are sure to transport you to Cuba. Join us this Friday night! Tickets are \$20 adults and \$10 children and are available in the office.

Thank you for your support of our businesses throughout the year. Without your support, we could not travel to the places we have gone and have these amazing experiences. We appreciate our Montessori School of Rome family so much!