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DOLPHIN TALES



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17TH- SQUARE ONE ART ORDERS ARE DUE

Historical Timeline

Fall Festival 5:30 to 7:30

Halloween Parade
10:30

Mack P.	10/03
Ari I.	10/06
Bodie L.	10/10
Sophie S.	10/13
Micah E.	10/14
Banks B.	10/16
Zack L.	10/18
Laina M.	10/19
Ben D.	10/28
Jason W.	10/29
Ava W.	10/30
Isla O.	10/31



Toddler News from Ms. Ginny & Ms. Pam

The month of September was great! We learned all about the zoo animals and their sounds. We also made some cute crafts.

For the month of October, we will learn about nocturnal animals. We will also read fun books on Halloween and learn cute songs! There will be plenty of crafts made this month also.

The toddlers will have their school pictures made on Wednesday, October 18. We have ours made first thing in the morning so send them in the clothes for the picture. You are welcome to send an extra set of clothes to change into after the pictures are made.

I have decided to return the \$45 toddler fees. It's not been 100% and would be too much to keep up with when it came to who did and who didn't pay. I'll just ask for money as needed.

On October 27 from 5:30 to 7:30, we will have our Fall festival. It's a fun time for all. I'll send out more information as it gets closer.

On October 31, we will have our Halloween parade. They may come to school dressed in their costumes and the parade starts at 10:30. No lunches are needed that day. We have a pizza lunch after the parade. I will take up \$5 from each family to pay for the child's pizza, fruit and drink.

Below are some important dates to remember:

10/17 - Square One art orders due. Please order some of the precious art for keepsakes. The school receives a portion of the proceeds!

10/27 - Fall Festival 5:30 to 7:30

10/31 - Halloween parade 10:30



Toddler News from Ms. Shannon & Ms. Dana



Happy fall! October is here and hopefully so is the fall weather! We really enjoyed our zoo studies last month but we are moving on to all things fall. In October we will talk about the life cycle of a pumpkin, the changing of the leaves, nocturnal animals, and Halloween. This month is going to be very busy! It would be wonderful if someone would donate some pumpkins for the class. I would love to have a small pie pumpkin for scrubbing and a large one to carve. Please let me know if you would like to donate one. We have our first outing this Friday to Copper Creek. We will meet there at 9:30. Don't forget to pack water and a snack for your little one. We usually have lunch later than our usual time. You will also need a lunch if you plan on staying for the picnic. It is going to be a blast!! If you need to bring your toddler back after the field trip you can but most people tend to take them home for a nap since it ends right as nap time should begin.

School pictures for our class will be Wednesday, October 18. Our pictures are taken outside by the trees and they are gorgeous. We will take both individuals and a class picture. These pictures will be available to buy and will also be used in our yearbook. Details about ordering both of these will follow soon. Make sure to send them in picture perfect! If you need to send a change of clothes for after pictures please feel free to do so.

I hope you loved your Square One artwork! I was pleased how our Dr. Seuss themed pictures came out. The orders must be placed by October 17. This is another fabulous fundraiser for our Booster program. Make sure to order some wonderful gifts for Christmas! It will be here before we know it! Speaking of our Boosters, have you joined yet? They are also having a fun trivia night on October 13. Get a team together and go! It's sure to be a blast!!

We will have our annual Fall Festival on Friday, October 27. It will be from 5:30 to 7:30. We will have inflatables, food, and fun. Don't miss it!

The Halloween parade will be held on October 31 at 10:30. The kids will come to school dressed in their costumes (please send a change of clothes for after). We will march around the upper playground. You are welcome to attend. It only lasts about ten minutes. Some parents attend, some choose not to if their child struggles with separation anxiety, and some come and take their child with them so they get a good nap

before going out to trick or treat. It's a personal choice so do whatever works best for your family. We will have pizza for lunch that day. The lunch is provided by your toddler

fees that you paid at the beginning of school. If you haven't sent yours in please do so. I am still missing a few people. Thanks!

Finally, thank you for all taking time to come meet with me to conference about your children. I am blessed with another wonderful class this year. I'm really enjoying getting to know you and your children. Thank you for your support and help to make our class a success!



News from Ms. Ana Maria & Ms. Valerie



Hello,

We had a great September. We studied all about North America. We learned about landmarks and food that is found in all the countries. The children did a great time trying new foods last week. We enjoyed popcorn, chips, salsa, guacamole, cheese dip, macaroni and cheese, rice and beans, tres leches, and guava paste. Be sure to ask your child what they tried. Thank you to everyone who brought in food and supplies for our tasting day. It was a great success!

We will now start studying South America and things about the ocean biome in October.

If there is anything that your child would like to bring in to share, please make sure their name is on it. We will study landmarks, culture and local foods of South America. We are excited to start a new continent!



With Halloween coming up, I need a favor. Our class will be doing Frank Sinatra/ The Rat Pack for the Christmas program. If you have any ideas for costumes, or see anything anywhere, please let me know. The Christmas program will be here before we know it. For the girls, I was going to get them long white gloves to wear with a fancy dress that they have. The boys are a different story, we of course need to find fedoras for the boys, but I was trying to figure out what clothes to have them wear. If anyone has any ideas, please let me know.



The Halloween Parade will be on Tuesday, October 31st. The parade will be at 10:30am on the upper playground. They will walk about and then march around the playground several times. It is always a fun event. If you are planning to come, I would suggest getting there a little early so you can get a parking space and so you don't miss the parade. The kids get so excited it goes pretty fast. The big rule with the costumes is that they cannot be scary or have weapons. Since the children do get to wear their costume to school that day, you are welcome to send in a change of clothes with your child. We are going to try our best not to let any costumes get dirty before you go trick or treating. If your child is leaving after the parade or lunch, just let me know.

Dates coming up:



Friday, October 6th- Field Trip to Copper Creek Farm

Friday, October 13th- Trivia Night (Please see email from office and flyers on the door for more details)

Saturday, October 14th- Primary meeting for first year parents at 9:00am

Tuesday, October 17th- Square One art orders are due

Friday, October 27th- Fall Festival (This will be after school) 5:30 to 7:30

Tuesday, October 31st- Halloween Parade at 10:30am



Primary News from Ms. Angie & Ms. Carolina



Happy October and welcome Fall!

September was amazing and it went by very quickly. The normalization period has occurred and it has been incredible watching your children settling in and eager to learn. If you would like to observe your child during the morning work cycle, it is available now.

October is always a very busy but fun month for learning. We have finished our studies about North America with a fabulous fruit salad. Each child brought some of their favorite fruits, and we all cut it and put it together. We loved seeing all of them trying it; they enjoyed it very much. This month will be all about South America—the oceans and the marine life. If you have anything that you would like your child to share it with the class, we will be more than happy to show it during line time.

Square One Art information has been sent home; you may look in the lobby at samples of the items available with your child's beautiful artwork. This fundraiser is a great one for our school, and we are sure that you will want to order many things. The money and order form is due by October 17th.

This month is full of crafts between Fall and Halloween. If you want to come and do a craft with the children, you are welcome to it! Please let us know to accommodate the best time for you. We would like to thank Abby and her family for donating pumpkins for our classroom. We will carve them and also do some pointillism activities with them.

A few important upcoming dates to remind you:

10/13 Trivia Night at the Housing Authority Gym
7:00 p.m.

10/14 First Year Primary Meeting 9:00

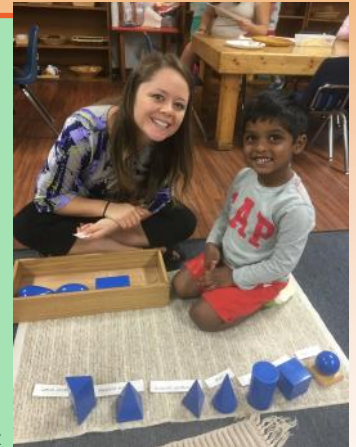
10/27 Fall Festival at our school 5:30 to 7:30

10/31 Halloween Parade 10:30

Please be on the lookout for more information as the event dates approach.

Thank you for all your support and everything that you do!!

Ms. Angie and Ms. Carolina



News here and there

Amazon Smile donates .5% to MSR Booster's Club.

Please use this link [.http://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1798713](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1798713) and ask your donors, volunteers, employees, and friends to bookmark this link so all their eligible shopping will benefit Montessori Parents Association Inc. Thank you!

Ms. Melanie's Musings

We are normalizing! We now welcome families to observe at school. I remember the days of observing my children through these same observation windows and conversing with other parents about our children. I encourage each of you to take the time from your busy days and observe the morning work cycle. One October about 21 years ago, I recall watching Ms. Swarna Kumar teach anatomy lessons with a skeleton display and seeing my 4-year-old son Michael climbing on a stepstool to point out the various body parts and name them with proper nomenclature. I can still see the look on his face of concentration and interest. These are the moments we remember. If I could tell my younger self one thing, it would probably be to enjoy the moments more and worry less.

You all have chosen an exceptional method of learning for your children, and you will see the results of it for decades to come!

We all enjoyed the toddler parent mixer so much! It's nice to meet our new families and welcome them into our MSR community. More fun is coming; please make plans on Friday, October 13, to attend the 2nd annual Booster's Trivia Night. Your donation of \$20 helps provide in house field trips for your children!

We have many great activities planned for October and look forward to seeing you at the Elementary Historical Timeline, Fall Festival on 10/27, and the Halloween Parade on 10/31 at 10:30.



Elementary News: Ms. Maggie and Ms. Stefanie



Happy Fall! We've had a busy month of September enjoying the Great Lessons and reaching normalization in the classroom. The students are settled into the classroom routine and working to gain more independence. We will have the next Great Lesson, The Coming of Humans, this week. This is a great time to be discussing your family's personal views and beliefs regarding the beginning of time, life, and humans.

The Lower El field trip to Carlton Farms is next week, October 11th. The students enjoyed this trip immensely last year and we are all looking forward to returning. Teachers will be driving, and we plan on leaving at 8:00. Please make sure students arrive at school on time wearing their field trip (MSOR) shirts. We will enjoy a tour of this working farm and learn about the work required to care for a herd of cows. We will also have a chance to feed hay to the cows, learn about the different baby animals, and try to find our way through an adventurous corn maze using a map. Each student will be able to bring home a small pumpkin. Please turn in your permission slip and \$7.00 to the office.



Historical Timeline will be here before we know it! Each student's speech should be approximately one-minute long. Speeches are due October 9th and should include information about the historical person that is interesting to the student and gives the reason why this person is remembered today. The class will be presenting to the residents of a local retirement home on Wednesday, October 18th and to the primary classes over a period of 3 days (Oct. 18 - Oct. 20). For the primary presentations we will have 3 groups of 5 students each with one group presenting each day. We will notify you of the day your child will be presenting. The students will need to come dressed in their historical costume on Wednesday the 18th for the retirement home presentation and also on the day they will be presenting to the primary classes. The evening presentations on October 23 & 24 will be held at the Northwest Georgia Housing Authority gym at 6:00 pm. Students will need to be dressed in costume and ready to line up at the gym at 5:45. Half the school will be presenting Monday night and the other half will present on Tuesday. We will notify you of the evening your child will be presenting. This is always a fun & informative evening! We look forward to seeing everyone there!

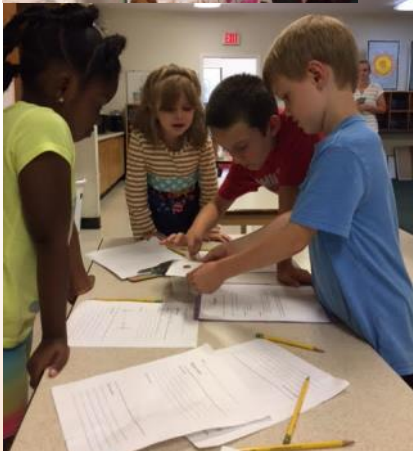
School pictures will be Tuesday, October 17th. Please have your child dressed in their best for the pictures and send a change of clothes so your child can enjoy recess! Sibling pictures will be made on October 17th as well.

Our Fall Festival is scheduled for Friday, October 27th! 5:30 to 7:30. Your child may wear their favorite costume. There will be inflatables and activities for everyone to enjoy!

On Halloween, October 31st the school will have a Halloween parade at 10:30 am. The students may wear their costumes to school (No scary costumes, please!). We will display our costumes in a fun parade around the lower el playground. You're welcome to come and enjoy the parade of interesting costumes! You may send a change of clothes if you do not want your child to stay in their costume all day.

October is a busy month with all the special activities we have here at Montessori! We appreciate all the families being so supportive of our school. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Historical Timeline presentations and Fall Festival!

Ms. Maggie & Ms. Stefanie



Elementary News: Ms. Dolores



The first six weeks of school have been successfully completed and your children have settled in nicely. Thank you so much for making the time to attend a parent/teacher conference to discuss your child's progress in more detail. The window beside our classroom door is now available to all, if you wish to observe your child in his/her learning environment.

Our 3rd year students did a great job and thoroughly enjoyed presenting the 2nd Great Lesson – The Timeline of Life – to their elementary peers. This coming Friday we will be treated to a presentation of the 3rd Great Lesson – The Coming of Man – by the Upper Elementary students. Upcoming afternoon lessons include: the water cycle, the carbon cycle, plate tectonics, earthquakes, and experiments demonstrating the different states of matter.



We're excited that it's Fall, and October promises to be a month full of fun and exciting activities. The Lower Elementary classes will both be going to Carlton Farm on Tuesday, October 11. We will not need drivers for this trip, but it is important to get your signed permission slip and payment (\$7) in ASAP.

The Boosters Club will be sponsoring a **Trivia Night on Friday, October 13**. Be sure to see the details provided earlier in this newsletter.

Historical Timeline projects are coming along and I can't wait to see the final performances. Speeches are due on Monday and we will spend some time in class practicing. Your child's presentation will run much more smoothly if he/she gets additional practice at home with a focus on telling stories rather than memorizing facts. More information will come home with Friday's homework regarding when each character is scheduled to perform for the primary classes on **October 18, 19, or 20**. All students should come to school in costume on Wednesday, October 18, as we will be visiting Winthrop Manor for a presentation to the residents there. Also, we will be doing the parent presentations on two separate nights, **Monday, October 23** and **Tuesday, October 24**. **Please let us know ASAP if you prefer one night over the other.** It is very inconvenient to make changes after the event programs have been prepared.

School pictures are scheduled to be taken on **Tuesday, October 17**. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately and send separate clothes to change into before recess, if necessary.

Hopefully, there is still room on your October calendar because the Boosters will be sponsoring our annual **Fall Festival on Friday, October 27 from 5:30 until 7:30**. More details will follow as we get closer to the date, but it's an event NOT to be missed.



News from Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Kaitlin



October Newsletter

We had a great time on our bonding trip to Cloudland Canyon at the end of August. Students enjoyed a picnic lunch and a hike down into the canyon. That evening was filled with canoeing, paddle boating, fishing and s'mores by a campfire.

Our September outing was a field trip to Fernbank Museum. Students participated in a "Geological Walk Through Georgia" via a scavenger hunt. After lunch, students explored the Fernbank Forest and the Wildwoods adventure walk in the treetops. We hope you enjoy the pictures from Cloudland Canyon and Fernbank Museum.

October events and important dates at a glance:

Upper Elementary students presented the Timeline of Man to Lower Elementary on Friday, October 6th.

-Historical Timeline Milestone #3- Book Report is due on Monday, October 9th.

-Fire Safety for 5th years is on October 10th this month.

-Cooking Day- Friday, October 13th

-Historical Timeline Milestone #4- Monday, October 16th

-4-H for all students Thursday October 19th

-Historical Timeline Milestone #5- Friday, October 20th

-October outing to perform Historical Timeline at the Renaissance Marquis is Monday, October 23rd.

-Historical Timeline presentations-Monday and Tuesday, October 23rd and 24th

-Fall Festival is Friday, October 27th from 5:30-7:30

Halloween Parade-Wednesday, October 31st- no masks or scary costumes. 10:30



TRIVIA NIGHT

**Invite your friends and come test your knowledge at the
2nd Annual
MSR Adult Trivia Night!!**

When: Friday, October 13th, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Northwest Georgia Housing Authority Gym, 560 North Division, behind the apartments (same place as Historical Timeline and the Science Fair)

Teams: Maximum eight people. No worries if you don't have a team of eight. Just sign up on the sheet, and we'll help you form your team. Sign-up sheet outside of the office or sign up by emailing Ms. Melanie at office@msor.org

Food: Light appetizers, BYOB (cups, ice, cooler **NOT** provided)

Cost: \$20 per person

Prizes will be given to the winning team!! Money raised from the Adult Trivia Night will go towards purchasing in-house field trips