

## Office Notes January 23, 2018

**Illness:** We are disinfecting, sanitizing, and hand-washing diligently; however, we need your help in curtailing the spread of the flu. It is in every school, and our school is no exception. There have been children with flu-like symptoms in each program.

**Please do not send your child to school until they have been fever-free and symptom free without medication for 24 hours.** Please do not send them with a productive cough. Please err on the side of caution and keep them from school if they are feeling badly and “off”. For the sake of the child who is ill and the ones who are healthy, it is important to keep them at home until they are no longer contagious. Thank you so much for your help as we get through this flu season!

### Open House: Mark your calendars for Thursday, January 25!

Who attends: Anyone whose child is moving up to the next program.

Times: Toddler and Primary is from 5:30 to 6:30

Elementary and Adolescent is from 6:30 to 7:30.

Bring your child and come to the classroom, meet the teachers, and see the materials they will be using in the next program.

We do not advertise much, preferring word of mouth referrals. We will have a waiting list for toddlers and primary, so please let your friends know to apply early! For prospective families, the first step is to email [office@msor.org](mailto:office@msor.org) and set up a tour.

**Winterfest:** Friday, January 19 from 6 to 8:30 at the Division Street Gym. Come enjoy food, fun, and fellowship! So that Ms. Shemi will know how much food to prepare, please RSVP to [office@msor.org](mailto:office@msor.org)

### Booster's Club:

**\*\* Save the Date\*\* Annual Auction Friday March 2, 2018 at Mellow Mushroom**

Thank you to our Booster's Club for sponsoring these events this month:

**January 29. Cathy from Tattling Tales will do the following presentations here at the school.**

[8:15](#) - Lower El (Ms. Noodlehead Goes to Georgia)

[10:00](#) - Toddler (Storytime)

[10:30](#) - Primary (Storybook Express)

[1:00](#) - Upper El (Buttons for General Washington)

### Storytelling:

Ms. Mary Elena Kirk of the Ridge and Valley Storytelling Guild began working with Upper Elementary on storytelling yesterday! The sessions are from 2:30 to 3:30 on January 22, January 25, January 29, February 1, February 5 and February 8. One student from Upper El will be chosen to compete in the

storytelling contest at the Big Fibbers Festival on Saturday, March 17. Thank you to the Boosters for sponsoring this event!

So that we can raise funds to sponsor more great events, we need your support for our March 2 auction.

If you know of a company to ask for an item we can use at the auction, please let us know!

If you are willing to contact 5 companies or people (we provide the names),

please email Ms. Melanie and let her know. [melanie@msor.org](mailto:melanie@msor.org)

## This and That:

### Stop the Bleed Training:

Thank you to Chris Butler of Floyd Medical Center (Alex's daddy) for providing training for our staff. Our staff attended training on January 11 for tourniquet application and how to pack a wound to stop the bleeding. They also provided us with a box of ice/heat packs! Thank you so much for this valuable training!

<https://www.dhs.gov/stopthebleed>

### Yearbooks:

To get your child's name printed in gold stamped letters, you must order before January 29. To order, go to [www.inter-state.com/yearbook](http://www.inter-state.com/yearbook) and enter code 21816B

If you do not want personalization, you still must order before March 1.

### Instagram:

We now have an Instagram: Follow us at [montessori\\_schoolofrome](https://www.instagram.com/montessori_schoolofrome) If you search for Montessori School of Rome, we should appear.

## *Ms. Ginny and Ms. Pam:*

Today we enjoyed outside time! Yesterday too! Talk with your child about the Arctic animals. They love talking about penguins and polar bears. That's the favorites right now. They love reading books about them.

For Open House, it is only for the children who will be 3 by September 1<sup>st</sup>. They will come visit Primary from 5:30 to 6:30. If you know of any families who may want to join our school next year, please invite them to come on Thursday as well. We will have a waiting list next year! Tell your friends to come for a tour now. 😊

We are beginning our studies of Denmark. If you have any books or materials from this country, please let us borrow them for this study.

Please see the notes from the office re: illness and the rules on returning to school following illness. **The important thing to remember is the child must be fever free for a full 24 hours without medication before they can return to school.**

Thank you for helping us keep everyone healthy!

Ms. Melanie has set up an Instagram account for Montessori School of Rome. Please follow us and enjoy the pictures of the children!

### *Ms. Shannon and Ms. Dana:*

This class loves the Arctic! We went to the library yesterday and Ms. Carol was so impressed with all they knew. As I said last week, they are huge fans of penguins. Ask them if they can tell you about baby penguins. They are amazed at how they eat.

We are hosting an Open House event this Thursday. If your child is moving up to Primary, please make sure to attend. If you know anyone looking for a school for their child, please invite them to visit. It's from 5:30 to 6:30 for Toddler/Primary and 6:30-7:30 for Elementary/Adolescent. Thanks!

Don't forget that the Adolescent Class is hosting a Winterfest carnival this week. A flyer went home earlier this week. It will be Friday at the Division Street Gym from 6-8:30. The cost is \$5. There will be inflatables, fun, and food.

We will have an in-house field trip on Monday, January 29. The Boosters have invited a storyteller to come for us. We are so excited! We have such an awesome Boosters Club!

Well, sickness has finally hit our class. Be considerate of others if your child is not feeling well; please do not give them medicine and send them in. On Monday we had 13 here and today we were down to 8. We are cleaning and disinfecting every day and focusing on hand washing. Hopefully, this will pass through quickly - the symptoms I'm hearing about are varied from flu type, stomach issues, cough, runny nose, and fevers. The handbook states a child with stomach issues or fever needs to be **symptom-free for 24 hours without medication** before returning to school.

We will start our International Day studies of Madagascar very soon. In preparation for next month, I've been getting our menu ready for our feast. Recipes will be posted Friday on our classroom door. Please make sure to stop by and sign up. Remember to make preparations to come for the International day feast and presentation on February 22.

### *Ms. Ana Maria and Ms. Valerie:*

Hello!

-I hope everyone is staying well. We have been trying our best to keep germs out of the classroom. Please take some time today to wash or Lysol spray anything that is sent to school. This could be coats, gloves, hats, nap rolls, lunch boxes, book bags, or library bags. Also wash water bottles in hot, soapy water daily. We want to make sure that everyone stays well or gets better very soon!

-The MSOR Winterfest will be this Friday, January 26th. It will be at the Division Street Gym from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. The tickets will be sold at the door and will cost \$5. Please RSVP to the office so that the Adolescent Class knows how much food to prepare.

-Open House will be this Thursday. Third years please plan to visit Lower Elementary at 6:30pm. I know the parents already came to the meeting regarding Lower Elementary; this Open House is an opportunity for your child to see the classroom and see students working. Please be sure to share our Open House flyer on Facebook.

-With all the snow days we have been having, we learned that not everyone is receiving text messages and emails from school messenger. Please let me know if you do not receive the text messages.

-If you ordered a class photo with school pictures, please let me know.

- Montessori is on Instagram. Be sure to look up Montessori School of Rome and follow us.

-Looking ahead:

February 22nd- International Day

March 2nd- Auction

March 9th- Parent/teacher conferences- Half Day

March 23rd- Easter Egg Hunt

March 26-30 Spring Break

April 20th- Gardening and Special Persons Day

April 27th- Field Trip to the Chattanooga Zoo. We will need to arrive before 9:45am.

*Ms. Angie and Ms. Carolina:*

Hello everyone!

This should be a full week of school. Let's hope that we stay healthy and the flu bug stays away. We have been cleaning and keeping lots of Lysol nearby. We have also been washing our hands after EVERYTHING we touch it seems like. We are trying to combat this flu bug because we do not want it to spread.

We have a few reminders for the week and a list of upcoming events.

\*\*\*Open House is Thursday. Please come if your child is moving to a new program.\*\*

\*\*\*Winterfest is Friday from 6-8:30 at the gym on Division Street. RSVP to [office@msor.org](mailto:office@msor.org) so Ms. Shemi will know how much food to prepare.\*\*\*

\*\*\*If you ordered a class picture and did not receive one, please see me. If you would like to purchase one, I do have them for \$10 per picture.\*\*

\*\*\*We have begun our studies of Switzerland. If you have anything to share, please let me know.\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*Important Dates\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*1/25           Open House

\*\*\*1/26           Winterfest

\*\*\*2/22           International Day

\*\*\* 3/02           Auction

\*\*\*3/09           Parent/teacher conferences 1/2 day

- \*\*\*3/23 Easter Egg Hunt at school
- \*\*\*3/26-3/30 Spring Break
- \*\*\*4/20 Gardening and Special person day
- \*\*\*4/27 Class outing to the Chattanooga Zoo. We need to meet there by 9:45.

Have a great week and stay healthy!!

Ms. Angie

### *Ms. Dolores and Ms. Anna:*

Winterfest will be this Friday, January 26, at the Division Street gym. Please email [office@msor.org](mailto:office@msor.org) to R.S.V.P. if your family plans to attend the event. There will be fun activities and food for you and your children to enjoy! The cost is \$5.

Lower El Open House is scheduled for this Thursday, January 25 at 6:30. We look forward to seeing the students moving up to the next program! We know our 3<sup>rd</sup> year students are excited to visit Upper Elementary!

This Friday will be our first day of basketball at the YMCA. Please make sure that the students are wearing non-marking sole shoes to the gym and appropriate gym attire.

Please wash lunch boxes, water bottles and jackets as we try to prevent the spread of germs. We're being diligent about hand washing at school, and we appreciate your help at home! Please do not have your child return to school until they are completely recovered from any illness – that means **24 hour fever free without any medication.**

Ask your child about our South African studies. In the hallway, you can see some of our South African crafts. We look forward to Charl's family coming to share information about South Africa with us. Mark your calendars to join us for International Day on February 23!

Thank you,

Ms. Anna

### *Ms. Maggie and Ms. Stefanie:*

Hello,

This Friday will be our first day of basketball at the YMCA. Please make sure that the students are wearing non-marking sole shoes to the gym and appropriate gym attire.

International Day is February 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are starting to work on our Ukrainian dance and we are excited to perform for everyone!

The International Day feast sign up list is posted on our classroom door. If you do not recognize one of the food items, I sent an email to you earlier with pictures. I will also email a recipe for specific food choices.

Open house is this Thursday from 6:30-7:30 for all third years moving to Upper Elementary.

On January 29<sup>th</sup>, the Tattlingtales Production will be presenting Ms. Noodlehead Goes to Georgia to Lower Elementary.

Please remember to bring a water bottle every day and we recommend washing them in hot, soapy water every day.

Thank you,

Ms. Maggie & Ms. Stefanie

### *Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Kaitlin:*

Parents:

We are excited to get back in routine and have a complete academic week!! As February approaches quickly, it is important to make note of all upcoming activities.

**Fencing Club:** Some of our students are continuing to perfect their fencing skills in the Fencing Club. The sessions will be on Mondays from 3 to 4:15. They will be held in Ms. Dolores' classroom. The first date is January 22. Please have your child wear long pants on fencing days and long sleeve shirts.

**Story Telling Club:** Upper Elementary students are excited to participate in the Story Telling Club, instructed by Ms. Kirk, provided to us by the Boosters (Thank You!!). Classes will be held on *Monday and Thursdays* from 2:30-3:30 for *three weeks*. The first session will begin on **Monday, January 22nd**; please accommodate for the pick-up time on those days. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to prepare for the upcoming presentations and invitation to the student competition at the *Big Fibbers Festival, March 17th*.

**Open House:** The Montessori Open House is Thursday, January 25th for families that will be transitioning to the next program. Times: 5:30 to 6:30 is Toddler and Primary. 6:30 to 7:30 is Elementary and Adolescents. We would appreciate assistance from any 4th or 5th year student willing to attend.

January & February Overview:

Jan. 22nd - Story Telling Club 2:30-3:30; Fencing 3:00-4:15

Jan. 25th - Story Telling Club 2:30-3:30; Open House 5:30-7:30

Jan. 26 - Winterfest 6:00 to 8:30 Division Street Gym

Jan. 29th - Tattling Tales Story Teller (In-class speaker); Story Telling Club 2:30-3:30; Fencing 3:00-4:15

Feb. 1st - Story Telling Club 2:30-3:30

Feb. 5th - Story Telling Club 2:30-3:30; Fencing 3:00-4:15

Feb. 6th - Fire Safety

Feb. 8th - 4-H; Story Telling Club 2:30-3:30

Feb. 9th - Science Fair Milestone #1 due (more details will be sent home soon)

Feb. 12th - Fencing 3:00-4:15

Feb. 16th - Science Fair Milestone #2 due

Feb. 19th - Fencing 3:00-4:15

Feb. 23rd - INTERNATIONAL DAY!!!

Feb. 26th - Outing to Tellus Museum; Science Fair Milestone #3 due

Feb. 27th - Go Science Zone (In-house field trip), thank you Boosters!

Additional Notes:

\* Some students have already chosen the picture book that they will read to the Toddler class. Please remind students that they should practice reading aloud and showing the pictures!!

\* To help with the spread of the flu virus, please remind students to wash lunch boxes, water bottles, outerwear, gloves, scarfs, etc.

\* Winterfest: Division Street Gym @ 6-8:30, January 26th. Students brought home a flyer with more detail and the office emailed a flyer. Please RSVP so that Ms. Shemi will know how much food to prepare.

Thank you,

Ms. Rebecca