

Office Notes

Please see the International Day schedule online at

<http://msor.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/International-Day-Schedule-2017-2018-.pdf>

Terrific Kids:

Congratulations to Ansley Combes and Aubree Crider for being selected as the "Terrific Kids" for the Noon Optimist Club award. The banquet was last evening, and they represented our school well!

Valentine's Day Babysitting:

Sign up in the morning at the office! 5:30 to 10:00 hosted by the adolescent class. Flyers were sent home earlier with details.

Yearbooks:

Order your yearbooks now before the deadline of March 1 slips up on you. Ms. Reine has been working diligently to make a great publication to preserve the memories of this school year.

Ms. Ginny's Tuesday notes

Hello, we need your help with Denmark cuisine! It is traditional for each family to provide a dish on our International Day Celebration. All of you are invited, so we think it will be a fun time. There are many interesting recipes and variations. We'd love for it to be authentic enough, yet kid friendly. Pork is very big in Denmark, so we are thinking a pork roast would be yummy. You can check out recipes online and modify as need be. There is a dish that's called Mansaka that's like a casserole using ground beef. That one also sounds good. We will have a few recipes on the door if you'd like to use one or use your own recipe for whatever you sign up for.

The Danes are known for their pastries and breads also. We will have authentic Aebleshivers made by Wyatt's mom but would love cheese Danishes or other type pastries as well. We don't think the children will eat the heavier breads that the Danes make like Rye, so we ask for you to modify that. For vegetables, we would love to try the sugar brown potatoes that are talked about a lot when we google recipes from Denmark. Cabbage is mentioned along with other root vegetables. We ask that everyone please sign up, and we plan on approximately 30 adults and 14 children. That being said, we don't expect each of you to fix enough of one item to feed everyone. Example if we have 4 meat dishes, we wouldn't expect each dish to feed everyone. We, of course, want everyone who would like to be able to try things so just keep that in mind when preparing.

We are working on International Day but with the flu catching both Ms. Pam and me, we are running short on time! The children have been attentive and are picking up on the different things we have discussed. This was not a good month to have been out sick for a week, but we will do the best we can!

Tomorrow is Valentine's Day. Please be sure to send in cards with your child's name on them (only from ... not to). That way they can drop one in each child's bag. We decorated our bags today and are all ready♡!! Thanks to Chloe's grandmother for volunteering to send in a special snack for the children tomorrow!

Ms. Shannon's Tuesday notes

We are enjoying our lessons on Madagascar. This week we have covered a lot about life on Madagascar. We talked about their houses, school, jobs, foods, transportation, and general day-to-day life there. The kids are enjoying the new song that we are practicing on the "drums" that Liam's mom brought for us.

We will be wearing lambas on International Day. I have ordered the material for these, using the money from our toddler fees. Please have your child wear black pants and shirts on that day, if possible. Please make sure that if you can't wear black that it's at least a solid dark color. Thanks!

We still have a few recipes that need to be signed. It's customary that each family brings a dish to share. Please respond to this email to let me know how many people are attending from your family so that we can make sure we have enough food.

Tomorrow is Valentine's Day! Each child needs to bring in 14 Valentines addressed from your child. We will make bags tomorrow as they arrive. They will deliver them later in the morning. Jamesen is bringing a special treat. Thank you!

Ms. Ana María's Tuesday notes

Hello!

I am so sorry! With everything going on with International Day, I completely forgot to talk about Valentine's Day in last week's notes.

We, of course, will have a little **Valentine's Day party**. We will decorate bags before Wednesday to place Valentine Cards in. Your child will need to bring in 23 Valentine cards. (It is sometimes a good idea to send in a few extra just in case.) They should not be addressed, they should only say who they are from. We will use this party to reinforce our grace and courtesy lessons we have been learning throughout the year. We will staple the bags shut and send them home for the children to open at home. Tanner's family is bringing in cookies as a treat that day. Thank you to Tanner and his family!

International Day:

It is coming up fast! Thank you to everyone who has signed up to bring food for international day! A schedule will be going out soon for International day. That way if you have more than one child at Montessori you can make plans to see both performances.

Costumes:

Boys will need khaki pants, white button up shirt, and the black suspenders from the holiday program. We have bought Irish Caps for the boys.

Girls will need black socks and white leggings. (I am hoping they still have white leggings from the holiday program. If not, Wal- Mart does have a lot.) We have bought white shirts and Irish skirts for the girls.

Money for costumes:

Boys: \$4

Girls: \$10

We have been practicing saying numbers 1-10 in Gaelic. The children are doing a much better job than I am.

Here is a link to a video so the children can practice it at home: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pBB3Ga48Jck>

Yearbooks- Yearbooks need to be ordered by March 1st. To order go to www.inter-state.com/yearbook and enter code 21816B. The yearbooks are always so amazing and a great way to remember the school year.

Third Year Parents- Please be sure to email a baby picture to Ms. Melanie.

Reader Days: Mondays and Thursdays are reader days. Please be sure to send in any reader you may have at home so that we can work on it in class.

-Looking ahead:

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ana Maria

Ms. Angie's Tuesday notes

Hi everyone!!!

Please remember that tomorrow is Valentine's Day. Your child will need to bring in 24 cards that they have signed. They do not need to be addressed to anyone specifically. The children will give one to each of their classmates. We will practice grace and courtesy during this time. We have a parent sending in cookies to decorate tomorrow. There is no need to worry as hand washing is heavily emphasized during the food prep time. 🍪

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Look for a separate email that details all information about next Thursday.

It addresses food/ costumes/ posters/ music/ speaking parts.

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Thanks,

Ms. Angie and Ms. Carolina

Ms. Dolores's Tuesday Notes

Hello,

Your child is welcome to bring in valentine cards and a treat for class tomorrow! We have 15 students in our class.

International Day is fast approaching! We look forward to sharing what all we have learned with you about South Africa next Friday, February 23rd. If you would like to come and assist in decorating our room, please let us know. We would welcome any help! The sign-up sheet for parent/teacher conferences as well as the sign-up sheet for our South African menu is posted outside of the classroom door.

We are planning on having the YMCA on Friday. Please have your child wear their gym attire to school and bring their water bottle.

Thank you,

Ms. Anna

Ms. Maggie's Tuesday Notes

Hello,

We are well underway with our Ukraine studies and decorations. We still have a few spots left on our classroom feast sign up list. If you have not done so already, please sign up for an item to bring for International Day. We are excited to try breakfast dishes from Ukraine!

Our parent presentation will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 23rd. We hope that everyone will be able to attend! Parents of siblings in multiple classes should choose 1 class for the 11:00 a.m. and see what other time works on the schedule for you to see the other class presentation.

Our students will need the following clothing items for International Day:

Boys- black pants (dress pants) and black shoes. They will also need to wear a white button up shirt. If they do not have a white button up shirt please let me know!

Girls- black tights/leggings and black shoes.

Valentine's Day is tomorrow! We have 15 students in our class. If you would like to send in cards, please send them signed by your child but not addressed to anyone so that they can hand them out independently.

Science Fair project proposal forms were due Monday, February 12th. If you did not turn your proposal form in, please do so ASAP.

We are planning on having the YMCA on Friday. Please have your child wear their gym attire to school and bring their water bottle.

Thank you,

Ms. Maggie and Ms. Stefanie

Ms. Rebecca's Tuesday notes

Parents:

Next week is International Day!!!! We are busy in the classroom preparing the room and our presentations. Students are enjoying their research and hands-on activities.

6th Year Parents - Please remember to send in baby pictures to the office for the yearbook.

Wednesday, students will have a Valentine Exchange in the classroom. There are 22 students in the classroom (13 girls, 9 boys). Ms. Kaitlin and I are planning a special Valentine's treat for the students.

The next step for the Science Fair Project is due this Friday (2/16/18). Students are asked to write a hypothesis and conduct background research on their topic. At least two sources

are required, one from a reference book and one from a reliable internet source (.edu, .org, .gov...).

We have another confirmed case of flu in the classroom. Students are advised to frequently wash hands, avoid touching mouth & nose, respect others' personal space, and wash outer wear. **Please wash water bottles each day in hot, soapy water.** We also want to advise parents that if your child is not feeling well, please allow them a day to rest and monitor their symptoms. There are 8 more weeks of flu season, so the end is not yet in sight.

There is a *food sign-up sheet* outside our classroom with suggested recipes. Thank you for the speedy response by so many families!!! Also, we are asking for a **costume fee of \$15** from each student to cover the cost of our International Day costumes this year (please turn in by this Friday). We will present on Friday, February 23rd; lunch will follow our parent presentation, which begin at 11:30AM. Students are encouraged to pack a snack (not messy) on this day! The school schedule for International Day presentations was sent in previous email to you.

Friday is **Chinese New Year!!!!** Students would like to prepare Ramen Noodles and practice their chopstick skills. If you would like, please send in a packet with your student next week. We will also have our monthly **Garden Club** meeting on Friday with Ms. Kathy Donahue.

Thank you,

Ms. Rebecca