

Weekly Notes February 6, 2019

Two events for Valentine's Day:

February 14: 5:30 to 10:00. A flyer was sent home about this event. Parent's Night Out. Adolescent Class sponsored child care.

February 15: Elementary sleepover. The information and sign up is in the main lobby on the bookcase. Secondary sponsored event.

Both events benefit the Adolescent and Secondary travel fund. We appreciate your support!

Baby Pictures:

3rd year primary students in Ms. Angie's afternoon class and 6th year students in Ms. Rebecca's class need to email Ms. Robin at robin@msor.org a baby picture Please be sure the picture is of good quality. These pictures will be used in the yearbook. Please turn these in before Friday, February 22.

Lil Gunners:

It's time to sign up for Lil Gunners!

Please come to the main lobby and get a sign-up sheet located in a folder on the bookcase and return to the main office. Space is limited. There are two sessions, both on Mondays.

Session I: 2:15 to 2:45

Session II: 2:45 to 3:15.

Details are on the form.

Lost and Found

Ms. Carol has placed items on the table in the Resource Room. Please check to see if there is a missing item you need! There is a very nice towel, swimsuit and bag along with several other items in our Lost and Found box. It is in the Resource Room (the room off the main lobby) in a wicket basket labeled Lost and Found ☺ The items will be donated at the end of the month.

Illnesses:

We are trying to keep germs out of the classrooms. We are having the children wash their hands a lot and we are cleaning everything we possibly can. When you have a chance, please review the handbook on illnesses. You can find information on pages 14 and 15. Here is a link to the handbook: <http://msor.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/MSR-Parent-Student-Handbook-Current-Year-.pdf>

Tuition:

Several families utilize online bill pay through their bank. Please make sure that your bank sends the checks for receipt by the 5th of each month. When they are sending paper checks, it sometimes takes up to seven days for us to receive them, making the tuition payment late. Thank you!

Ms. Ginny and Ms. Pam

Valentine's Day: Please send in 14 cards labeled from. Please do not mark the "to" so that the children can drop them in the bags by themselves. We have bags here to decorate. We need a volunteer to bring in a special snack. Please email me if you would like to do so.

The Sign-up sheet is on the door for International Day. Please sign up to bring a dish from Australia!

The children are learning about kangaroos, koalas, platypus, kookaburra, and wombats! Ask your child about these animals. Next is the Great Barrier Reef.

Ms. Shannon, Ms. Rachel, and Ms. Kayla

Valentine's Day: Please send in 21 cards labeled from. Please do not mark the "to" so that the children can drop them in the bags by themselves. We have bags here to decorate. We need a volunteer to bring in a special snack. Please email me if you would like to do so.

The Sign-up sheet is on the door for International Day. The Chen and Wu families are providing lunch. We need help with plates, silverware, drinks and few other things.

This week we have been learning about Chinese New Year. We had a great time watching the Dragon Dance. We also enjoyed oranges and Pocky sticks for snack.

Ms. Ana Maria and Ms. Valerie

Hello,

I cannot believe it is February. This school year has been going by so fast. We have posted a sign-up list for the International Day lunch beside our closet door. Please look at the sign-up list to see what you can bring/make for our lunch. We have also posted some recipes beside the sign-up list. The children are so excited to try food from Nepal. We really appreciate all your help in making this International Day amazing.

Costumes for International Day:

Boys will need khaki pants and a white long sleeve shirt. The white shirt can be a button up or just a plain long sleeve shirt.

Alexis, Athan's Mom, will be making gray vests for the boys to wear and then we will be making some simple hats for them to wear.

Girls will need some white or black leggings to wear.

Carol, Jamesen's Grandmother, will be making skirts for the girls. The school will be providing red shirts for them to wear and we will be making some necklaces in class.

There will be a fee for the costumes that are being made but the children will get to keep the costumes. The fee goes to cover the material for the vests, hats, and skirts. We will let you know as soon as we know how much it will be.

Thank you so much to Alexis and Carol! The children are going to look amazing on International Day.

Thursday, February 14th- Valentine's Day:

We will be having a little Valentine's Day party. We will decorate bags before Thursday 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.

A Few Reminders:

- If your child needs a fork or spoon at lunch, please be sure to send one in.
- Please check your child's clothes bin. We are finding that a few boxes are empty or still have summer clothing in them.
- Please be sure your child is in the classroom before 8:30am. They need to have time to put their things away and settle into the classroom before the day begins. Please remember, for third years, three tardies counts as an unexcused absence.
- Children are only allowed to wear sneakers to school.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ana Maria

Ms. Angie and Ms. Carolina

Hello,

This **Friday, February 8th**, we will be celebrating Wanling's birthday, her family will bring a pizza lunch and a treat for our class, so no lunch needed this Friday.

It's hard to believe we are in February, our busiest, but the most fun month of the school year. We are immersing ourselves completely into our Philippines studies for International Day, please remember to mark your calendars for February 21st.

Abby's family has kindly offered to cook most of the food for us, however, we still need other parents to cook some of the traditional Filipino dishes, we are posting the menu next to our classroom door and we will have recipes ready for you. Please look at the sign-up list to see what you can bring/make for our lunch. We really appreciate all your help in making this International Day amazing.

International Day:

Abby's family have bought a few of the traditional clothing outfits, and we will sort them out and give you a detailed list by Friday of what each child needs to wear. Thank you so much to Abby's parents! The children are going to look amazing on International Day.

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Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you so much for all you do!

Angie & Carolina

Ms. Dolores and Ms. Robin

Recipes for Spanish cuisine were sent by email. Thank you for responding. Pay attention to serving sizes and double the recipe when needed. We will have 30 – 45 guests to feed. Please stick to the recipe as much as possible so we end up with an authentic Spanish meal, though you may need to tone down some of the spiciness, so the dish won't be too hot for the children to eat. If someone would like to make some fried calamari, let me know. I didn't add it to the list because the calamari should be fried here, so it's hot and fresh. Reheated calamari is not very appetizing, and I'm not sure how many of the children will eat it anyway.

Paper products and drinks will be provided.

We'll decide in the next day or two if we'll be performing a Don Quixote skit and that will determine the direction our costumes take. I'll send another email out later this week.

Your child has a red plastic folder for all the International Day/Spain information they are accumulating. Please remind them to bring this folder to class every day.

Science Fair Project Request sheets were sent home last Friday in your child's homework folder. An excellent resource for ideas is <https://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/science-projects>. They have a topic selection wizard that you can go through with your child to find something interesting. In order to truly experience using the scientific method, your child should not know in advance what the outcome of the experiment will be. Project requests are due on Monday, February 11. Please let me know if you need assistance.

Next week, on Thursday, February 14, we will celebrate Valentine's Day. Your child may bring in store-bought or handmade cards for their classmates (13). Parents are welcome to send in a sweet or savory treat.

Ms. Dolores

Ms. Maggie and Ms. Stefanie

Happy February everyone!

Please be sure and read the email about Science Fair which was sent out earlier today.

On Thursday, February 14, please send in cards for your classmates. 18 students are in our class.

Parents, if you would like to bring in a treat, please email me.

Also, please sign up for a dish to bring for International Day. We are loving learning about Ghana.

Be sure and ask your child what they are learning!

Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Kaitlin

Parents:

A few things to know regarding next week -

* Valentine Exchange Thursday, February 14th - students will exchange cards with classmates (13 boys, 9 girls)

* Outing - Friday, February 15th to Dr. Donner's presentation of the Heart (pizza lunch provided)

* International Day Menu/Sign-up is posted

* Science Fair milestone #2 is due Monday 11th

Also, if students have not already brought in their own copy of **'Bud, Not Buddy'**, please do so as soon as possible. We will begin our reading in March.

Thank you,

Ms. Rebecca