

Tuesday Notes February 18, 2020

Parent Education Night with Ms. Shemi:

Date: Monday, February 24

Time: 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Who attends? Parents of Third Year Primary students who are moving to Lower Elementary (if your child is in Ms. Angie's afternoon class, you need to attend this education night about the Montessori Elementary curriculum).

Where: Lower Elementary classrooms

**Childcare will be provided! Ms. Olivia and Ms. Sarah will watch your children while Ms. Shemi takes you on a tour of the Montessori classroom and explains the many benefits of the elementary curriculum.

Ms. Shemi requests your presence to gain insight and ask questions! Please rsvp to office@msor.org so we will be prepared for the childcare numbers.

International Day:

I interviewed a few students from Lower Elementary about International Day, and here are some snippets of what they have learned:

Molly Echols, 2nd year

"My speech is about religion. Many people in Vietnam practice Buddhism. My favorite art was making the lotus blossom, their national flower."

Anika Glover – 1st year

Vietnam: "Tet is an important holiday because it is a New Year's celebration. It lasts a whole week!"

Milan Levy – 1st year

Israel "We are doing a lot of artwork. We are making stained glass art to put in the marketplace we are making. The Romans destroyed the Western Wall, and it was really sad. Maybe someday there will be peace."

Gabriel – 3rd year

Israel "Every Saturday is called Shabbat where you can't do any work. You cook on Friday so that they can spend the day with your family. The Western Wall was part of a temple that was destroyed two times, and now they put their prayers in it. "

Ace – 3rd year

"Vietnam buildings are over thousands of years old. They have puppet shows, and we are going to do a puppet show. I made a puppet for the show. We have props for our speeches, and my speech is about economics."

Ms. Ginny's Class:

Hola! We have talked about all things Mexico, and we can't wait to show you our rain forest and ocean. The children have learned a bit of Spanish, and they sing some cute songs about the colors and the flag of Mexico. On Thursday, please wear a white t-shirt either long or short sleeves and blue jeans to school. We have the ponchos here. **Our time is 10:45 on Thursday**, and please arrive early because the parking lot will be full, and our presentation is short. I don't want you to miss it! If you want to see any of the other performances, the office is sending a schedule of all the classes. Please have your food ready when you come because we don't have enough microwaves to heat up. Crock pots are great! We can't wait to see you in Mexico on Thursday!

Ms. Shannon's Class:

Thursday is the big day!! International day is this Thursday. We will perform at 11. I would arrive early because the parking lot will be very crowded. There is a lot of information so I will list it in bullets.

- Please RSVP today! People need to plan how much food to prepare. You are welcome to text me the number.
- Please make sure to send in your child in their costumes on Thursday. If you need help, please contact me today.
- If you need to send in your dish before lunch and it needs to be served warm, then please put it in a crock pot. We only have a very small microwave to warm things, and it is very low wattage. Please bring in serving utensils, as well. Make sure to label everything.
- If you have a child in another class, then please visit them at an earlier time. We will only do our performance once. Please be on time and come sit with your child on the line. They can sit in your lap. I'm hoping this will help with crying.
- You are welcome to eat in our class and visit any sibling classrooms. If you want to take your child with you to visit, please let a teacher know. The classroom will be very busy.
- Please be on time on Wednesday. We will be visiting the Primary classes to see them present.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ms. Ana Maria:

Hello!

Thank you to everyone for making Valentine's Day so special. The children were so sweet when they were passing out their Valentines. We heard them using their grace and courtesy and they just had so much fun! Thank you to Jamesen's Mom for bringing in pizza, Wyatt's Mom for bringing in fruit, and Athan's Mom for bringing in cupcakes. The children loved their special Valentine's lunch!

Gymnastic:

If your child is signed up for gymnastics, please do not send in clothes for them to change into. We discovered last week there was just not enough time to change the children before and after gymnastics. Please send your child to school in comfortable clothes that they can wear to gymnastics. They can wear leggings, shirts, sweatpants, or anything that is comfortable for them to move around in.

International Day:

Boy's Costumes-

After buying all the supplies, the boy's outfits cost \$5. The good news is after international day you will be able to take all of it home. Please send in 5 dollars to cover the cost of the supplies.

Here is the info about International day one more time:

Our parent performance will be at 11am with lunch immediately following. We will also be performing at 10:30 for the Elementary students. If you are not able to come to the parent performance at 11, you are welcome to come to the 10:30 performance. Please be aware that during the 10:30 performance there will be a lot of children in the room.

Food-

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for food. Please remember that we have 26 students and we will have a lot of visitors. Please plan for over 50 people. That being said- we only need enough to try a little bit of everything. (We may need a lot of french fries.) We have a lot of different items that are being brought in and we are so excited to try it all. Please bring the food in ready to serve and label everything. We want to make sure it gets back to the right house. We will make labels for the food, so we know what everything is.

Costumes-

Girls- The girls have a red shirt, red skirt, apron, and a hat. We have all of this at school. (We are still looking for three long sleeve red shirts. If you have a plain one, please let us know.)

*****The girls will need to come to school in plain leggings. We would prefer black, gray, or white. We will change them when they get here.**

Boys- The boys will wear a black shirt with gold buttons on it, a red kerchief, black pants, and black socks. . The black pants can be any kind of black pants even sweatpants.

*****The boys will need to come to school in black pants and black socks. We will put their shirt on them when they get to school.**

We will just be resting in afternoon class. If you would like to take your child home after International day, you are more than welcome to. If you are going back to work after International day, please let your child know. Tell that they you will be coming to see them perform and have lunch with them and then you will have to go back to work, but you will see them soon. We have learned that the separation is easier if the children know what to expect.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ana María

Ms. Angie's Class:

Thank you for making Valentine's Day so special! We enjoyed the yummy treats.

International Day is almost here! We have enjoyed learning about Colombia! Seanna's family shared many cultural items with us, and we thank the Kautz family so much for enhancing our study of Colombia.

Boys, please come dressed in black pants and white shirt and a red scarf.

Girls will get dressed here, and we have everything here for the girls.

Please encourage your child to practice their lines. They have been sent home already.

International Day times for our performance is:

10:00 to the school and 11:00 is for parents. If you need to come to the 10:00, that is fine!

We can not warm the food here, so please send it in warmed up and ready.

We are resting in afternoon class, so if you want to take your child home after International Day, you may do so.

Gymnastics:

If your child is signed up for gymnastics, please do not send in clothes for them to change into. We discovered last week there was just not enough time to change the children before and after gymnastics. Please send your child to school in comfortable clothes that they can wear to gymnastics. They can wear leggings, shirts, sweatpants, or anything that is comfortable for them to move around in.

Ms. Dolores' Class:

Costumes for our Israeli International Day performance will be as follows. Most should be easy to put together. Please let Ms. Robin know via text if you need assistance.

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| Bedouins – | Eldric – loose, flowing clothes – caftan or khaki, large head scarf (keffiyeh) |
| | Claire – loose, flowing dress or caftan, large headscarf (hajib) |
| Jewish Orthodox - | Gabriel – long black coat, hat, beard, gray or black pants, tallis (we have for him) |
| scarf) | Alahna – modest black dress (we have for her), head covering (large shawl or scarf) |
| Muslim -
(keffiyeh) | Luca – white tunic or button-down shirt, gray or black pants, large head scarf |
| | Aubrey – modest black dress, large headscarf (hajib) |
| Israeli Defense Force - | Cameron – green military uniform, tan or camo, beret |
| | Ronik – green military uniform, tan or camo, beret |
| Market Merchants - | Abby – long, flowy, colorful clothing, jewelry |
| | Bo – same as above |
| | Charles – same as above |

Kibbutz Workers - Eloise – casual work clothes, sandals, “hippie-like” or may dress as a schoolteacher

cook/baker Elynore - casual work clothes, sandals, “hippie-like” or may dress as a

Milan - casual work clothes, sandals, “hippie-like” like a farmer

Tech Professional - Marcus – lab coat, dress/work pants, science goggles

Menu for Israeli feast is as follows: please label food and bring it to the classroom prior to 11 a.m.

Main Dishes

Falafel w/tahini sauce and pita bread (can make or purchase from Jerusalem Grill) - Ronik

Israeli Shaslik (meat skewers) on rice - Abby AND Charles

Side Dishes

Salat Gezer (carrot salad w/citrus) - Luca

Israeli cucumber and tomato salad - Gabriel

Israeli couscous salad (Israeli couscous is rounder, not granular) - Cameron

Tabbouleh (with bulgur) - Milan

Hummus with pita chips - Elynore

Selection of olives and dried fruits (must include dates and figs) - Bo

Selection of citrus fruit wedges and grapes, with cottage cheese - Aubrey

Selection of breads – bagels, challah - Eloise AND Luca

Desserts

Halvah -	Claire
Baklava -	Eldric
Malabi (rosewater pudding with toppings) -	Marcus
Tahini shortbread cookies -	Abby

Drinks

Pomegranate juice (to be served in small sample cups), tea (sweet and unsweet), and water
- Alahna

Ms. Maggie's Class:

International Day is here! We hope you will all join us this Friday at 9:50 or 10:30. We will enjoy out Vietnamese lunch at 11:00 after the parent presentation.

Girls will need to wear a plain, white tank top to be worn under their costumes. They will be wearing thin, white pants so please keep this in mind when choosing undergarments. Please send in a change of clothes for your child to wear the rest of the day!

Boys will need to wear a plain black, white or gray t-shirt to be worn under their costumes. Please send in a change of clothes!

All students need to wear black no-show socks!

Thank you all for everything you do to help make International Day an exciting and educational event for your children!

Ms. Maggie

Ms. Rebecca's Class:

Parents:

Our preparation time for International Day is disappearing!! We will present Ancient India on Friday, February 21st. Thank you to those that have sent in money for lunch. As a reminder, we are collecting money for our International Day Feast:

- * \$5 - student
- * \$10 - student + adult
- * \$20 - family

There is a confirmed case of **flu in our classroom**. Please be cautious and encourage frequent hand washing and regular hygiene practices.

Friday, February 14th, we will celebrate Valentine's Day with a Valentine card exchange. Please make sure all treats are individually wrapped.

Friday, February 14th, Science Fair Milestone #2 due (Background research, hypothesis, etc.). Please remind students that their milestones should be completed in their yellow Science Fair folders. Be on the lookout for materials; a few students have taken home tool/materials from the classroom to aide in their projects. These items should be returned after use.

Friday, February 28th, birthday lunch celebration for Price Payne and Charl Glover. This will be a **lasagna lunch!!!**

Ms. Rebecca Fussell

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