

*Tuesday Notes February 23, 2021*

*Office Notes*

**We shall walk together on this path of life,** for all things are part of the universe and are connected with each other to form one whole unity.

– *Maria Montessori*



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**Conference week** begins March 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be no school on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Re-enrollment Time!** We are preparing to send re-enrollment packets out, and just a heads up to you to begin preparing to pay the \$300 deposit (Toddler/Primary/Lower El) and \$400 Deposit (Upper/Adolescent/Secondary). It will be **due on March 15**. The deposit reduces the overall amount of tuition owed. As a reminder, you have two choices to pay tuition:

Plan A: Tuition is paid in full by June 1<sup>st</sup>, and you receive a \$200 discount.

Plan B: Tuition is broken down into 11 interest free payments due on the first of each month with the first payment being in June for the upcoming new school year.

In several programs, we have limited spaces available, and anticipate a waiting list, so please respond promptly with your re-enrollment paperwork. We will pre-populate as much information as we can so that completing the forms should not take too much time. 😊

After current families are re-enrolled, we will open enrollment to the public. If you know anyone who is interested in a Montessori education at our excellent little school, please email me their contact information. This year, we will not host our traditional Open Houses, but in the spring, we will have some type of Parent Education event for those families whose children are moving up to a new program.

Yesterday, I was talking to a prospective new family, and the mother was telling me that her husband attended MSR when Ms. Kumar was here. We have several legacy students here, and we love to have the second generations join our sweet school!

Currently, we offer 18 months through 9<sup>th</sup> year (grade), a full Montessori program from toddler to adolescence!

### International Day

Thursday: Toddler and Primary

Friday: Elementary

Please pay careful attention to the notes about International Day. We will post videos and pictures and wish you could be here with us! We love hearing the different languages the children are learning and the music flowing through the classroom from around the world.

### *Ms. Ginny and Ms. Kayla's Class*

We are wrapping up our studies on Kenya! We have mostly talked about the animals that live there. We have read stories, listened to music from Kenya and made lots of crafts. The crafts are not only cute, but they build their fine motor skills, focus, and concentration.

On Thursday morning we will record our presentation and post it on Gmail. Please let your child wear blue jeans and a solid tee shirt for the presentation. Normally, you all would be invited, and we had all enjoyed a lunch together, but because of the pandemic, it cannot happen this year. 😞 Hopefully, next year! 🙏 Thanks to all of you for all you do.

## *Ms. Shannon, Ms. Rachel and Ms. Harbin's Class*

This Thursday will be International Day. We are so excited to share with you what we have learned! Please remember to send them in jeans and a plain long sleeve shirt(preferably white or black) so we can slide their Togo shirts on top.

We have a few bugs going around the class. If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home so we do not expose the whole class. We have a stomach virus now and we just had strep this past week so that might still be lingering.

We have several children who need extra clothes in their cubbies. If you have dirty clothes sent home, please send in clean clothes the next day. Watch for notes in your lunch box.

## *Ms. Angie, Ms. Carolina, and Ms. Nikki's Class*

Hello!

This week is all about International Day, we have been rehearsing our songs and practicing our speeches. The classroom will be soon transformed into a little piece of Argentina and we cannot wait to show it to you.

Thank you to all of those that have already paid for the food and the t-shirts. The food is \$8 and the T-shirts \$4.

I have already ordered the empanadas for our class and the snacks are here as well. So please, no lunch needed this Thursday.

If your child is wearing a special outfit that day, please send in clothes for them to change afterward.

### **Friendly reminders:**

- Please sign up for conferences, if you do not know how or need a different time, please let us know.
- Readers are due Mondays and Thursdays, but this Thursday we will not be able to do readers due to International Day.
- Make sure your child wears layers, the weather is supposed to be amazing this week, however, is cold in the mornings.
- Please send utensils with their lunch every day.
- Please send extra masks to have at school. We are running out of our spare ones and we do not know when we will be getting more.

Thank you so much for your continued support!

Angie, Nikki & Carolina.

## *Ms. Valerie, Ms. Christina, and Ms. Trudy's Class*

Hello,

\*Justin Pollard, Mack's Dad, will be coaching boys U6 soccer again this spring for the YMCA. If your child is interested in playing soccer with some of their classmates, please tell the YMCA to place your child on Justin Pollard's team! Registration will end soon.

We really enjoyed talking to the Egyptian teacher on Friday! The kids were so excited to talk to her and asked her lots of interesting and fun questions. In return, she got to ask us some questions about where we live, our favorite foods, favorite materials in the classroom, and other things. We plan to zoom her again and next time she will zoom us from the Pyramids! It was such a unique experience to connect with someone across the globe.

Thank you so much to all the families who donated towards the Egyptian snacks. In addition to the Egyptian snacks, we plan to order some Baklava (Egyptian dessert) from Jerusalem Grill for the children to have as a special treat.

We will be practicing our play this week for line time. The children are doing so well with their lines and really surprised us! Maria Montessori believed that public speaking is an important skill that should be taught early on. Public speaking is something we do in our daily lives and starting early can help develop that confidence.

Since we are doing a play using props, we will not be live streaming our play. We want to be able to set up each scene/background. We will record the play and send everyone a private YouTube link after we finish recording.

We will also be sending out some Egyptian Recipes for you to try at home this week!

### Some Friendly Reminders:

International Day is this **Thursday, February 25th** (Your child will need to come to school dressed in their costume). Please bring spare clothes for them to change into after the play. Make sure that the clothes are in a bag that is labeled with your child's name.

\*\* Please do not bring readers on International Day.

Please let us know if you have any questions! :)

Warm Regards,

Ms. Valerie, Ms. Christina, and Ms. Trudy

## *Ms. Dolores and Ms. Robin's Class*

This week's Tuesday notes will be very brief because we are working extremely hard on all our Portugal projects for International day! Emails have been sent regarding clothing for Friday. We wish that parents and classes could visit, but we will take lots of pictures and videos to share. Ms. Dolores will post videos on Google Classroom.

Most parents have signed up for our Zoom parent-teacher conferences. Please go to Google Classroom and sign up as soon as possible. Most have been able to do so successfully, but if you have trouble please just text us your preferred time slot and we will put you down.

Another science fair assignment is due via Google Classroom on Thursday: the hypothesis and materials list.

It has been a fun week, and it is only Wednesday. We cannot wait to share our Portugal studies with you!

Ms. Dolores and Ms. Robin

## *Ms. Maggie and Ms. Stefanie's Class*

International Day is this Friday! Boys will need to come to school in khaki pants. They also need to wear a red or white button up shirt. Girls will be wearing costumes provided by the school. However, they will need to wear a plain white shirt and plain black leggings. All students need to bring a change of clothes. Please keep practicing your speech at home. Snacks will be provided on Friday. Students do not need to bring a snack on this day. We are excited for everyone to see what we have been working on!

We encourage our families to make a traditional Uruguayan dish at home! The Chivito is a steak sandwich filled with many ingredients. Some have stated that it is hard to take a full bite due to the thickness. Parrillada, Dulce de Leche, and Mate are also popular foods in this culture.

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## *Ms. Rebecca, Ms. Kaitlin, and Ms. Rachel's Class*

Parents:

The students are excited to present their research, art, and dance for our International Day this Friday. They are practicing in class daily, but still require practice at home to memorize their presentations. Presentations will be recorded and posted on Google Classroom as soon as we can.

I have asked the students to wear solid-colored shirts and solid-colored pants for Friday's performance. They may bring a change of clothes for PE in the afternoon.

If anyone would like to send in a wrapped, store-bought Mesoamerican treat for the students this week, we welcome it! Remember, lunch is not provided on Friday, each student needs to bring their own.

Science Fair Project Step #3 is checked and will be sent home today. Please encourage your child to begin the experiment phase quickly and with care. Our next milestone is Monday, March 15th (Step#4) by which time the experiment should be concluded.

Science Fair Boards must be a tri-fold board. Please make sure it is not the miniature size. Color will not be dictated this year. Boards will be completed at home but if students ask for materials, we are happy to help.