

# Weekly Notes February 23, 2022

## Office Notes

### Why do we celebrate International Day?

Global awareness during a child's formative years results in more rounded individuals. We study a country's culture, its past and its present, and incorporate sensorial elements such as music, dance, food, smells, and clothing to help our students learn what makes each country unique.

We hope the exposures to other cultures will help them develop tolerance for others and hopefully gain skills to help them get a job one day in our international markets. Becoming aware of other countries helps our pupils to see things from different perspectives, creating an atmosphere for peace to grow.

Maria Montessori knew of life during wartime, and advocated tirelessly for peace:

*Our world has been torn to pieces, and is in need of reconstruction, of which a primary factor is education ... But humanity is not yet ready for the evolution that it desires so ardently, the construction of a peaceful and harmonious society that shall eliminate war. Men are not sufficiently educated to control events, so become their victims. Noble ideas, great sentiments have always found utterance, but wars have not ceased! If education were to continue along the lines of mere transmission of knowledge, the problem would be insoluble and there would be no hope for the world... we have before us in the child a psychic entity, a social group of immense size, a veritable world-power if rightly used. If salvation and help are to come, it is from the child, for the child is the constructor of man, and so of society. The child is endowed with an inner power which can guide us to a more luminous future. Education should no longer be mostly about the imparting of knowledge, but must take a new path, seeking the release of human potentialities" ~Dr. Maria Montessori.*

### Countries Studied

**Toddler:** Ms. Ginny & Ms. Kelly | Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

**Mexico**

**Toddler:** Ms. Shannon, Ms. Rachel & Ms. Savannah | Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

**Turkey**

**Primary:** Ms. Angie, Ms. Sydney & Ms. Anna Kate | Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

**American Samoa**

**Primary:** Ms. Valerie & Ms. Christina | Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

**Thailand**

**Lower El:** Ms. Dolores & Ms. Robin | Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Morocco**

**Lower El:** Ms. Stefanie | Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

**South Africa**

**Upper El:** Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Kaitlin | Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

**Ancient Greece & Rome**

We are also thrilled to share information about an upcoming gallery show for one of our parents and well-known local muralist, Xavier Ringer, in recognition of Black History Month. Xavier's son, Nasir, is one of our very own MSR Toddlers! We love celebrating our MSR families making an impact in our community.



FEBRUARY 17 TO  
MARCH 2, 2022

CURATED BY XAIVIER RINGER, AMANDA BANKS & ROSEMARY RINGER

FEATURED ARTISTS

Bonita Martin Carrington Ware  
Rich Brown Sherri Richards  
Sylvia L. Smith Zachary Francois  
Edison Montero Jessica Scott-Felder  
Najai Johnson

Xaivier Ringer Kadesh Wyche  
E L Chisolm Ian Thacker  
Yvonne McCoy Dylan Ramsey  
Lois Cato-King Amanda Banks  
Rome Fortune

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Have a fantastic week!

Ms. Jamie & Ms. Melanie

*Ms. Ginny & Ms. Kelly's Class*

It's already the week of International Day. It will take place this Thursday. We will make sure videos and pictures are posted to our page! Please make sure to send the food that morning, already prepared, for our lunch. We will be able to microwave anything that needs to be heated. We still need diced tomatoes if anyone would like to send those that didn't sign up yet. We would also love to have a pinata for the kids to enjoy if anyone wants to volunteer to bring one. We just thought of that last minute:).

We are doing our conferences this week by Zoom meeting during the children's naptime. I know I see most of you in the mornings or afternoons and let you know how your child is doing, but if you have any questions or concerns, please sign up for one of the times on our sign up sheet posted online. School will be closed Friday, March 4th.

Thanks for everything you do! It is very much appreciated!

Ms. Ginny and Ms. Kelly

## *Ms. Shannon, Ms. Rachel & Ms. Savannah's Class*

We are excited about International Day on Friday! We have been learning lots of things about Turkey. We are so thankful to Leo's family for providing our lunch on Friday. I can't wait to see what the kids will think of all the yummy Turkish cuisine! The shirts are finished. I will put them on when they arrive on Friday. Please send your toddler in dark pants or jeans and tennis shoes. I will video the presentation and share it with you to enjoy.

It's time for spring conferences. I have set up a signup genius for you to reserve your time. Our official conference day is Friday, March 4th. There is no school on that day. I do my best to finish all my conferences ahead of time. I do this so that you can have a full day to enjoy something fun with your child. If you can't find a time that works for you please let me know. Here is the link to the signup: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848ADAE2FA7F49-spring1>

### **Housekeeping notes:**

\*Please make sure to label all clothing and jackets that come to school. We have a gray jacket in the afterschool box. I don't know who it belongs to; please check at home and see if you are missing one.

\*We are not allowed to serve hot dogs, carrots, grapes, or cheese sticks at lunch.

\*Library books come in every Monday with your nap rolls.

\*Friday mornings you can send in a snack if your child is not signed up for breakfast box.

Ms. Shannon, Ms. Rachel and Ms. Savannah

## *Ms. Angie, Ms. Sydney, & Ms. Anna Kate's Class*

This week is going to be a great week. Let's hope that we do not have another flood in our class but we managed through it and survived. We have a lot going on in our class with our studies of American Samoa. The children are learning so much and we appreciate all the help and information from Bodie and his family. International Day will be on March 10th. We will zoom for those who want to watch it live and also record it for those who want to watch later. We will send the info for the zoom later. The girls need white t-shirts or tanks sent in so that we can paint on them--the sooner the better... They will wear leggings or modesty shorts and we have the grass skirts. Boys will wear red or blue t-shirts with shorts and we will make them a lavalava to wear. All children can wear flip flops or slide on sandals for that morning but please have sneakers for outside play time.. We are working on the menu now and we think that we should just order the food and let beach child pay once the amount is divided up. We will let you know the price as soon as we can.

REMINDER!!!!

Please sign up for conferences if you haven't signed up yet. Thanks to those who have signed up.

We want to share all the wonderful information about your child .

Have a wonderful week!!

Ms. Angie, Ms. Sydney, and Ms. Anna Kate

## *Ms. Valerie & Ms. Christina's Class*

Hello,

We hope everyone is having a wonderful week. Last week we talked about different animals that live in Thailand, Thai food, and Thai shadow puppet shows.

### ***Ask your child***

- Can you name an animal in Thailand?
- What is Thailand's national animal?
- What kind of food do they eat in Thailand?
- What is unique about the Durian fruit?
- What are shadow puppets?

We have finalized our roles for International Day. We will do our best to keep costumes simple. You can use items around your home to make the costumes. I will be individually sending a text to everyone to let them know what role and costume your child will be wearing for International Day.

Ms. Christina and I would like to order food from a Thai restaurant on International Day for the children. We are going to read over the menu to the kids and pick different items that they are interested in trying. Once we get an idea of what they would like to try, we will figure out a total and let everyone know how much money to bring in!

\*\*International Day will be on **Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**. At this time, International Day will be filmed for everyone to view.

### **Friendly Reminders:**

Please make sure to sign up for conferences! Here is the link to sign up:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BzgOrGKDTBUCZOvLMWYvq6oXsj--a1uJcs9ACeBHWSc/edit?usp=sharing>

Zoom ID and Password information: Here is the ID: **853-541-3349**. The password is **primary**

Warm Regards,

Ms. Valerie and Ms. Christina

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

International Day for our class has been moved to Thursday, March 3rd. We sent an email about dress last week. If you have any scarfs, garments, or head coverings to share, please send them to school.

Ms. Dolores has posted a google doc sign-up sheet for conferences in Google Classroom. Conferences will be held starting Monday, 2/28 through Tuesday, 3/8. You should have already received an email notification if you have joined Google Classroom. Conferences can be in person or on Zoom, please indicate your preference when you sign up. We will work together to find a scheduled time that works for all.

Please remember to send in Morocco research when it is complete. Science fair assignment #2- problem, hypothesis, and materials list is due this Thursday, 2/24.

Have a good week!

Ms. Robin and Ms. Dolores

## *Ms. Stefanie's Class*

We have postponed International Day until **next Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. This will give the students a little more time to prepare and for us to spend more time enjoying our studies of South Africa. Please remember to have your child wear a solid color t-shirt in one of the colors of the South African flag. It should be red, green, blue, black, or yellow. These should be bold, bright colors and not pale. Pants should be black or dark-colored. Students will need to come to school dressed for our presentation **next Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Thank you!

Don't forget to sign up for a conference time! Time slots are next Monday - Thursday from 3:00 - 4:30 pm and Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:45 am - 1:00 pm. However, on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> there are only a few time slots left. I look forward to meeting with you all and sharing your child's work with you!

Please be sure your child has returned his or her Science Fair Proposal Form. I am working on reviewing all of them for approval. Please remember that your child's experiment should follow the scientific method and have observable results which answer a question your child has asked. I will notify you if there is any concern over a proposed experiment. The Problem/Hypothesis and Materials pages are due at the end of this week.

Please make sure your child is completing a lesson in his or her language homework book each week along with the math homework pages.

Thank you all for your continued support of your child's education as we all navigate through these changing and challenging times!

Ms. Stefanie

## *Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Kaitlin's Class*

Parents:

This is a big week for the Upper Elementary students! This Friday, our students will present their International Day speech with a visual aid and perform the song and dance that Ms. Angela has prepared for our class. All of this will be recorded and posted on Google Classroom as soon as possible.

International Day Lunch - Please send in \$10 by Friday for your child to participate in the International Day lunch catered by Jerusalem Grill. The Mediterranean spread will consist of: dolmas, falafels, Tabbouleh, gyros, pita, and salad. As a class, we will make our own hummus to contribute to the feast.

International Day Costumes - Students should be dressed in a white t-shirt and khaki shorts (girls can wear khaki shorts, skirt, or tights) when they arrive Friday morning. Each student will need a white or off-white sheet for the toga and a rope belt. Leather sandals are appropriate as well. If your child has an approved, alternate costume, please arrive dressed. All students will need a change of clothes for the day.

\* Language homework - memorize speech

Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Kaitlin