

OCTOBER 2011

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At the OC Fair, our MCDC dancers wowed the crowd with the Mexican Hat Dance. Shown here: Morgan, Samantha, and Ava.

OCTOBER FESTIVITIES

The first month of school jitters are now gone, and our students have finally settled in. October brings many reasons to look forward to coming to school. First, our Scholastic Book Fair, partnered with Milk & Bookies Charity Event, will be here. Next is the Parent Teacher Conference; you sure won't want to miss. Finally, the most exciting of all...the Pumpkin Patch and Halloween Parade. Our school will be filled with black and orange and some of our snack treats will be spooky yet yummy. Remember to submit your fundraiser forms by October 3.

PAPERLESS NEWS

Our trees will surely be smiling when it finds out MCDC is going on board to becoming Eco-friendly, starting with paperless newsletters and calendars.

And why not? We all check our current events online anyway. Plus, with paperless news, you can forward it to other family members who want to be kept updated. And for those of you, who are not used to clicking away, a paper copy will be available upon request. But keep in mind, this newsletter will be sent to you from the email address you provided the school.

If you don't get it, just go to our website at www.montessorichilddevelopment.com

It will be posted there for the entire year. We hope you like this way better, our trees will surely do!

October Dates to Remember

Monday

October 10

Parent Teacher Conference

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

School Closed

Tuesday-Friday

October 11 - 14

Scholastic Book Fair Event

Milk & Bookies Charity Event

Monday

October 31

Halloween Parade

10:00 a.m.



Beware of Ethan (3rd grade), in his all year round Halloween costume and Wacky Wednesday attire.



Meet our 3rd grade, Junior Philanthropist: Gabriele Eggerling

MISSION CODE: HERO
Helping Everyone Read Out loud

CHARITY: CHOC

AWARDS: BookPals, CARE

PUBLISHED WORKS:
Rocky the Cat, Rocky Saves the Manatee

WEB SITE: www.gabesays.net

Scholastic Book Fair

Milk and Bookies Charity to benefit CHOC, Children’s Hospital of Orange County and our featured international school in Peru.

Why Buy the Books?

There’s never a day at MCDC when children don’t read or don’t get read to. Story time is very important to them. We have a library of books they can borrow to take home plus a classroom library filled with books. We supply and replenish our libraries from your purchases and donations from the Scholastic Book Fair. We receive points for every dollar you spend in our book fair and use it all to get new books. Books are fun to read and make great gifts for the holidays or special occasions.

What makes this fair even more special is when our very own 3rd grade student, Gabriele, had the most thoughtful idea. Instead of getting presents for his birthday, he is choosing to give back to others who are in need. MCDC is very proud to support this young philanthropist. We will be celebrating his birthday at school in an all-out “Super Hero theme”...not those who fight enemies to save the planet, but those everyday “super heroes” who do simple little things for others. Along with Milk and Bookies, young philanthropist Gaberiele, Scholastic Book fair, our sponsored charities, CHOC and Peru, will be thrilled with gift of books.

You can celebrate by: purchasing a book for CHOC and Peru, donating dollars towards the books, or buying books for your child’s class, families, and friends. Please support our book fair!



Google founders, Larry Page and Sergey Brin credit their Montessori education for much of their success. (Barbara Walters interview ABC TV Special “10 Most Fascinating People of 2004.”)

Parent Teacher Conference

Scheduled for Monday, October 10 at 8:00 – 4:00 p.m. Sign-ups are available in the classrooms. Phone conference is available if you are unable to make it. This is a great opportunity to meet and talk to your child’s teacher about his or her current progress and goals in school. Daycare is available during the conference time only.

Class Event Planners

We are thrilled to have class event planners for each classroom this year. Our events last year were so successful and special in each classroom, thanks to the efforts of our class moms.

This year our class event planners are: Daisy for our Toddler class, Jessica for Ms. Monique’s class, Linh for Ms. Haidee’s class, and Melissa and Laura for Ms. Anna’s class. We are still looking for a volunteer for Ms. Nikki’s class.

Be sure you have signed and turned in your email address for our class planners. They will email you for event reminders only.

If you have not, you will be notified via class posts. As an added convenience to parents, you may pre-pay \$5.00 per event (or for the whole year \$50) in lieu of signing up for potluck items. This is optional. If you choose not to donate, you may still participate by bringing in needed items for class parties.



Our class moms make our celebrations even more special. Here, coordinated by the class moms, Trevor and Dylan are making yummy shakes...enjoyed by all!



Cheer us on as we Celebrate Life everyday at MCDC. Our Friday Pep Rally's are fun for all.

Friday is Spirit Day!

We have school spirit, yes we do! We have school spirit, how about you?

You know its Friday when you see a sea of teal sharks around the campus. Why teal sharks? Teal is our school color and the shark is our school mascot. Every first Friday of the month, we rally out in the big field and wake up all our neighbors with our cheers and songs. Yes, we are loud, but only during our Pep Rally. Then, out comes the shark, in the gigantic wave of cheerful Montessorians. Not to forget, we run a couple of laps...teachers and all. It's fun and it's tradition.

This year, our cheer captains will be all our birthday celebrants for the month. So each birthday child will have the chance to cheer us on and we will all have a great time singing them the big Happy Birthday song.

Stop by the office to purchase your child's school t-shirt for \$10.

To help get us in the school spirit, on Spirit Day, Friday October 7th, your child's pizza is on us if he or she wears the school T-shirt on that Friday!



"Annie" the Holiday musical was performed using 4 new wireless clip on microphones and brand new equalizer. Thanks to our Art Fundraising efforts.

Art for Theater Fundraiser – On going

Have you seen your child's masterpiece framed? Oh, it can be a great art piece in your house or office or a precious gift to grandparents. It's definitely priceless! You may have the school frame any of your child's artwork for \$25. The profits will go towards our theater funds. Last year, we purchased wireless microphones. Our goal this year to purchase a new portable speaker system for a bigger and better performance.

Fundraisers 2011

We will have lots of easy and fun fundraisers this year...all the effort to support our school.

Catalog Fundraiser – Due on Monday, October 3

Up to 50% of the catalog sales will go to the school. Our goal for this fundraiser is to purchase new equipment for our playground. Our swing, slide, rubber chips, tunnel, sand boxes were all purchased using the catalog fundraiser funds.

Cash donations are also accepted if you wish not to buy from the catalog.

Any support is appreciated.

DID YOU FORGET TO SIGN IN?

Not to fret...we'll be sure to fine you \$5.00 for each time you do forget. But don't fret even more, it's your responsibility to sign in or out. But because you are going to be fined anyways, your fine will be put into good use. You have two options: either pay \$5.00 or donate a book of your choice (used is ok but in good condition). Your \$5.00 will be used to buy a new book for the class. So, no griping or growling when a fine hits you. It's all for a good cause.

Toddlers: Ms. Annie & Ms. Erika

We would like to thank all the parents who attended our Open House. It was great to see you and to talk to you about our goals in class.

This month, we will discuss and learn about the changes for the fall season. We will observe and explore different kinds of leaves. We will talk about ways to keep our environment clean. We will learn about farm animals, solar system, living and non-living things. The colors of the month are black and orange. We will also learn about Robert Elfmán, our composer of the month, and Edger Allan Poe, our person of the month.



Our Toddler group, always all eyes and ears during story time... and sitting so nicely.



Whether working in a small group or individually, children enjoy hands-on learning. Here, students Lauren and Sabastian, are working on the decimal system layout.

Primary 1 News – Ms. Monique & Ms. Dee

Thank you to all our parents for joining us for our Open House. It was a pleasure getting to know you all. Our October is filled with lots of fun and learning. We will be discussing living and non-living things, and plants. We appreciate if you could donate medium sized

indoor plants to our classroom. The children will be watering and taking care of them throughout the year. Also, we will be identifying shapes of leaves during the 3rd week. Please bring different kinds of leaves to school. We will use these for our leaf art project as well. The children are working hard to hang their jackets and sweaters. Be sure to take home your child's jackets everyday. Our Share Day is on Fridays, and this month, we encourage you to bring items related to our theme: living and non-living things, and leaves. No toys during Share Day.

Primary 2 – Ms. Haidee and Ms. Jen

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Open House. It's always a pleasure getting to know each other more every year. Please take the time to sign up for our Practical Life food work and Host a snack for the class. We are grateful for your continued support to our school and programs. We are excited to work with your child and see them grow every day.

Friday is our share day. Please bring educational items to share relating to our theme. You are welcome to be the class "story teller of the day" on Fridays. Please let us know in advance if you wish to read a story to the class. Be sure to bring only 1 jacket or sweater to school and take home any extras. Remember to replenish your child's extra clothes with weather appropriate items. We have many activities planned this month. Please see our class calendar for daily events.



As each student masters the reading level, he/she progresses to independent reading. Tyler, age 5 is a confident reader. Teachers will individually assist each child to become a fluent reader.

Primary 3 – Ms. Nikki

Thank you to the many parents who attended the Open House. It was a indeed a great opportunity for us to meet personally and discuss our class. We are still hoping for a class planner volunteer. It's an easy and fun to plan our class events. Your donations for our Practical Life food work and Snack host are greatly appreciated. Autumn is here and the weather will surely get cooler. Be sure to label your child's jackets.

Botany and Zoology are the topics for discussion this month. This includes animals and their habitat, plant care, leaves and its parts, and the life cycle of a pumpkin. You may have your child bring any item related to this topic on Fridays for Share Day. Please refer to the calendar for your guide. Once again, thank you and have great October!



The PEACE table is where children gather to listen, speak, understand, and forgive. Room 3's peace table helps each other get along.

Elementary Class News



This lesson was conducted to give the students a picture and an experience on the formation of the universe and the solar system. This surely will inspire some to investigate more on their own.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Back to School Night. It was an opportunity for us to present to you our goals, expectations, classroom rules and policies, and to respond to some concerns. We are enthusiastic and we will be working to maximize each student's potential, to respond to their needs, and to challenge them to be their best. To all the parents who were not able to attend and who needs a copy of the General Classroom Information, please let us know. We have extra copies in the classroom.

We would like to inform you that our new schedule for PE begins this week with our new PE teacher, Ms. Shontel. She will also teach Health and Nutrition. In addition to PE, Gardening will also be added as part of our practical life activity. Ms. Cindy G. will be guiding the children in preparing and maintaining a garden. Parent volunteers are also encouraged to take part in our gardening project. In Music class, the children will be issued their own Alto or Soprano recorders. They will also receive a recorder book. Please be sure your child takes care of his or her instrument and book. Your child will be responsible for replacing the recorder at a cost of \$15 and the book at \$15 if lost or damaged. The book must be returned in good condition or a

replacement fee will be charged. The student may keep the recorder. Students should bring their instruments to school during Music class.

As our class continues to grow, we will also strive to improve our curriculum to stimulate their imagination, to appreciate the natural world, and to expand students' ability.

Last month, we had an extensive study about the formation of the universe and the solar system. All the children in our class actively participated in the lesson and seem to be interested in learning and knowing more about the universe. To learn more information about the history of the universe, we will continue learning about the universe, the Time Line of Life and the Clock of Eras. We will also be studying the autumnal equinox in correlation to the fall season. In Math, we are working hard on understanding the concept of Place Value. We will also be learning odd and even numbers, comparing and ordering, ordinal numbers, and Roman Numerals.

*Save the date for **Friday, November 4th** for the class field trip to the Newport Beach Ecological Center. The center has limited the number of parent volunteers. Please be prepared to arrange to drop off and pick up your child/ren at the field trip sites. A teacher will meet the students who are dropped off and stay until everyone is picked up. If this is not convenient, we will arrange carpools from parent volunteers coming from the school. This will be one of many field trips the class will be going to this year. We intend to plan more "Going Out" activities for the children and bring our classroom to the outdoors.*

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

*Tuesdays: Tap and Ballet 2:30-3:30 PRE-k, 4:30 – 5:30 Ballet Elementary
Sports 3:00 – 3:30 with Ms. Shannon*

Wednesdays: Tae-Kwon Do 3:00 – 3:30 with Master Carla

*Thursdays: 2:30 – 3:30 Ballet and Tap Elementary, Soccer Shots 3:00 – 4:00
3:00 – 4:00 Elementary Art*

*Fridays: 3:00 – 3:30 Gymnastics with Ms. Jodie
Piano and Guitar (All week, schedule varies)*



Animals, ballerinas, superheroes, princesses, and many more will be looking for treats as they parade around the school on Monday, October 31st at 10:00 a.m. Come join us and help pass out treats to the tiny critters and all.

Not with out any exceptions...guns, swords, knives, or any weapons, scary or offensive costumes are not permitted to school. No candies for our healthy treaters. Instead, grab

some small healthy snacks, a pencil or two, even a bouncy ball will do.

Bring a bag to store your child's costume after the parade, and please...please label all parts and pieces. Bring an extra set of clothes. Bring your camera. And, be sure to dress up as well. Potluck sign up will be posted.



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Do I smell birthday cake?

10 years old

Erika 10/28

8 years old

Ruby 10/11

Cassidy 10/30

6 years old

Bach 10/25

4 years old

Elizabeth 10/24

Trevor N. 10/5

3 years old

River 10/7



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