

# MONTESSORI

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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## Say Hello to November

Fast forward to January and then we ask ourselves, where did this year go? Although we're feeling the thrill of the season, busy as ever with schoolwork, homework, artwork, and all kinds of work in between, we have to find time to somehow slow down and just breathe. The little feet that "pitter patter" in our hallways find it "business as usual" when they take a minute or two to play the "Silence Game," watch rollie pollies tucked under the stepping stones, or check the sky and feel the air for the day's weather report. Many amazing things happen in this little school, but they happen so quickly. Sometimes we need take the time to admire the cutting work, writing work, and artwork piled in that cubby, huddle in the reading corner for a story, join the class for the Pledge of Allegiance, play chess, build Lego spaceships, or watch a seed grow. We are grateful for those little things that make this school special. Happy November everyone!



### Dates to Remember

Wednesday, 11/11	Veterans Day / No School
Saturday, 11/14	OC Coastkeepers Beach Clean-up 9:00-11:00 Huntington Beach
Tuesday, 11/24	Santa Pictures
Wednesday, 11/25	Thanksgiving Feast School closes at 3:00
Thursday, Friday 11/26 – 11/27	Thanksgiving Holiday School Closed
Monday- Friday 11/30 – 12/4	Scholastic Book Fair

### Thanksgiving Feast

Turkeys will be flocking in our classrooms this November. Don't be surprised if you hear "gobble-gobbles" all throughout. If you ever see a little turkey doing the "turkey dance", be sure to shake your turkey feathers and join in.

A special feast will be held on Wednesday, November 25. It's a feast to celebrate good friends. We will be celebrating with a traditional Thanksgiving lunch. A potluck signup will be posted by the classroom computer. Volunteers are welcome to help and join the fun.



### Thanksgiving Break

School's out on Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27, for a Thanksgiving Break. Remember, school closes at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25. We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends.



## THANKS A BUNCH

THANK YOU TO ALL FOR JOINING US DURING OUR UNITED NATIONS DAY PARADE AND OUR HALLOWEEN PARADE. THE CHILDREN HAD SO MUCH FUN WITH CRAFT PROJECTS, STORY TIME, TREATS, AND THE YUMMY FOOD EVERYONE BROUGHT TO SHARE. OUR TEACHERS APPRECIATE YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT DURING OUR SCHOOL EVENTS. A BIG THANKS TO OUR PARENT VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED MAKE OUR CELEBRATIONS EXTRA SPECIAL.

## Practical Life Parent Education

Learn about the direct aim and indirect aim of Practical Life activities and why this is so important in our classroom. Parents in the Toddlers and Preschool classrooms are invited to experience the beauty of the Practical Life activities.

The parent education class will be start in January.

We hope to see you there.

## Book Fair

Just in time for the holidays, we are hosting another Scholastic Book Fair on November 30. Books make great gifts and books can be substituted for greeting cards.

Your scholastic book orders help us earn points towards school equipment like the smart board, supply our library with books, and buy story books on CDs.

Everyone is welcome to borrow books from our library in the office. Come check it out.

## Playground Fundraising

We will be doing several fundraisers to raise \$20,000 to replace the rubber chips with a fixed playground surfacing material.

We will have an art auction, catalog orders, greeting card, calendars, and other fundraisers throughout the school year.

Flyers will be sent out for greeting card orders. All artwork is made by MCDC students.

## Holiday Book Drive

Please help us collect books to give to the children of Orangewood for December. This would be a great way to share our children's love of books to others who cannot afford to have a book.

You may purchase a book from the book fair to give to a child without books or bring a new book.



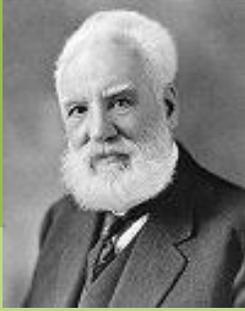
## Going Green

Thank you so much for all parents who are sending non-disposable utensils, cloth placemats and napkins, and water bottles in their child's lunches. Your child will learn the value of taking care of their planet by not creating too much trash.

We are also looking forward to getting a compost bin.

We encourage all families to participate. If you have any eco-friendly ideas to share, please let Ms. Cyndi know.

### Alexander Graham Bell,



Noted inventor, provided financial support directly to Dr. Montessori. Helped establish the first Montessori class in Canada and one of the first in the United States



## Santa Pictures

*No need to wait the long lines at the mall to get pictures with Santa. He is coming to MCDC on **Tuesday, November 24.***

*How to dress: Holiday outfit or any desired outfit for your child, neatly combed hair.*

*Bring an extra change of clothes if you wish to have your child changed after his/her picture is taken.*

*Please fill out the Santa picture form and return it to school before November 20<sup>th</sup>.*

*If your child is not scheduled to come in during picture day, please make arrangements to come during the photo session. No payment is needed on picture day. Proofs will be available in a week.*

## Thanksgiving Food Basket

Help us make food baskets for the children of Orangewood this Thanksgiving. Each class will gather items to put in the basket. There will be a sign-up will be posted in each class. The elementary student volunteers, along with their parents, will deliver the baskets. If you would like to help out packaging the donated items, please see Ms. Ann or Ms. Cyndi. Other volunteers are welcome to deliver the baskets.

### Practical Life Sign Up



*Ryan is patiently waiting for the last drop of water as he squeezes the sponge in this Practical Life activity. This activity helps develop motor coordination, concentration and independence.*

Practical Life work brings so much joy and pride. These are exercises children perform daily to help them become independent and responsible individuals.

Our food preparation exercises such as banana slicing, orange squeezing, and carrot cutting give the children an opportunity to perform real life skills, hence the name Practical Life. The work also refines their fine and large motor skills, develops their hand and eye coordination, strengthens their memory, and encourages grace and courtesy.

Our children love to perform these exercises and we appreciate continuous donations to our food preparation exercises.

## Class Volunteers

The kids buzz in excitement when they see moms or dads read a book, teach, or help out in class. Our class events are not only a time to celebrate a special occasion at school, but also a time to invite parents to join the fun. Glenda, Isaac's mom, made sugar skulls for the children to decorate. If you are able to volunteer, please let your child's teacher know. You may also sign up by contacting the class moms during special events.



*Aniyah's dad reads a special story to the class.*

## Garden News

Our thumbs are turning green! A little bit of labor of love, a sprinkle or so of sweat, a peek of sunshine, a raindrop or two, a bucket full of dirt, a mini shovel, ten squiggly earthworms, a family of ladybugs, and a handful of seeds is our recipe to a Children's Garden. We'll be digging and preparing a garden we all can admire.

Our Joyful Garden is located between Building A and B. Harvesting fresh veggies and learning about the plants and the ecosystem in this garden are some of the things we wish to do. Everyone is taking care of their box and happy to partake in reaping a fruitful harvest.

As we continue develop our "Joyful Garden," we ask parents to bring in some ingredients that we may need such as organic soil, potting soil, compost, bulbs, herbs, garden decorations, stepping stones, garden bench, bird feeder, bird bath, trellis, flowers, and seeds. Our little gardeners will do the rest.



## November Birthdays

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

### 7 Years Old

Henry 11/22

### 5 Years Old

Aidan Q. 11/17  
Nikko 11/27

### 3 Years Old

Ellie 11/17

### 2 Years Old

Chad 11/29

Staff:

Ms. Cyndi 11/15

## Montessori Birthday Celebrations

Happy Birthday to our November celebrants!

Montessori birthdays are celebrated with the traditional "walk around the sun." The birthday child holds the Earth as he/she walks around the sun, each time representing a year old.

We encourage parents to bring pictures from birth to present to share to friends. Parents also have an option to host a healthy snack or lunch.



### EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students may sign up for extra-curricular activities any time. Inform your child's teacher if you would like your child to try out any of the following activities:

SPORTS

GYMNASTICS

SOCCER

TAE-KWON DO

BALLET/TAP

TENNIS

PIANO

