

MONTESSORI CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

OCTOBER 2013

OCTOBER FESTIVITIES

We have a calendar month full of FUN this October. Be sure to mark your calendar for these important events. We have our Parent teacher conference, Scholastic Book Fair, Pumpkin Patch, International Day Parade, and Halloween Parade.

Congratulations to all our students for a fantastic first month of school. They are finally settled in to the new school year and have a whole year of learning, friendships, and fun to look forward to.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Open House. We hope you gathered some valuable information about the Montessori classroom.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE

Scheduled for Monday, October 14th at 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sign-ups are available in the classrooms. Phone conferences are available if you are unable to make it to the face-to-face conference.

This is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher, to discuss your child's current progress, and to make academic goals.

School will not be in session. Daycare is available for the conference time only.

Be sure to sign up for the conference and daycare.

**SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON
MONDAY, OCTOBER
14TH FOR PARENT
TEACHER CONFERENCE**



DATES TO REMEMBER

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE

SCHOOL CLOSED

OCTOBER 7 - 11

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

PUMPKIN PATCH

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

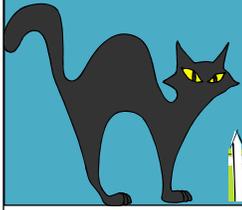
UNITED NATIONS PARADE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

DENTAL HYGIENE DAY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

HALLOWEEN PARADE



CLASS CELEBRATIONS

We are still looking for some volunteers to be the class planners. If you are interested in organizing class events, please talk to your child's teacher.

As an added convenience to parents, you may pre-pay \$5.00 per event or \$50 for the year in lieu of signing up for potluck items. This is entirely optional. If you choose to not prepay, you may still participate by bringing in items needed for the potlucks. Prepaid events will cover the following celebrations: Pumpkin patch, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Pajama Party, Lunar New Year, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Egg Hunt, Cinco de Mayo, and Bon Voyage Party. It does not include International Day potluck.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



Books are cherished at MCDC and the children enjoy story time, quiet reading time, or just looking at the pages in the books everyday. Children are welcome to borrow books from our office library anytime. We supply and replenish our libraries with the donated books from the book fair. We receive points for every dollar you spend during the book fair. Our goal for this years' book fair is to earn points towards a SMART BOARD for the elementary class

Teachers will also be making their wish list of their favorite books for the classroom. Your donation of books for will be greatly appreciated. The classroom book wish list will be posted by the book displays.

So mark your calendar and take the time to choose from a great collection of books during the Scholastic Book Fair.

PUMPKIN PATCH!

PICKING, DECORATING, AND EATING PUMPKINS IS WHAT OUR PUMPKIN PATCH IS ALL ABOUT.

OUR PUMPKIN PATCH WILL BE ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 IN THE MORNING.

THE STUDENTS WILL BE TAKING HOME THEIR PUMPKINS AND WILL NEED MOM AND DAD'S HELP TO DECORATE IT. BRING IT BACK TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 FOR A PUMPKIN SHOW AND TELL. BE CREATIVE AND HAVE FUN!



3 YEARS OLD

JAKE 10/12

4 YEARS OLD

HADLEY 10/15

HILDA 10/15

5 YEARS OLD

RIVER 10/7

6 YEARS OLD

TREVOR 10/5

ELIZABETH 10/24

10 YEARS OLD

RUBY 10/11

CASSIDY 10/30

STAFF

MS. MONIQUE 10/24



Trick or Treat



Animals, superheroes, princesses, and many more will be parading around and looking for treats on Thursday, October 31st at 10:00 a.m. Come and join us to watch the cutest, fanciest, wackiest, or funniest costumes.

But not without any exceptions...guns, weapons, swords, or knives, scary or offensive costumes will NOT be allowed. No candies for our healthy treaters. Instead, grab a bag of pretzels, a fruit or two, a box of goldfish, a pencil, or even a bouncy ball will do. But do remember, no chokeable toys or treats for our littlest treaters. So banish the ones that you are not allowed to bring.

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

International Day Parade

"It is not enough to teach children how to read, write and count. Education has to cultivate mutual respect for others and the world in which we live, and help people forge more just, inclusive and peaceful societies," UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

MCDC will hold our annual International Day Peace Parade on Thursday, October 24 at 10:00 a.m.

Children can wear national costumes from different countries. We will sing songs about peace and make projects to promote peace in the world. We will also celebrate by tasting foods from around the world. Please sign up for an international food for each class.



ART FOR THEATER FUNDRAISER

Every month, your child will be creating art pieces inspired by art masters such as Picasso, Van Gogh, or Matisse.

You may have the school frame these art pieces. They are perfect for gifts for grandparents or decorations for your home or office.

Framing costs \$25 and proceeds will be used towards our theater program. Our goal is to purchase handheld microphones for a bigger and better performance this year.



*We LOVE to
UPCYCLE!*

*Paper grocery
bags needed for
Halloween bags
project. Please
drop off in the
office.*

JOYFUL GARDEN

THE STUDENTS HAVE STARTED GETTING OUR JOYFUL GARDEN READY FOR NEW PLANTS. THEY HAVE BEEN BUSY TILLING AND PREPARING THE SOIL FOR NEW PLANTS.

DONATIONS OF BAGGED SOIL ARE NEEDED TO START OUR PLANTER BOXES. PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR SOIL DONATIONS BY THE GARDEN BOXES.

BOX TOPS NEEDED

BOX TOPS ARE AN EASY WAY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL. EACH BOX TOP COUPON IS WORTH 10 CENTS. BE SURE TO SAVE YOUR BOX TOPS AND ENCOURAGE YOUR FAMILIES TO SAVE THEM AS WELL. YOU CAN TURN IN YOUR BOX TOPS TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER.

DENTAL HYGIENE DAY

WITH ALL THE SWEET TREATS WE ARE ABOUT TO EAT, THERE COULDN'T BE A BETTER TIME FOR A SPECIAL VISIT FROM A DENTIST. DR. ALICE SUN WILL BE TEACHING THE STUDENTS PROPER TOOTH BRUSHING TECHNIQUES ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30.

*WONDERFUL YOU!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND GENEROSITY!*

*To the Bello family for donating garden seeds.
To the Hoang family for donating funds to the Joyful Garden.*