

MONTESSORI
CHILD DEVELOPMENT
CENTER
NEWSLETTER
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October Festivities

Spider webs, falling leaves, chilly mornings, and decorations of pumpkins everywhere remind us of the fun fall festivities. MCDC will be celebrating October with a pumpkin patch and a Costume 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 for attending Back to School Night.

October Events

Monday, Oct. 8

Parent Teacher Conference
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(School Closed/ Daycare available for conference time only.)

Monday, October 15

School Picture Day (Toddler and Primary)

Tuesday, October 16

School Picture Day
(Elementary and Make up Day)

Friday, October 19

Pumpkin Patch

Wednesday, October 31

Halloween Costume Parade
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Parent-Teacher Conference

Parent conference is scheduled for Monday, October 8th starting at 8:00 a.m. Sign-ups are available in the classrooms. 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 8
FOR PARENT-TEACHER
CONFERENCE

Trick or Treat

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

But not without any exceptions...guns, weapons, swords, or knives, scary or offensive costumes will not be allowed. **NO CANDIES** please for our healthy treaters. Instead, grab a bag of pretzels, a fruit or two, a box of goldfish, a sticker or a hand-drawn bat will do. We encourage parents to NOT buy toys for they end up in the dump (a scary thing that happens during Halloween); instead, children can draw or create their own treats (non-food items), like bats or pumpkins for their classmates. But do remember, no chokeable items 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 is posted in each classroom.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3 Years Old

ELISE 10/13

IKE 10/26

ALEX 10/28



9 Years Old

KADENCE 10/4

HILDA 10/15

4 Years Old

ANIKI 10/16

5 Years Old

QUYNH 10/10

STAFF

MS. MONIQUE 10/24

6 Years Old

LIAM 10/6

MINH DANG 10/21

STREET SWEEPING IS EVERY FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF THE MONTH, BETWEEN 12:30 – 2:00 P.M. IF YOU ARE PICKING UP YOUR CHILD AT 12:30, PLEASE PARK IN THE PARKING LOT OR PICK UP BEFORE 12:30 P.M.

Montessori Q & A

a CHILD'S WORK

Montessori often speaks of “work” in relation to the child. What does she mean?

“Work” for the child is positive experience in the environment promoting his self-development. His “great work” is the “building” of personality.

Montessori distinguishes between the adult’s work, which culminates in an external product or service, and the child’s work, which is the process of self-development. The adult has formed his personality; the child is still in the process of “auto-formation.” The “playing” child is often really working to develop himself.

Pumpkin Patch

Picking, decorating, and eating pumpkins is what our pumpkin patch is all about.

Our pumpkin patch is on Friday, October 19th. The students will take home their pumpkins and will need mom and dad’s help to decorate it. (No need to buy stuff. Look for items around the house.) Bring it back to school by Monday, October 29th for show and tell and to be featured in our “bat walk”. To prevent pumpkins turning spooky and moldy, do not carve it out. Be creative and have fun!

Clothing

As much as we adore cute super hero/villain shirts (Spiderman, Batman, Darth Vader), children under six love to imitate and portray the characters on their shirts. This often leads to children unintentionally hurting others. We would like to request children from the Primary and Pre-Primary not to wear this type of clothing. Clothing with real super heroes, like firemen, astronauts, etc. are great alternatives. Please have your child wear clothing appropriate for school and play. No princess dresses, costumes, or capes during school time. We want children to be safe and have fun.

Thoughts to Ponder

CULTIVATING STILLNESS

Aline D. Wolf

A very important step in nurturing either one’s own spirit or a child’s spirit is to prepare an environment where stillness can be cultivated with some regular frequency. It is almost impossible for one’s spirit to thrive in constant din and hubbub of daily life. Some special places and special times must be set aside for quiet – for one to be open to one’s inner voice. “Silence”, says Montessori, “often brings us the knowledge which we have not fully realized, that we possess within ourselves an interior life. The child by means of silence sometimes becomes aware of this for the first time.”

In the world of children today there is very little, if any, quiet time. In most homes the TV plays constantly. And where the TV is not available, such as in the car, the sounds of the radio or audio fill the air. Add to this the mixers, vacuum cleaners, computers that beep and buzz, video games that bang and squawk, and battery-operated toys that pelt us with all kinds of invasive sounds.

Because uninterrupted noise has become so commonplace, many of today’s children have never known the tranquility of silence. This does not mean children do not like quiet and stillness. It simply means that they have not an opportunity to relish it.