



EVENTS AND REMINDERS

Thursday, October 25, 2018

PRIMARY FALL FESTIVAL CELEBRATION – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

On Wednesday, October 31st, all of the morning Primary Montessori classes will enjoy a Fall Festival celebration! Volunteer sign ups to bring in snacks have been sent out through Sign Up Genius. Please be sure there are NO NUTS in any items you send! Fruits and vegetables are always welcome. Candy and frosted cupcakes cannot be accepted. Children may wear t-shirts, sweatshirts, simple accessories or socks with a Halloween motif. No masks, costumes or elaborate accessories, please!

DAYS OF GIVING – NOVEMBER 1-NOVEMBER 20

Both the Primary and Elementary buildings will be participating in the Eastern Illinois Food Bank Days of Giving. If you would like to donate to this event, we will have a container in the entry of each building. This will be EIFB's largest food drive of the year. The items they would like the most are:

1. canned meats
2. canned complete meals (ravioli, SpaghettiOs)
3. canned beans and other vegetables
4. canned fruit
5. boxed meals
6. peanut butter

More information on EIFB's Day of Giving is available at: <http://www.eifoodbank.org/dayofgiving/>

PUPPY & HORSE ROOM FIELD TRIP – PARKLAND PLANETARIUM, THURS., NOV. 8

The Puppy and Horse morning classrooms will be going to the Parkland Planetarium on Thursday, Nov. 8. The bus will be leaving at 8:30.

The remaining Primary classrooms will be going to the Planetarium in the spring.

WELCOME HOME ELEMENTARY STUDENTS!

A quick recap of the week at Nature's Classroom included a morning Field Group where students explored nature, learned how to build a fire, went fishing, visited Lake Geneva, and learned new cooperative games. Every day they had an afternoon class that was either science or history related, often held outdoors, and which involved lots of physical movements. Some of the many classes included learning about the Chicago Fire of 1871, the moon and its phases, bird songs, campfire cooking, storm chasers, history of the world, and space bugs. Several simulations took place in the evenings such as Wolf Pack, Build an Empire, and the Salem Witch Trials. Our school was lucky to be attending with the same three Montessori schools from last year; Alcuin, Country Meadows and Brickton. This gave the students a chance to build relationships with other Montessori students throughout the Midwest! Thank you, Ms. Lilly, for giving our students such a terrific experience.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

Both the Primary and Elementary buildings will be closed on Friday, November 9th for Parent Teacher Conferences. Child care will be available for all Primary full day students at the Primary building. Child care will be available for all Elementary full day students at the Elementary building.

Registration forms have been sent out through Signup Genius. Please contact the office if you have not received yours.

Primary and Elementary Parent Teacher Conference appointments will last 15 minutes. We will set up a table in the hallway with coloring pages at the buildings, if you would like to bring your child. Thank you for signing up to meet your child's Directress to learn about all they are doing. This first conference is early in the school year and intended to give parents an opportunity to ask questions and hear what your child/ren are doing.

DOOR CODE

Thank you to everybody for using the door code. Door codes are for parents/guardians only. Parents and guardians can stop by the front office and we'll be happy to pass on the code to you. It's so important for the protection of our students and staff.

BARNES AND NOBLE BOOK FAIR – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

We will be holding our annual book fair on **Saturday, November 10th at Barnes and Noble**. It's a great way to do some holiday shopping and help support MSCU. More information will be forthcoming.

SUBSTITUTE CLASSROOM HELP

If you would be interested in substituting in the classroom at either of the Primary or Elementary buildings, please stop by the office or send us an email. We are always looking for people to add to our substitute list. It is helpful to have a list of people ready to help. Here is the information we have posted on our website:

Substitutes are needed for various shifts during the 8:00-5:30 day. Substitutes will always be with a trained staff member. They may be in the classroom, outdoors, or helping the children with lunch. Candidates must be physically able to be on their feet for most of a four-hour shift and may include outdoor time supervising children. If interested in this position, please send your resume to secretary@montessorischoolofcu.org.

LABELING STUDENT OUTER CLOTHING

With the change in weather we are finding a large collection of coats on our lost and found table. Please take some time to write your child's name inside their coats, gloves and hats so we can help make sure they get back into the right small pair of hands.

ILLNESS

"Children must be clear of fever (without fever reducing medicine) and illness for 24 hours before returning to School." Please take a moment to read the Health section of the Parent Handbook to help keep all students healthy. A copy of the Parent Handbook is on the website under "Current Families" or see your Welcome Packet.