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October 2022 Primary Newsletter

EVENTS TO TAKE NOTE OF IN OCTOBER 2022

Monday, October 3rd to 6th: Developmental Assessments

Friday, October 7th: Acknowledgement of Gandhi's birthday. No school.

Monday, October 11th: Indigenous Peoples Day

Friday, October 14th: October group birthday. Parents welcome.

Wednesday, October 19th: IN PERSON Parent Information Meeting- Discipline & Practical Life.

Friday, October 21st: United Nations Day. **Minimum day.** School ends at 12:00 noon.

Friday, October 28th: Halloween celebration.

FREE DEVELOPMENTAL ASSESSMENTS



Speech screenings:

Nicole Cavalea, MS, CCC/SLP of **Strategies for Success** will be here in the mornings of the week of **October 3rd to**

October 6th to give free speech and language screenings for children in all primary classrooms. The screenings will let you know if your child needs further assessment and/or treatment in the following areas: articulation (sound development); oral motor (muscle strengthening due to low tone, or muscle weakness); working memory; expressive language organization and development; auditory processing; and phonological awareness (early reading skills).

OT/PT screenings:



Development is Child's Play

will also be here in the mornings of the morning of **October 6th** to give free Occupational and Physical

therapy screenings for children in all primary classrooms.

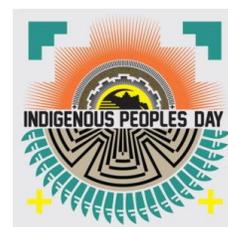
Dr. Pyle will also be observing in the classroom on **Monday, October 3rd.**

GANDHI'S BIRTHDAY



We will honor Gandhi's birthday on **Friday, October 7th**. There will be no school. Please take the time to discuss the idea of nonviolence, with your family, as a preferable way to resolve differences with people around you.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY



On **Monday, October 10th** we will acknowledge the discovery of North and South America by the Europeans colonists and discuss their impact on the

indigenous people who were originally living here.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING



We will have an in-person Parent Information talk on **Wednesday, October 19th at 4:00pm**. This month's topic will be **'Discipline & Practical Life'**.

Daycare will be available upon request. There will be sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Cost is \$10 per hour. **Make sure to have the correct amount in cash** so the teacher can be paid immediately.

We plan on hosting monthly Parent Information meetings. These will address various topics and will be announced in the newsletters and via email.

UNITED NATIONS DAY PRACTICE



Some of the Leigh children will be bused to the Foxworthy campus on **Thursday, October 20th** for a rehearsal with the Foxworthy students. The bus will leave the

Leigh campus at 12:30 pm and we will return before 3:00 pm.

A list of children attending the rehearsal will be shared in the weeks ahead.

Also, on Thursday afternoon we will need 3 volunteers to help set up/decorate at the Foxworthy campus. If you need (FREE) daycare while you are at Foxworthy, your child may stay at Leigh to be cared for by our daycare staff.

UNITED NATIONS DAY



Maria Montessori believed it was important for even very young children to become

aware that all people have similar needs, but may satisfy them in different ways, depending on what is available to them within their environment. She believed that imparting this information to children is essential if we are to evolve into a more accepting and peaceful species. For that reason, we include "Peoples of the World" and "Fundamental Needs of People" materials in our classrooms.

We also celebrate United Nations Day. Although all of us now live in the United States of America, and many of our families have done so for generations, all of the people presently living in North America, aside from Native Americans, originally came from a different continent and followed customs from different countries.

We will be acknowledging and enjoying the richness of this cultural diversity on United Nations Day -- **Friday, October 21st**. **Please note that this will also be a minimum day; school will end immediately following the celebration.**

For United Nations Day, the children come to school dressed in the traditional clothing of the country of one of their ancestors. If you are having trouble coming up with a costume, please speak with us. We will help you. All the children need to wear a special costume on United Nations Day. We will be learning songs, greetings, and phrases from each country that is represented.



FREE HOT LUNCHES



How many minimum days are in October? The answer is found in this newsletter, so please read it thoroughly!

The first two people to send an e-mail to the office –

oneworldmontessori@sbcglobal.net - with the correct answer will win two free Hot Lunches.

HALLOWEEN



On, **Friday, October 28th**, we will celebrate Halloween with special activities in the morning, including face

painting, applying nail polish, arts and crafts, a parade and trick-or-treating.

Please be sure to let your child's teachers know if you don't want him/her to use face paint and/or nail polish.

Costumes:

The children and staff are invited to come to school in costume. Although Halloween can be a lot of fun for children, as they love to dress up and make believe, it can sometimes be frightening for a child to see familiar people dressed so differently. We would like all the children to enjoy this event, so we are including an outline of our celebration and some guidelines we have set up for their costumes.

The children should come to school in costume, but send a change of clothes as we will be changing back into our normal selves after the celebration. **Please leave all accessories that go with the costume at home (e.g., handcuffs for policemen).**

When choosing a costume with your child, make sure that it is comfortable and allows for freedom of movement. Make sure that it does not limit or obscure their field of vision. We do not allow masks at school, as they often frighten the little ones and obscure vision. Weapons are also not permitted (even though they might seem to go with the costume), and will be taken away.

Costumes that are likely to promote violent or threatening behavior (e.g., ninjas, etc.) are also not permitted. We also would like to avoid costumes of cartoon characters (e.g., Superman, Spiderman, Cinderella, Belle, etc.). We cannot stress this strongly

enough! If children come to school dressed in such costumes, we will remove them and give the children some other costume to wear. If you are having trouble coming up with non-violent costumes, come see us, we'll help!

Be wary of costumes that tie around the neck; they tend to rip very easily, and if the cape gets caught on something, a child can choke.

BIRTHDAYS



Birthday celebrations will generally take place on the last Friday of each month. Parents will be notified of the day their child's birthday will be

acknowledged. We will send home card stock for you to create your child's personal time line. Please follow the prompts and attached 4-5 photos with glue or tape (no staples please) and hand write any additional highlighted info (milestone, special memories or events) that your child would like to share with the rest of the children. Sample timeline books are available.

We will keep these photo pages with us for his/her subsequent birthdays.

Please do not send treats to school on your child's birthday. We will provide something appropriate for the children.

In lieu of treats from home, parents may choose to donate items from our wish list or provide cash donations that can go towards large classroom needs. This can be done on an individual basis or as a group. No one is required to participate. Ask the office for the current wish list.

ABSENCES AT SCHOOL

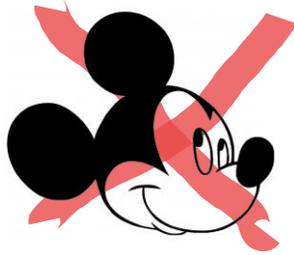


We would like to remind you to call the school if your child will be absent for any reason. If your

child is ill, please be sure to let us know the diagnosis (if there is one), as we are required by law to distribute exposure notices for certain communicable illnesses.

NOTE: Your child can return to school with a **negative antigen COVID test result OR a doctor's note**. S/he needs to be fever free (without medication) for 24 hours and all symptoms resolved or improving before returning to school.

NO CHARACTERS REMINDER



We would like to remind you about our “no characters” policy, as stated in the Primary handbook (page 10, section 27):

Clothing with violent motifs of any kind as well as cartoon characters (e.g. Marvel super heroes, Disney, Thomas the Train, Pokémon, Sesame Street characters, etc.) are also not allowed. Shoes with lights are a distraction and are not permitted. Children will be given other clothing to wear if they come dressed inappropriately.

Please note that this policy includes anything brought to school, including shoes, socks, underwear, lunch boxes, blankets for napping, etc.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION



Thank you to the Leonov family for their donation of 2 Whopper Hoppers in honor of Robert's 5th birthday.

Thank you to the Mazhar family for their donation of 2 Rabbit Cooling Pads, in honor of Eyad's 3rd birthday.

Thank you to the Poddar family for donating balls for the playground.

Thank you to the Singh family for donating a toaster oven.

NOVEMBER PREVIEW

Monday, November 7th, will be a normal school day. No PT conferences on that day.

Tuesday, November 8th, Wednesday, November 9th and Thursday, November 10th: Parent-Teacher conferences for **all** students. No school. Daycare for full day students only.

Please note that we expect both parents to attend the PT conference. The sign-up sheets will be posted next to your classroom door. Since both parents are encouraged to attend their conference, you are welcome to bring your child and s/he may visit with the daycare children during your conference with the teachers for no charge. **If you have two children in the classroom, make sure to sign for 2 consecutive slots. Please write down the date and time of your conference and try to arrive 10 minutes early so that you have time to review your child's conference report prior to meeting with the teachers.**

Friday, November 11th: Veterans' Day. No school. School is closed.

Friday, November 18th: November group birthdays.

Monday, November 21st: Zoom Introduction to the Elementary.

Wednesday, November 23rd: Minimum day. School ends at 12:00 pm.

Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th: Thanksgiving break. No school.

Tuesday, November 29th: Parent Information meeting: Intro to the Elementary.

