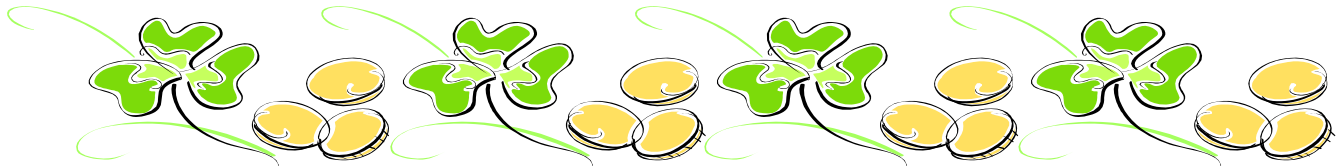


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MARCH 2023 PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

EVENTS TO TAKE NOTE OF IN MARCH 2023

Tuesday, March 1st: First day of the 2023-2024 open enrollment

Saturday, March 4th: Open House – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 14th and 15th: Picture Days

Wednesday, March 15th: Parent Information Meeting – Sensorial, Intro to Math

Friday, March 17th: Minimum day. School ends at 12:00 pm.

Tuesday, March 21st: Norouz acknowledged

Wednesday, March 22nd: First day of Ramadan

Thursday, March 30th: Africa Immersion Day

Friday, March 31st: March Group Birthday

AFRICA STUDIES



During this month, we will be working with materials related to the continent of AFRICA, which will culminate in our Africa Immersion

Day on Thursday, March 30th. We encourage you to engage your children in conversation, reading, and cultural activities related to Africa and its component countries.

Looking at maps, eating new foods, listening to music, and discussing plants and animals from this region will create a better understanding of what makes this continent unique.

2023-2024 OPEN ENROLLMENT



Open enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year starts on

Wednesday, March 1st. If you have friends or neighbors who might be interested in enrolling their children in One World's Primary or Elementary programs, now is the time for them to contact us.

Don't forget that One World offers a referral credit of \$500 for any family who refers a new family to One World.

All referral credits are given after the new family has been enrolled at One World for 8 weeks.

REMEMBER that **Tuesday, February 28th** is the last day to turn in your written notice of withdrawal if your child will not be returning next year (even if s/he is graduating).

SUMMER SCHOOL



This year, we will be offering **7 sessions** of summer school, from **July 10th to August 25th**. There will be no school and no daycare from August 28th to September 5th, as the staff uses this time to thoroughly clean and set-up the classrooms in preparation for the next school year, as well as take the required CPR/first aid and disaster preparedness training. The 2023-2024 school year will start on Wednesday, September 6th, 2023. Enrollment forms were distributed in your 2023-2024 re-enrollment packet. Summer school enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis and we encourage you not to wait until the last minute to register your children, as we expect to fill up quickly. This year we only have 24 spots available.

Summer school is only available to students enrolling in the 2023-2024 school year.

CLASS PICTURE DAY



A OWM alumni parent, Anna Eftimie, will be taking individual pictures on **Tuesday, March 14th and Wednesday, March 15th**. A class photo will be included with every purchase you make for individual portraits or can be ordered separately. More information will follow in an email.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING



Our next Parent Information meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 15th at 3:00pm**. This

month's topic will be **"Sensorial – Introduction to Math"**.

Because we had so little success having the meeting at 4:00 pm, we are hoping that 3:00 pm will be convenient for more families.

Please note that a minimum of **8 families** is required for the Parent Information meeting to happen.

Daycare (\$10/hour) available upon request: Sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

MINIMUM DAY



Friday, March 17th is a minimum day. School ends at 12:00 pm, as there is a mandatory faculty meeting in the afternoon.

PERSIAN NEW YEAR



On **Tuesday, March 21st** the children will learn about the history of Norouz (Persian New Year) and will acknowledge the holiday by planting mung bean sprouts and creating Persian art.

The first day of the spring season marks the Persian New Year, also known as Norouz — that is a combination of two Persian words: no, which means “new,”

and rouz, which means “day.” Together they mean “New Day.” The exact beginning of the Norouz occurs when the season changes from winter to spring on the vernal equinox and it is a day of celebration, feast and joy for those who celebrate. Norouz with its uniquely Iranian characteristics has been celebrated for at least 3,000 years and is deeply rooted in the rituals and traditions of the Zoroastrian religion. Today the festival of Norouz is not only celebrated in Iran, but also in many lands that historically have been within the Persian sphere of cultural influence. Iranians consider the Norouz as their greatest celebration of the year and start preparing by a major spring cleaning of their houses, buying new clothes to wear on the day of Norouz and buying lots of flowers (in particular the Hyacinth and the Tulip are popular) during the last month of winter in the Persian Solar Calendar. Another major tradition of Norouz is setting the "Haft Seen" (the seven 'seen', 7-Seen or the 7 items) with seven specific items symbolically corresponding to the seven creations and the seven holy immortals protecting them.

FIRST DAY OF RAMADAY



We will be acknowledging the first day of Ramadan on **Wednesday, march 22nd.**

Ramadan is the ninth month on the Islamic calendar, which marks important holidays and events for Muslims (people who practice Islam). During Ramadan people fast, or refrain from eating and drinking, while it's light outside. Once the sun sets, families meet for big meals that may include stew, rice, dates, lentils, and more. People also have a morning meal before the sun rises.

For the hundreds of millions of Muslims around the world who observe Ramadan, the month is a time to focus on their faith and also perform generous acts. People raise money and donate supplies to help others in need. And many fast to remind themselves about those in the world who don't have enough to eat.

AFRICA IMMERSION DAY



On **Thursday, March 30th,** we will have our Africa Immersion Day.

We are so excited to be able to have parents participate on campus again.

We look forward to hearing them share their global knowledge with the children. There will be a sign-up sheet for parents to volunteer for a presentation or bring food for the children to experience. Talk to Indu if you have any questions about the presentation.

Please remember Vegetarian food, no nuts or sesame seeds.

Lunch will NOT be provided

BIRTHDAYS



We will acknowledge our March birthdays with a group celebration on **Friday, March 31st.**

Please do not send treats to school on your child's birthday. Instead, we would greatly appreciate a donation of something for the classroom in your child's honor – a book for the library, or a contribution toward the items on the classroom wish list (available from the office) or a cash donation (please check your employer if it has a matching donation program).

If you are planning a party at home and wish to include some of your child's classmates, please extend invitations via telephone, e-mail or mail. WE WILL NOT

ALLOW INVITATIONS TO BE PASSED OUT AT SCHOOL OR PLACED IN STUDENTS' HANGING FOLDERS. This policy reduces the possibility of hurt feelings among those not invited. A class list with parent contact information is available from the office.

Please encourage your child not to discuss private birthday celebrations at school in front of others who have not been invited.

TWO FREE HOT LUNCHES OR ONE FREE HOUR OF DAYCARE



What is "Haft Seen"? The answer is found in this newsletter, so please read it thoroughly!

The first 2 people to send an e-mail to the office at oneworldmontessori@sbcglobal.net – with the correct answer will win either 2 Free Hot Lunches or 1 Free hour of Daycare.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION



Thank you to the following families for their support in acknowledging Europe Immersion Day:

- Terrill – Djurdjevic
- Rivera
- Windell – Samardzija
- Olesky-Ayrapetov
- Jurczyk
- Paul
- Veggian

And thank you to staff for providing European goodies.

APRIL PREVIEW



Friday, April 5th – 13th: Passover acknowledged

Friday, April 7th: Easter acknowledged

Monday – Friday, April 10th – 14th: Spring Break. No school.

Friday, April 21st: Earth Day celebration