

# Montessori Fun Time

## November 2010 Newsletter



As we all know, Thanksgiving celebration is in November. It is a day set aside each year where people in the United States and Canada give thanks to God for all the blessings they received during the year by feasting and prayers. So Montessori Fun Time wants to let your child be part of a special Thanksgiving Lunch in the school on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at **11:30 am**. Before the lunch we have a special guest at 10:30 am from **Teddy Bear Dental Clinic** talking to kids about dental hygiene. So we request all the parents to bring their child to school at **10:15 am** and pick up by 1:15 pm. Every Child will bring one potluck dish with him/her to school and together we will make a Thanksgiving Lunch! Your child will learn about thanksgiving, how to share, give and be thankful. There will be a sign-up sheet in the classroom for the food item. **This is Kids only event.**

### Thanksgiving traditions:

- Home baked bread
- Pies: Pumpkin, Apple, Raisin or Maple Sugar
- Apple Cider
- Cranberry sauce
- Roasted Turkey
- Fresh Vegetables: Mashed Potatoes, Turnip, Squash, Carrots, Creamed Onions
- Sage stuffing
- Giving Thanks

***Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones!***

**Farewell to Ms. Shereen:** We are delighted to inform you that Ms. Shereen is back from Lebanon. Ms. Shereen and her family have decided to move from USA to Lebanon for good. She is here to pack her stuff and fly back.

As most of you know Ms. Shereen is very important to Montessori Fun Time so we all will be saying good bye and good luck for her future plans. She will be able to join us on Oct 29th at the Pumpkin Patch at Tanaka Farms. We encourage all the parents and kids to write a Thank you note to her and let her know how valuable she was in our lives.

**Survey:** Montessori Fun Time puts lots of effort into having kids learn and have fun with us. We will be sending the survey link to the parents from monkey survey to write what you like about the program and what improvements you would like to see in the future. Your comments and suggestions are appreciated to make this place better for kids. **It's an anonymous survey. You don't have to write your name or your child's name.**

**Reminder to all parents:** The drop off time is from **8.30- 8.45** am or **11.30-11.45** am or **2.30-2.45** pm. Please make sure you drop off the kids on time so that we can start the circle time with all the kids. If your child is unable to attend, please let us know ASAP to accommodate other kids. The pickup time is from **11.15-11.30, 2.15-2.30** pm and **5:00-5.30** pm. Please make sure to be there on time because teacher will be staying extra time for late pickups. Your effort to pick up kids on time is greatly appreciated.

**Go Green:** We are trying to Go Green with the city of Irvine by using recyclable items and using less paper. We need your help with this endeavor. Please provide your child's lunch or snack in **Thermos** so that we don't have to use the microwave with plastic containers. Food can be kept warm for 5 hrs and cold for 7 hrs and it really works. We also use glass containers to heat up things in microwave. You can buy it from Target or any other store. Here is the link you can get Thermos from.

[http://www.target.com/s?keywords=thermos&searchNodeID=1038576%7C1287991011&ref=sr\\_bx\\_1\\_1](http://www.target.com/s?keywords=thermos&searchNodeID=1038576%7C1287991011&ref=sr_bx_1_1)

**Lost and Found:** Write your child's name in permanent marker on ALL you kids belongings to prevent losses. We have lost a HelloKitty pink sandwich Lunch box, Blue sip cup (Buzz Light year, Jessie and Woody on the cup), and a green spoon last month. If it's gone home in your child's bag by mistake, please return it to the school.

**Holidays:** Montessori Fun Time will be closed on Thursday **November 25<sup>th</sup>** and Friday **November 26<sup>th</sup>** for Thanksgiving. Enjoy your holiday and Happy Thanksgiving to all!

**Sample Snack and Lunch Menu:** Here is the sample menu you can send with your child. We are not serving juice at Montessori Fun Time on regular days. Please provide water bottle kids can sip from. Bottles with lids, kids can put in their mouth and can be a choking hazard.

<b>Food Group</b>	<b>Snack</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>Grains</b>	<b>Cheerios, Goldfish, Cracker</b>	<b>Tortillas, Sandwich bread, pasta</b>
<b>Vegetables</b>	<b>Carrots, Celery, Broccoli</b>	<b>Tomato Sauce, peas, cucumbers</b>
<b>Meats</b>	<b>Ham, turkey, or salami</b>	<b>Chicken nuggets, hot dogs</b>
<b>Beverage</b>	<b>Water only please</b>	<b>Water only please</b>

**In this month**, along with the regular Montessori curriculum, children will learn about:

*Thanksgiving, Healthy and non-healthy foods, Veteran's Day*

Practical Life	Wearing and removing jackets, Zipper Dressing Frame
Sensorial	Learning about shapes and write the names of shapes using metal insets
Language	Sounds of the letter (continuation) Reading phonetic words Tracing letters
Math	Concept of numbers 1-19 100 board Addition and subtraction
Botany	Growth of a seed/corn
Zoology	Parts of a Frog
History	Mayflower/Pilgrims/Indians/Thanksgiving project!

*Activities in the Area*

**Annual La Palma Days**

**Saturday, November 13, 2010**

La Palma Central Park

714-690-3350

This annual traditional event has been celebrated for over 20 years, encouraging residents, business partners and friends to celebrate La Palma's community spirit. The event features a Miss La Palma Pageant, Parade & Band Review, Activities, Entertainment, Cultural & Historical Activities & International Food & Product Vendor.

**Turkey Trot**

**Thanksgiving Day**

Dana Point

Race Hotline: 949-496-1555

California's Largest Thanksgiving Day Run Event and one of America's Most Scenic Runs... hosted by The Dana Point Chamber of Commerce. Tour the beautiful beach, majestic cliffs and coves of Dana Point. Enjoy pounding surf, rugged cliffs, and cool ocean breezes as you sail through the Dana Point Marina, Doheny State Park and pass the historic tall ship Pilgrim moored in Dana Point Harbor.