

Montessori Fun Time

October 2010 Newsletter



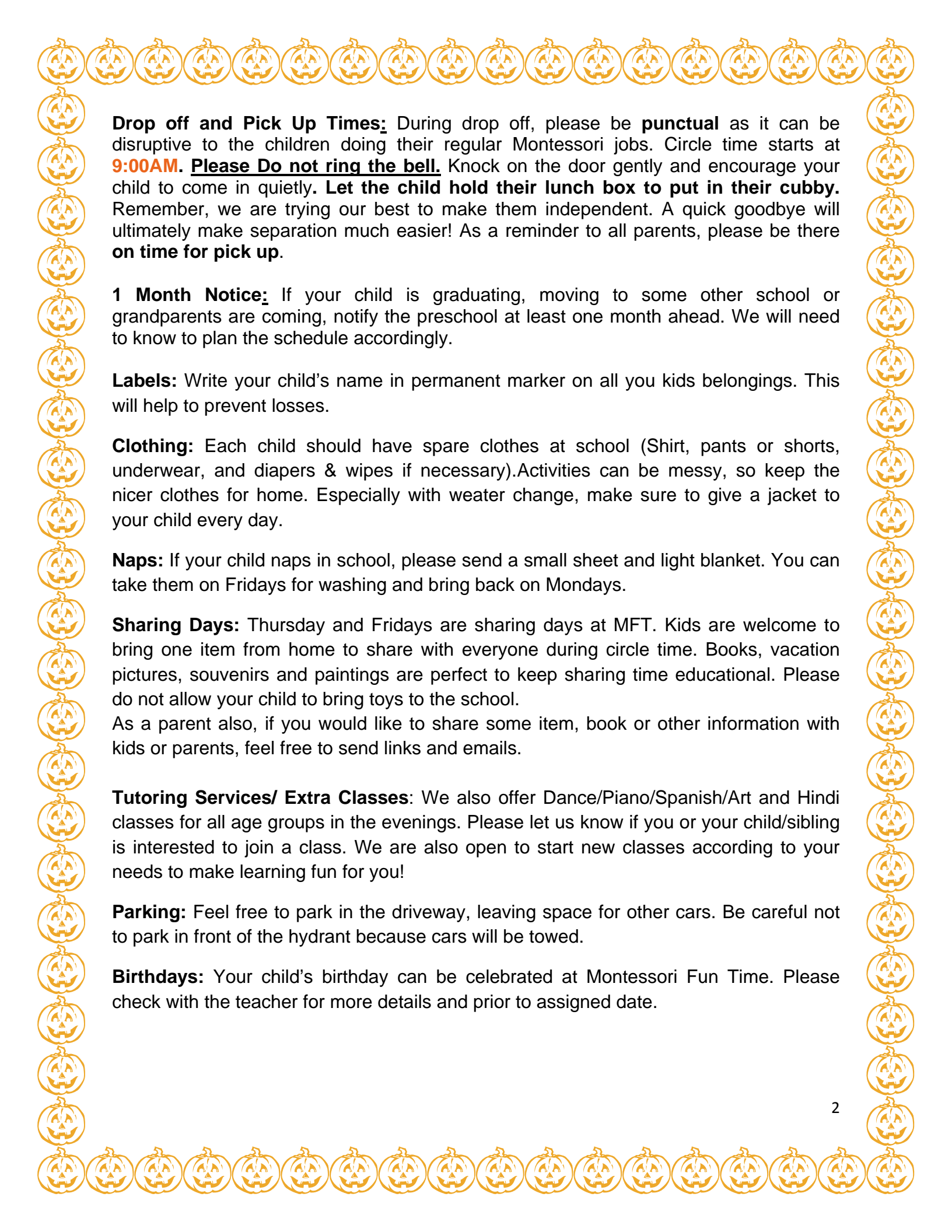
Thanks for attending Meet and Greet with Beth Krom on Saturday, September 22nd.
Please check the new pictures on the website.

Parent Teacher Conference: It is extremely important to have good working relationships between parents and teachers. It is critical that both parent and teacher know that the goals for the child are indeed shared goals; both teacher and parent want what is best for the child/student. **First two weeks of October** will be our Parent Teacher conference week. Please take a time slot for your conference in the signup sheet. If the time is not good for you on the sign up sheet, please let us know so that we can accommodate your schedule for the conference.

Fall Harvest Festival at Tanaka Farms: On Friday, **October 22nd**, we will be meeting at Tanaka Farms from 9:30 am until 12.30 pm for our Fall Harvest Festival. Dress up your child in his/her favorite Halloween costume. Parents will be bringing kids directly to the Tanaka Farms. Siblings are welcome to join. Don't forget to bring your cameras! Kids will go home after the trip. The Fall Harvest Festival with Lunch will cost **\$15/child (under 2 years free) and \$10/adult**. It will include

- **Wagon Ride around our 30 acre farm**
- **Corn maze**
- **Pick your own vegetables and bring home**
- **See 20 different animals in petting zoo**
- **Take pictures by "Tanaka's Pile of Pumpkins"**
- **Pick your own pumpkin right off the vine to take home and Pizza Lunch**

If you are not able to or interested to join the full field trip, you can take pictures with the pumpkins and eat Lunch with us for minimal cost of \$5/person.



Drop off and Pick Up Times: During drop off, please be **punctual** as it can be disruptive to the children doing their regular Montessori jobs. Circle time starts at **9:00AM**. **Please Do not ring the bell.** Knock on the door gently and encourage your child to come in quietly. **Let the child hold their lunch box to put in their cubby.** Remember, we are trying our best to make them independent. A quick goodbye will ultimately make separation much easier! As a reminder to all parents, please be there **on time for pick up.**

1 Month Notice: If your child is graduating, moving to some other school or grandparents are coming, notify the preschool at least one month ahead. We will need to know to plan the schedule accordingly.

Labels: Write your child's name in permanent marker on all you kids belongings. This will help to prevent losses.

Clothing: Each child should have spare clothes at school (Shirt, pants or shorts, underwear, and diapers & wipes if necessary).Activities can be messy, so keep the nicer clothes for home. Especially with weater change, make sure to give a jacket to your child every day.

Naps: If your child naps in school, please send a small sheet and light blanket. You can take them on Fridays for washing and bring back on Mondays.

Sharing Days: Thursday and Fridays are sharing days at MFT. Kids are welcome to bring one item from home to share with everyone during circle time. Books, vacation pictures, souvenirs and paintings are perfect to keep sharing time educational. Please do not allow your child to bring toys to the school.

As a parent also, if you would like to share some item, book or other information with kids or parents, feel free to send links and emails.

Tutoring Services/ Extra Classes: We also offer Dance/Piano/Spanish/Art and Hindi classes for all age groups in the evenings. Please let us know if you or your child/sibling is interested to join a class. We are also open to start new classes according to your needs to make learning fun for you!

Parking: Feel free to park in the driveway, leaving space for other cars. Be careful not to park in front of the hydrant because cars will be towed.

Birthdays: Your child's birthday can be celebrated at Montessori Fun Time. Please check with the teacher for more details and prior to assigned date.

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

Fall Season, Columbus Day and Halloween

Practical Life	Gardening Setting a Table
Sensorial	Blue Construction Triangle Rectangular Base Pyramid
Language	Sounds of the letter (continuation) Reading phonetic word Tracing letters
Math	Concept of numbers Tracing numbers Hundred board Addition
Science	Volcanoes
Geography	Puzzle map of USA [Please put the Fifty Nifty song from MFT Father's Day CD so that kids can memorize all the states] Inside the earth
Art	Painting with Fall Leaves, Halloween and Fall Flowers
Botany	Life Cycle of Pumpkin
Zoology	Parts of Fish
History	Columbus

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Activities in the Area

Tiller Days

October 1 - 3, 2010
Columbus Tustin Park, (corner of Prospect and Irvine Blvd)
714-573-3326

Tustin Tiller Days has been a regular event in Tustin since 1957. The event provides an opportunity for Tustin to celebrate Orange County's agricultural heritage. Features Parade (on Saturday at 10 am), carnival, rides, food and entertainment

Irvine Global Village Festival

Saturday, October 3, 2010
Bill Barber Park, Irvine
949-724-6606

Boasting artistic cultural performances on three stages, the Festival's live entertainment is a mosaic of music and dance representing more than 50 cultures from Europe, Asia, Africa, and North and South America. Immerse yourself in cultural displays, world religion and demonstrations, indulge in international cuisine, explore our world marketplace and keep the little ones in motion with hands-on art projects, games and activities in a giant, interactive Kids Village. Festival admission and parking are free.

Kids Free at the San Diego zoo and Wild Animal Park

The San Diego Zoo and San Diego Wild Animal Park will be offering free admission to kids 11 and under during the entire month of October.
http://www.sandiegozoo.org/calendar/calendar_highlights.html

Great Park Pumpkin Harvest at OC Great Park

Saturday, October 23, 2010
10:00am to 3:00pm
Free Admission, Parking \$10

Celebrate the season and help fight local hunger by bringing canned food items for our local food banks. Enjoy an afternoon of fall activities including a pumpkin patch*, games, kids crafts and activities, a costume parade, Halloween treats, a petting zoo, and more! Families who bring canned foods will be entered into a raffle** to win prizes!

*One (1) pumpkin per child. While supplies last.

**One (1) entry per household. Prizes to be announced at the event.

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Orange County Children's Book Festival

Sunday, October 3, 2010 | 9:30am - 4:30pm
Orange Coast College, 2701 Fairview Rd, Costa Mesa
(714) 838-4528

The Orange County Children's Book Festival is designed specifically for children of all ages. This family-fun festival attracts more than 20,000 visitors who will be entertained and delighted by authors, illustrators, booksellers, animals, storytellers, costumed characters, train rides, crafts, food and entertainment and much, much more.

San Clemente Sea Fest

Held on the Sunday, following the first
Wednesday in October
San Clemente Pier, San Clemente
949-492-1131

Sponsored by the San Clemente Chamber, this event features a Chowder Cook-off, an Arts & Craft Show, Business Expo, entertainment and an array of fresh seafood, served seaside on the beach in the historic San Clemente Pier area.

Halloween Event

Anaheim Fall Festival & Halloween Parade

Saturday, October 30, 2010

Halloween Kids Boo Cruise

Dana Wharf Sportfishing / Dana Point Harbor
34675 Golden Lantern
Dana Point

Take a haunted trip aboard the Sum Fun for a spooky 20 minute harbor cruise! Our haunted ship will be filled with Halloween treats! This trip is completely FREE! Be sure to dress up! Trips run every 20 minutes! For more info call (949) 496-5794! No reservations needed!

Boot Hill

16 Goldenrod
Irvine, CA

For updated information, please check the website

http://www.orangecounty.net/html/Weekend_halloween.html#ir