

MONTESSORI OF LADERA RANCH

OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



IMPORTANT DATES FOR OCTOBER

FRI 10/26:

Elementary 6&7 : Pumpkin Patch field trip @ Irvine Park!
Preschool 1-5 : Challenge Island + pumpkin decorating!

WED 10/31 HALLOWEEN:

Parade @10:30am and lunchtime Potluck!
School will be closing promptly at **3 PM** for early Halloween dismissal!

“Education is a natural process carried out by the human individual, and is acquired not by listening to words, but by experiences in the environment.”

Dr. Maria Montessori

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome to the second month of the new school year! We have an exciting next few weeks prepared and lots of spooky fun headed your way. Halloween will be on Wednesday, October 31st and we have quite the lineup.

First up on the fun list are the field trips for preschool and elementary. Both will happen on Friday, October 26th. Preschoolers will enjoy an in-house field trip with Challenge Island and pumpkin decorating. Elementary students will be going via bus to Irvine Park Railroad for the annual Pumpkin Patch. Please keep a zombie-like eye out on your emails from Ms. Megan H and Ms. Michelle for further information.

Mwahaha! Now for Halloween morning! The Costume Parade will occur bright and early at 10:30am on Wednesday, October 31st. Please have your child come to school dressed in their costume. We can't wait to see all of the ghoulishly fun costume ideas! When getting those costume ideas ready, please keep a few things in mind: MOLR strongly discourages costumes that may be scary or offensive to others. Also, please do not allow your child to bring a mask or weapons of any kind.

Additionally, MOLR will be providing candy bags for the children to collect their treats in as we walk the plaza for the parade. You do not have to bring a pillowcase, bucket, or cauldron to carry your candy.

Following the parade, your child may choose to change out of their costume if they desire. The potluck will follow shortly after. Keep in mind that when bringing

potluck food items, please bring all of your scary snacks in **disposable** dishware.

Any parent who can volunteer or assist with the potluck or the parade is most welcome! Please let your child's teacher know if you are interested in this volunteer opportunity.

Friendly reminder** – Wednesday, October 31st on Halloween, MOLR will be **closing eerily early** promptly at **3 pm!**

Tuition Reminder – Please keep in mind that tuition is due between the 15th and the 20th for the following month. For example, the tuition for November is due between the 15th and 20th in October. A late fee will be assessed to all payments received after the 20th.

Sign in/out Reminder – It is a mandatory STATE requirement that each child's daily arrival and departure be noted in the sign in and sign out keypads. Please do not allow your child to check themselves in or out. This is a legal document and must be treated as such. In addition, please inform us in writing if anyone other than the parent will be picking up your child from school.

Absence Reminder - If your child is absent due to illness, vacation, or any other reason, please notify the office the morning of.

Heads up for your November planning!

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Friday, November 2nd. School will be closed. Daycare will be provided during your conference time only. This will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions about your child's progress and review the materials in the classroom. Please watch for the sign ups.

Veterans' Day, Friday November 12th, the school will also be closed.

During **Thanksgiving Recess**, MOLR will be closed from Wednesday, November 21st through Friday, November 23rd. Please put these dates on your calendar! 😊

Our Teachers of the Month for the month of October are **Jasmine Kennon** **and** **Veronica Gurrola!**

Ms. Jasmine has been part of the MOLR team for two years. Prior to joining our team, Ms. Jasmine earned a BS degree in business administration. Ms. Jasmine is also a stellar athlete and excelled on her college basketball team. Soon after she joined us to be the assistant teacher in elementary, Jasmine began her teacher training. She earned her Montessori Teaching credentials from North American Montessori Center last year and spent the rest of the year student teaching. Her passion for teaching and her cooperative nature have made her a most valued member of our team.

Ms. Veronica Gurrola has been working at MOLR for the past nine years. She has worked with every age group and has helped to train many of the staff members. She has extensive experience and education in Early Childhood Development and continues to seek education in this field. She has a natural ability to communicate effectively with the children and we are so lucky to have her on staff. Ms. Veronica proudly leads an afterschool daycare program and teaches Spanish in room 5. Her creativity with projects and lessons and her animation while singing songs and reading stories always leave the children eager for more.



ROOM 1

Ms. Karen
Ms. Jocelyn
Ms. Yoko
Ms. Gladis



I hope everyone received the Back-to-School booklet that was sent digitally. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Welcome to our newest arrivals: Tyler Huffman, Ashton Negrete, and Francis Hsaio!

October is here, and I do so love this time of year. It's time to dig out the wristwatch with the jack o' lantern face and put batteries in my light-up spooky handbag. We also have so much fun in Room 1 with our seasonal finger plays and art projects. The Color of the Month is, of course, orange and the Book of the Month is a perennial favorite called The Big Pumpkin by Erica Silverman. It comes with a sing-along CD and is a charming operetta focusing on cooperation among various Halloween creatures, resulting in a party complete with pumpkin pie. And even though we have a no-sugar policy, we'll satisfy our sweet tooth with a blast from the past as we introduce *On the Good Ship Lollipop* (Lyrics and Music by S. Clare/ R. Whiting) as our Song of the Month.

For those parents new to our school, we have a costume parade on Halloween. In the past, the children in Room 1 did not wear costumes for a variety of reasons including difficulty with potty training someone in a dinosaur suit, princesses tripping on their tutus on the playground, and the fact that many young children simply don't like to dress up or are frightened of their peers and/or teachers in a costume. However, if your child wants to wear a costume on Wednesday, October 31st, go for it. Put street clothing on under the costume because it will be removed mid-morning. Please do not FORCE your child to wear a costume and refrain from masks or head coverings. And please don't wear anything scary. I'm old and I frighten easily. All the Room 1 children will watch the preschool and elementary costume parade (allowing us enough distance for those children who might be a little uncertain of the whole process). We will also have a potluck lunch on that day and more details will follow closer to the end of the month.

Our school year is off to a smashing start. Please remember that I am always available to chat via phone or email if you have any questions/ concerns.
Happy Birthday to Tyler!



ROOM 2

Ms. Jasmine
Ms. Shafa

We have successfully completed the month of September! We learned about the importance of proper hygiene, practiced naming the body parts, and learned to identify our emotions. In science, we studied the parts of an apple, and became familiar with the lifecycle of a tree and an apple. The children had fun making apple pies and drawing their self-portraits.

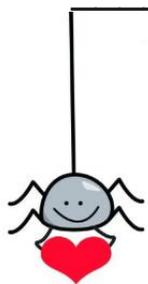
The unit for this month will be the Seasons. We will become familiar with how the weather changes and how the plants change along with the seasons. In science, I will introduce the parts of a bird and the life cycle of a pumpkin. The children will also be exploring magnets.

Our artist of the month will be Vincent Van Gogh and during work time we will be listening to Mozart. Our cooking project this month will be pumpkin bread. We would also like to wish a special happy birthday to Landon!



ROOM 3

Ms. Nataly
Ms. Linda



Happy Fall! I can't believe a month is gone already! As September came to an end we finished up with our *All About Me Unit*. We learned about the different parts of the body—where they are and what their function is, as well as personal physical traits. We also learned all about where we live—from continent to city. The children are continuing to become normalized in the classroom and are doing a fabulous job using their manners and respecting their environment, peers, and themselves. I am so proud of each student for working

so hard this first month back to school!

We have a very fun-filled month ahead of us. We will be starting our Geography study as we introduce the seven continents of the world. We will understand each of the continents "colors" on our globe and learn the ever-so-catchy, "Continent Song". In addition, we will discuss the different oceans of the world.

With Halloween this month, our Botany and Zoology study will include "Life Cycle of a Pumpkin." We will be dissecting a pumpkin to understand the different parts, use our senses to explain what we see, smell, feel and even taste after we bake pumpkin bread through our monthly cooking project. In addition, we will be decorating pumpkins that will be picked through our MOLR Patch and doing art projects to transform our classroom into a *fall frenzy!*

The artist of the month is Yayoi Kusama. We will be recreating one of her pumpkins from her "All the Love I Have for Pumpkins" collection. Be sure to recognize your child's masterpieces on the outside of the classroom wall. They work so hard all on their own creating them!

October 31st will be our Halloween Potluck and Parade. We do encourage your child to wear a costume! Please refrain from bringing any props to school, and please have your child dressed underneath their costume. Information regarding the potluck and a sign-up sheet will be posted on our door. In addition, we will be reading the favorite story among the children, Big Pumpkin, by Erica Silverman.

Please keep our Units of Study in mind when allowing your child to choose a share for Share Day. It is a great learning experience when we can tie in the object to our lessons—and books of course are always a favorite and read to the class during circle. Belongings are only to be brought in on Share Day; anything brought outside of this day will be kept outside of the classroom as they become a huge distraction.

As the weather is changing and cooling down, please remember to send your child with a jacket. Sick season is already among us so let's prevent as many colds as possible!

Thank you all for participating in our monthly snack sign up. If you have any questions regarding the material/ daily routine, please don't hesitate to ask!

Happy birthday to Nicholas, Sienna and Henry!



ROOM 4

Ms. Diana
Ms. Isabelle

October is here, a time of lovely autumn colors. It is a time of fun with the beginning of seasonal excitement, all of this and more is the magic of October, coming right into our classroom! The children are really acclimating well, and Ms. Isabelle and I are so pleased with the progress from the students.

Like September, October will be filled with much excitement and learning! We will continue to discuss all the 7 continents on Earth and where we live. Towards the end of the month we will get started on studying the continent of North America. In Botany this month, we will be learning about the parts of a pumpkin. We have material for the children to explore the parts of a pumpkin as well as its life cycle. In the area of Math, we are still concentrating on numbers 1-10 and the beginning decimal system concept. Human values are emphasized daily. These include sharing, kindness, caring, and love for one another. Our artist of the month will be Jackson Pollock, and we will be listening to Michael Jackson's "Thriller". In honor of spooky things, we will be learning about parts of a bat.

We will be having a pumpkin decorating day for the preschoolers to select their very own mini pumpkin to personalize and take home. On Wednesday, October 31st, we will have our Halloween potluck party and parade, where the parents are welcomed to be a part of the celebration. All of the children are invited to wear a costume to school, with a change of clothes in a labeled bag. As you can see, this is such a fun-filled as well as educational month as we continue to learn, love and play together!

Thank you and have a fun Halloween and a safe one too!

Happy birthday to Jonah!!



ROOM 5

Ms. Indigo
Ms. Veronica

The first month of the school year is now over and we are now entering one of my favorite months, October. We had a wonderful transition into the school year and the children are now starting to show off their personalities and create great relationships with their peers. Before we start discussing all the fun things that will happen in the month of October, I want to thank all of the parents for bringing in plants to contribute to the garden. The students will truly enjoy watering their plants in the garden every day. I also hope that everyone was able to understand the back-to-school packet explaining the wonderful environment that Maria Montessori has created and that we as teachers continue to follow!

October has one of our most popular holidays! Our fun Halloween parade and potluck is going to be very fun and exciting! The classroom will be prepared to fit the festivities with fun Halloween-themed work and class décor. We will learn some history of where Halloween originates, discuss life cycle of a pumpkin, and listen to Michael Jackson's "Thriller". In honor of spooky and slimy things, we will be learning about parts of a frog. We will also be introducing the continent of Europe and discussing famous landmarks and European traditions.

The artist of the month will be Henri Matisse .

MOLR will be having a pumpkin day for the preschoolers to select their very own mini pumpkin to decorate and take home. This month our Halloween parade will be held on Wednesday October 31th, the children get to wear their costumes and walk around the plaza to collect candy. A pair of extra clothes would be highly recommended. There will also be a potluck during lunchtime, where the parents are welcomed to be a part of the celebration. Please remember that school will be closed early that day at 3pm.

Happy birthday Wilder, Dylan, and Aydan!





ROOM 6

Ms. Michelle
Ms. Jade



I hope all of you were able to look over the Back-to-School letter to better understand what your children do throughout their days. They are all adjusting well, and we have truly enjoyed spending our days with them. We would also like to thank all of you that donated books to our classroom. We will enjoy reading them to the children and I know they will love all of the new stories.

As well as our continued work on math, language, handwriting and reading, we will begin learning about the continent of North America. We will be listening to beautiful jazz music as well as some spooky songs thrown in here and there. For our cooking project we will be making pumpkin bread.

On Wednesday, October 31st, we will be having our annual Halloween parade and potluck. Please have your child wear their clothes under their costumes so they may change later. Make sure the costumes are not scary and please no weapons of any kind at school. We will be providing bags for goodies for the children, so it is not necessary for them to bring one. This is a fun-filled day and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. I will be posting a sign-up sheet for the potluck on the front door as well as a volunteer sign-up sheet. I

will need six parents to come in and help set up the room and serve food at the party. The elementary classes will also be going on their first field trip to Irvine Park's Pumpkin Patch on Friday, October 26th. If you have not filled out a permission slip for the field trip, please let me know and I will get one for you. We will be posting more information regarding the field trip on our parent board later this month.

We would like to welcome Beckett, Grayson, Kareem, Lauren, Livia, Mia, Elisa, Leonardo, Tymour, Grant and Jason to our Room 6 family!

Happy Halloween!



ROOM 7

Ms. Megan H
Ms. Sarah

Happy October everyone! We cannot believe that September has ended and the first month of school is actually over! All the children are doing a great job working hard in the classroom and acclimating to our daily routine. Thank you for your generous contribution of books to our classroom. Like September, October will be filled with much excitement and learning! We will continue to discuss all of the 7 continents, and specifically where we live. Towards the end of the month we will get started on studying the continent of North America.

For Botany this month we will be learning about the parts of a pumpkin. We have materials for the children to explore the parts of a pumpkin as well as its life cycle. Our artist of the month will be Vincent Van Gogh. We will also be listening to music by Beethoven.

October is a month of sweet treats! We will be taking our very first class field trip to the Pumpkin Patch on Thursday, October 26th. With that being said, please remember to fill out the field trip permission slip waiver and return it to me as soon as possible. I will keep you updated with further information closer to the date of the field trip. The Halloween parade and potluck will be on Wednesday, October 31th. We are looking forward to seeing all of your children dressed up in their costumes.

We are so happy that September ended so smoothly, and we are so proud of the progress that all of the children have made already! We are looking forward to another successful month. I insist that your children arrive promptly to school on time at 8:45 a.m. It is crucial for our students to come to school on time because new lessons are presented every morning. It is also distracting when students walk in late. If you are running behind, please allow your child to enter the room independently.

Happy Birthday to Jackson and Ahana!
We are looking forward to a fun and exciting October!

