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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 10/10 (Mon.)
Columbus Day
Holiday Observed,
School Closed
- ◆ 10/19 (Wed.) Gr.
K to 8 Fall Picture
Day Make-Up
- ◆ 10/24 to 28 Red
Ribbon Week
- ◆ 10/24 (Mon.)
United Nations
Day Celebration
- ◆ 10/31(Mon.)
Holiday Parade,
Mini-Carnival and
Pot Luck

Happy October!

Welcome the month of October! Fall officially started last September 23, but we can feel the real change the first few weeks of this month. How quickly did time fly and we noticed the changes the children have gone through. Most, if not all, have settled in their classrooms and are in the process of mastering the school and classroom routines. The children have made friends and rekindled the old ones and have warmed up to their teachers. As we begin the second month of school, they are ready to learn and grow more.

We have quite a number of events this month. Our school will observe the Columbus Day Holiday and be closed on Oct. 10. Then we have the United Nations Day International Parade, Exhibits and Pot Luck on Oct. 24. Lastly, on Oct. 31 we will have a simple Halloween - held in our school grounds. There will be a mini-carnival with games and prizes hosted by the Upper Elementary and Middle School children.

Celebrate Red Ribbon Week - October 24 - 28!

NARCONON. Last September 21, 2011 - Mr. Tony Bylsma was our guest speaker for our Drug Prevention and Education Class held in our school for our 3rd to 8th Graders. Studies have proven that a child's early education and learning to say "NO" to drugs and alcohol would make them less likely to be involved in crime and delinquent and destructive behaviors.

We at Arrow Montessori have the pleasure to have great and wonderful Drug Prevention and Education Speakers from Narconon. For over 5 years now, they have educated our children and



FALL FOLIAGE FACTS

- Because of its wide variety of trees, the Eastern United States, especially the North Eastern US is one of the best places in the world for viewing fall colors.
- Trees take water from the ground through their roots & take carbon dioxide from the air. They also use the energy from sunlight to produce sugar which together is called photosynthesis.
- The leaf colors red, yellow & brown are in the leaves all year long & only become exposed when the green chlorophyll disappears in the fall.
- Mulching fall leaves where they fall lets them decompose so that they can release minerals back to the underlying soil.

From Fall Facts and Autumn information. // www.lookingforadventure.com/fall_facts.htm

made them aware of learning to say "NO" to drugs and alcohol.



This year, the school will observe Red Ribbon Week by making red ribbons to hang around our school. Let us continue to keep our school drug-free!

INFANT AND TODDLER News



Happy Halloween to all! This month, we are doing classroom themes for Fall, Halloween and the Seasons! The children are adjusting well with all our teachers.

Flu Season is around the corner and we are as concerned as you in making sure that the children are well and healthy in school. We are taking all the necessary precautions this season. It is advisable for every child to please see your child's pediatrician even at the early stages of

the common cold or flu. It will help safeguard his health as well as your family and school against more serious developments of the common cold. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation on this matter. Until next month!

PRIMARY News

The children are now happily adjusted to their school routines. WE would like to thank our parents who worked with us and made the transition a happy and smooth one. We will be busy learning about our continents and preparing for our United Nations Day Celebration on October 24. We are learning about the continent of Africa and Antarctica. We would greatly appreciate any input you might provide in making this lesson a

productive and important one. WE also would like to thank all our parents who contributed and have participated in our Fall Fundraiser. WE eagerly await the results, but nevertheless, thank you for your efforts and time in helping us with our goals. Lastly, we would like to greet everybody a HAPPY OCTOBER AND FALL SEASON!

LOWER ELEMENTARY News

Our regular school days have been productive so far. The children are enjoying their lessons in all areas and are ready and eager for new and more lessons! This would not be possible without your help in keeping and helping the child remain focused. Our daily attendance and punctuality is definitely helping us provide a distraction free timely and early start of a school day. The children are also enjoying their special subject classes of

computer , P.E., Spanish and Art. These classes help them be more productive and keep them balanced with their academics. We are currently working on the Continent of Europe and studying the United States for our United Day Celebration. We hope you could help us in making the exhibits a hands on project with the children. UN Projects are due by Oct. 14. Until next month!

UPPER ELEMENTARY and MIDDLE SCHOOL News

We had a very productive anti-drug class last Sept. 22, with Mr. Tony Blysmas of Narconon. Coming up shortly will be our Red Ribbon week to apply the important lessons we learned from the anti-drug class. We'd also like to thank our parents for helping us out in our smooth transition to the school year. Let's keep our working relationship strong for the best interest of the children. This year for UN DAY - we are

working on our exhibit of Australia and North America. Your input in the projects are greatly appreciated. Another annual project we do this month is our mini-Halloween Carnival scheduled for Oct. 31. As you can tell, the Upper Elementary and Middle School are busy in all preparations this month!

There is however, one principle which-according to Montessori herself - may be regarded as more fundamental than any other; probably because, in a sense, it includes all the rest. It is this: "That we must constantly bear in mind the fundamental difference between the child and the adult. The child is in a continual state of growth and metamorphosis, whereas the adult has reached the norm of the species."

- Maria Montessori

*Her Life and work,
p.106, by E.M.Standing*

Parent's Night / Fall Fundraiser

Parent's Night. We truly appreciate your attendance in our recent Parent's Night. It gave us a chance to initiate goals that we both could work for throughout the year. We will continue to keep your child focused, productive and happy in class.

Fall Fundraiser. As of this writing, we are still working on this year's fundraiser. With the exciting incentives, the children seem to be so eager in helping out in this project. In the next

few weeks, we should be able to announce the child Top-Seller and Class Top-Seller. To celebrate the success, we will be having a DONUT PARTY for all! The CLASS TOP-SELLER will be having a PIZZA PARTY and the CHILD TOP-SELLER, a special prize from Great American Company. Once again, thank you, thank you for your efforts and generosity in this fundraiser!! Money raised will be used to buy new materials and classroom needs. Order should be in before the Thanksgiving holiday.



School Pictures/ Christopher Columbus Holiday

Lifetouch Photography It was a fun picture day session for all! This year, we are happy to note that we had quite a number of family and sibling portraits. We know you will not be disappointed because the professional photographers deliver quality pictures. Fall picture packages should be in the next 3 to 4 weeks - just watch out for the school announcements.

Christopher Columbus Holiday! As part of our history classes, we are discussing the life and achievement of Christopher Columbus. In line with our classroom discussions in History, there would be supplemental lessons in Geography. School will observe the holiday and will be closed on Monday - October 10.



United Nations Day / School Mini-Carnival hosted by 3rd - 8th Grade

United Nations Day - Oct 24th. We are celebrating United Nations Day on Monday - October 24. We are having an international parade of costumes, an international pot luck and the school will be open for an international exhibit of the continents. Each classroom worked on a specific continent and the children's projects and classroom work will be displayed throughout the day. Please plan to stop by that day to participate in the cultural event. Every year, we enrich the children's awareness of the world and the different cultures. It is through celebrations like this that the children learn and become knowledgeable, interactive, sociable and tolerable of the people and cultures. Happy United Nations Day!

School Mini-Carnival Celebration on Oct. 31st It is unfortunate that this year, we will be unable to visit the seniors at the San Dimas Retirement Center - due to the proximity of our

new location. In lieu of this activity, we will do our annual HOLIDAY COSTUME PARADE around our new school building. The children may arrive in their HOLIDAY COSTUME but please bring a set of CHANGE OF CLOTHES, labeled and in a plastic bag to change after the 9a.m. parade. It is also a Lunch Pot Luck day - sign up sheets will be made available shortly. We thank you for your food donations in advance. Make sure all holiday costumes are labeled to prevent losses. We cannot be held responsible for any unlabeled costumes. From 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. the Upper Elementary and Middle School children and their teachers will host a Mini-Carnival with family games and prizes for a minimal fee. There will also be G rated movies included for interested children. Prize donations from families will be greatly appreciated. This event hosted by the children is a fundraiser to help in their end-of-the-year class activity or trip. Thank you and see you at the carnival!

Halloween Safety Tips: ALL Dressed Up

Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that the shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.

Because masks can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives. Hats should fit properly to prevent them from sliding over eyes.

When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories look for and purchase those with a label clearly indicating they are flame resistant.

If a sword, cane, or stick is a part of your child's costume, make sure it is not sharp or too long. A child may easily be hurt if he stumbles or trips.

Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.

Teach children how to dial 9 -1 -1 if they have an emergency or become lost.

Source: AAP News release (American Academy of Pediatrics)

www.aap.org/advocacy/releases/occthaloween.cfm

Office Reminders

Here are some important school policies and guidelines. Please make a note of it.

Emergency Cards. Please help us contact you when extremely necessary by updating your emergency cards. It is most helpful at this time to know your current phone numbers and updated authorized pick-up list. Thank you!

Tuition Fees. Monthly tuition fees are due on the first of each month. Late fees of \$6 per week applies after the

10th of each month. WE ONLY ACCEPT CHECKS OR CREDIT CARDS (Visa or Mastercard with a 1% processing fee).

Sign In and Out Daily. It is mandatory for all parents/guardians to sign their child in and out daily with their legal signatures. Children may not sign in behalf of their parents.

BONITA SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM. The Primary through Middle School lunches are now catered by Bonita Unified. Make sure to go over your lunch menus and pre-order your meals. We need a minimum 24-hour notice for lunch ticket holders.

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Extra Curricular Activities

For a minimum fee and the convenience of having these classes in our school grounds, you might be interested to enroll your child this Fall:

Taekwondo Class. Starts October 4
Offered 2 times a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 3 to 3:45 pm. Cost is \$80 for 8 classes a month.

Art Class. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 - 3:30 pm ; 4 weeks / month

\$50 includes materials. Spaces limited!

Charter Oak Gymnastics. Every Monday from 12 - 12:30pm. Cost is \$42 for six sessions.

Music and Kids - Mondays from 3 - 3:30 pm. 4 sessions a month for \$44.

Webby Dance. Wednesdays from 3:15 - 4 pm. 4 sessions per month for \$40.

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