

# Arrow Montessori School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ 10/10 (Mon.)  
Columbus Day  
Observed, School  
Closed
- ◆ 10/17 (Mon.)  
United Nations  
Day Celebration
- ◆ 10/26(Wed.) Gr.K  
to 8 Fall Picture  
Day Make-Up
- ◆ 10/28(Fri.)  
Holiday Parade  
and Pot Luck



## Fall is here!

Welcome the month of October! Fall officially started last September 22nd and we are so glad to welcome the weather change and new season.

What a wonderful start of the school year! The changes are evident as you can see that the children transitioned well into the first few weeks of school. Their happy faces and eagerness to start the new school day each week is a sign of more good things to come.

The school has undergone great classroom changes and rearrangements of furniture! We have added some materials in each classroom, we have a wonderful team up of teachers, we have welcomed new and returning children! The changes are possible because of you - our parents and families who continue to support and enroll your child/ren in our school! We thank you for your trust and generosity to start the year right!

## FALL FUNDRAISER

We are currently raising funds to get more classroom materials for the children to work with, an upgraded front door key pad, as well as some classroom furniture. As you have probably seen by now, some Rooms - have purchased some new tables and chairs, rugs and book shelves. We are also replacing worn-out Montessori materials with new ones. They can be costly but the children work with them to better help them grasp concepts and skills needed for their individual levels. At this point, thank you wonderful parents for your participation or contributions. You have definitely enriched the children of every classroom!!!

Your orders are due by OCT. 4. Delivery of the orders should be in before the Thanksgiving holiday! The children are also having a blast with the company incentives for every sale made. Once

## Celebrate Red Ribbon Week - October 23 - 31 !

**NARCONON.** Every year, we invite a speaker , to give us a short lecture on drug awareness and prevention . It has been 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. **Last Sept. 16,** the school was honored to have Mr. Jess Grosby , speaker from NARCONON - FRESH START do a presentation for Grades 3 to 8.

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 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 in our fences. Let us continue to keep our school drug-free!



*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*

## INFANT AND TODDLER News

Happy October! 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



## 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. The children are now busy with learning their Practical Life, Sensorial, Language, Math, Cultural Arts, Spanish and Art! They also have been busy learning about the assigned continent and preparing their exhibit for the upcoming United Nations Day this month! PS1 will be working on the continent of Europe, Room B is working

on South America and Room C will be doing Africa! Thank you for your contributions and support in our month's classroom events. WE also would like to thank all our parents who contributed and have participated in our Fall Fundraiser. Happy Fall!



## LOWER ELEMENTARY News

WE are so happy to have transitioned to the new school year! Thank you parents for helping us make the transition from one classroom level to the next! Now in our second month, the children are finally settling down to classroom routines, especially trying to stay focused and learning new lessons. The children have also made new friends with our new children and warmed up with the old. They also are trying to establish homework and quiz routines (K - 2<sup>nd</sup>) and enjoying their academic as

well as extra-curricular subjects of PE with Ms. Susie, computer and Spanish with Ms. Mirella. Our focus this month is the study of ASIA (Room A) and NORTH AMERICA (Room D) which are the continents we will present for UN Day. We hope to learn and expand our world of knowledge with the projects made. The children are also looking forward to the holiday festivities with the parade and mini-carnival in our grounds and also a Library Visit for Room D on Oct. 4 and Nov. 1 for Room A. Lastly thank

## UPPER ELEMENTARY and MIDDLE SCHOOL News

The third to fifth Graders is now at home with their classmates and looks forward to their new classroom environment and set up! This wouldn't be possible without our parents support and the guidance of their teachers: Ms. Rowena, Ms. Shiela, Ms. Celia, and Mr. Raymond. We have so much to look forward in our classrooms this month: the UN DAY, the Mini-Carnival fundraiser and by next month - our

library visit. Our mini-carnival, that was re-scheduled for Oct. 28 is so exciting! The money that we raise goes to our end of the year classroom activity. Please support our family oriented, child-centered games and booths in our playground. Lastly, we also have our upcoming UN Day where we picked Australia (Room F) and Antarctica (Room E) as our continents. See you soon!

## 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 strive to keep your child focused and productive this year.

**Fall Fundraiser.** As of this writing, we are still working on this year's fundraiser. With the exciting emoji & prize 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 **SCHOOL CLASS TOP-SELLER** will be having a PIZZA PARTY and the **CHILD TOP-SELLER**, get a \$100 Target gift card (with a minimum sale of \$500). Once again, thank you, thank you for your efforts and generosity in this fundraiser!!

## 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 Day Observed!**

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.

### **Save the Date!**

As an extension of their reading & Language Arts Program, the classes are scheduled to visit the San Dimas Public Library .

Library Visit Schedule for Elementary:

Oct. 4 (Tues.) RM D

Nov. 1 (Tues.) RM A

Nov. 8 (Tues.) RMs E & F

### **Welcome Ms. Suzie - PE TEACHER for K to 8<sup>th</sup>!**

Last Sept. 22, Ms. Suzie started Elementary PE classes. Ms. Suzie has taught at the LA Unified School District for almost 10 years, 3 years of which was PE! Children have easily adjusted to her joyful & energetic personality almost instantly! Welcome Ms. Susie!!!!

## United Nations Day / Pumpkin Patch - Field Trip

**United Nations Day.** We are celebrating United Nations Day on Monday - October 17. We are having an international parade of costumes, 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. We will have an international National Costume Parade around the parking lot between 9 - 9:30 a.m. that day. Please plan to stop by to participate in our 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!

**LA VERNE HERITAGE PUMPKIN PATCH FIELD TRIP.** This year, our preschoolers through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are

scheduled to visit LA VERNE HERITAGE PUMPKIN PATCH on Wednesday , October 12. A detailed permission slip will be handed shortly. The high lights of the field trip are: for the children to see a little bit of how life was like on the farm back in the late 1800's. They will take the group through a guided tour of Weber Ranch, a hayride through an orange grove, a petting zoo and decorate a pumpkin to take home!! The goal of the field trip is to supplement our classroom lessons on the topic of vegetables and fruits of the season.

WE hope you could join us for another joyful and great learning activity for the children!!!!



### **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](http://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 \$24 applies after the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 full legal signatures. Children may not sign in behalf of their parents.



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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:

**Charter Oak Gymnastics.** Every Monday from 12 - 12:30 (PS) & 12:35 - 1:05 (Elem) Cost is \$54 for six week sessions.

**Music and Kids** - Mondays from 2:30 to 3 & 3 - 3:30 pm. Cost is \$46 - 4 , 30 minute sessions a month.

**Webby Dance.** Wednesdays at 2:45 and 3:15 pm. 4 sessions per month for \$40.

**Bricks4Kidz.(STEM Program K-8<sup>th</sup>)** - Spaces limited, first come first served . 6 classes per session on Wednesdays from 1 - 2 pm(K to 2<sup>nd</sup>) & 2:15 - 3:15 (3<sup>rd</sup>to8th) - \$89. Second session starts WED. October 26 thru Nov. 30.

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