



Arrow Montessori School Newsletter

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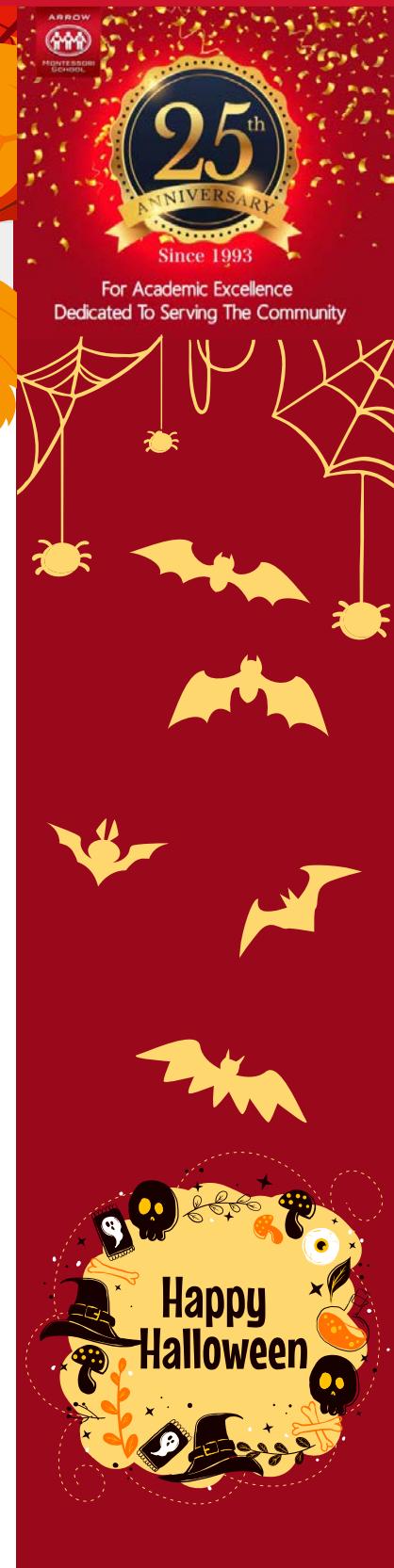
It's October

Welcome Fall!

We are all so glad we've made it this far since the pandemic! Adjusting to the new normal is, and will continue to be a challenge. Our team efforts seem to counteract all the changes and limitations we face daily. We are so glad to welcome our new school year with glee!

We appreciate your presence at our Back to School Zoom meeting that was held during the first week of school. It was nice to have you participate, even from work, and to value our team efforts to keep your children's lives as close to normal as possible. How wonderful it was to see them interact and appreciate their friends in class, though limited in numbers, in the children's eye, they don't seem to mind. We surely appreciate our teacher's efforts to make the classroom experience as fun and happy as can be! Good-bye anxieties!

Here's what we just concluded for the month of September and our forthcoming activities for **October!**



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Back to School Zoom Meeting

Our meeting was held on September 11th. We will proceed to have meetings on Zoom as long as we are operating with limited numbers. As mentioned in the meeting, we will try our best to maintain a "normal" state with the children and conduct activities they are familiar with, in the safest and healthiest way. Thank you so much for your cooperation in keeping the children healthy and safe.

For our classroom routines, we are happy to share that your children have adjusted so well and appear to enjoy coming to class every day. The teachers are enthused to maintain regular classroom routines and have adapted to the new normal of social distancing, frequent hand-washing, and wearing their masks with the children.

At this point, we are happy to share that we are getting a number of children who come to school wearing a mask. This is commendable since we all know that the coronavirus symptoms mimic the flu and the flu season is around the corner. So this could be considered a healthy habit for all.



Lifetouch Picture Day

We had our first school Fall Picture Day on September 22nd. Since we have had the same photographer for the last 15 years and the same company (Lifetouch who recently teamed up with Shutterfly) we are sure you will be pleased when your actual photos arrive! They have also adapted to health guidelines and protocols in taking photos as well as making it simple and easy to order your child's photos online.



This October, we have the following activities coming:

Pumpkin Patch

Since we are not able to visit the La Verne Heritage Pumpkin Patch or Tanaka Farms as of yet, we will be bringing the pumpkins you've pre-paid for them to pick. The teachers are preparing lessons for the Fall season, as well as a theme of pumpkins, and of course, we will do some outdoor activities.

This theme culminates on Friday – October 9, with a classroom Pumpkin Patch! We'll surely share some pictures and video clips with you. Please check our school's website at arrowmontessori.com



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UN Day

This year the teachers drew lots for the continents, as they do annually, for their UN DAY on October 23. It is a great way to have the children explore a continent and learn about the people, culture, food, flags, and ways of life. For Infants, they will explore Asia.

For Preschool 1 they will be doing the continent of Europe. For Rooms B and C they will showcase the continent of South America and North America respectively.

We will be unable to do our annual Parade of International Costumes, but we will simulate something similar in your child's respective classroom. We are working on presenting a few minutes of this activity via Zoom.

Details to follow.



Columbus Day Holiday Observed

We wish everyone a happy and safe Columbus Day. School will be closed on Monday – October 12 in observance of the holiday.



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Halloween Activity

October won't be without a popular holiday, Halloween. On Friday, October 30th, your child may come to school in their Halloween costume.

For our classroom Halloween parade, we will have them wear their full costume with all its accessories. After the parade, we will have them change in their regular play clothes. Please bring a bag for your child's costume and label each piece including accessories.

Since we are still "not sharing", if you wish to give treats to the children, please individually bag the treats from home and we can send them home to each child. No treats will be opened at school.

Zoom details to follow.



We would like to thank you for choosing and staying with Arrow Montessori School. Your loyalty, trust, and support means a lot to us and we do our best to keep your child learning in a happy, safe environment, with caring teachers, every day! Happy Fall!