



Milpitas Montessori School
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NEWSLETTER

2017

Uesugi Farms Field Trip

On Friday, October 13th, our school will be going on a fun and educational field trip to Uesugi Farms in San Martin/Gilroy. All participants must be at school by 8:00 am. We expect to be back at the school at about 2:30 and the school will close early at 2:45. School campus will be closed on this day to children who are not participating.



Early Closure at 2:45

The school will close early at 2:45 on Friday, October 13th (after our return from the field trip), for a staff in-service meeting.

Sign up for Preschool

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences with Ms. Chi (Garden Room) will be held from **November 8-9**. Conferences with Ms. Sandy (Rainbow room) will be held from **November 15-16**. The purpose of this conference is to discuss with parents the academic, social, and behavioral progress of their child as it relates to school. In mid-October, look for the **sign-up sheet** located in the sign in/out binder of your child's classroom to sign-up for a time-slot that is available and convenient for you.

Please note: There is a limit of **one meeting per child**. Children will not be allowed in the meeting, so please make other arrangements if you have another child at home. **Please be on time, as you only have 20 minutes** and there will be other parents scheduled after you. We reserve the right to cancel conferences with parents who arrive more than 5 minutes late.

Holiday Performance Survey- response required by October 16th

Next week, please look out for a survey asking whether your child will or will not participate in the Holiday Performance, which will be held at the Milpitas Community Center auditorium on December 21, 2017. The performance is a show for parents to see the children sing and dance. Due to a significant increase in cost to reserve the auditorium this year, there will be an entrance fee per family in order for us to continue holding performances there. This survey is required to determine the cost which will range at \$8- \$12 per participating family.

This survey is also required in order for teachers to start planning for practice and possibly assigning specific roles to those children who will participate.

Halloween Mini Carnival And Pumpkin Showcase

On Friday, October 27th from 9:30-10:30, each classroom will celebrate Halloween by having a mini carnival and a pumpkin showcase. Parents are welcome to watch & take photos.

Dress up!

We encourage all children to wear their Halloween costume on this day. Children must arrive to school already dressed in their costumes. They will change out of their costume before lunch time, so please bring a bag with a set of clothes to change into. Label your child's name on the bag, costume, and all costume accessories.



Mini-Carnival

Each classroom will be holding their own little fun-filled mini carnival with spook-tacular games and activities for the children! We will need the help of parent volunteers to assist in carrying out the games/activities. If you are interested, please look out for the volunteer sign-up sheet in your child's classroom next week.



Pumpkin Showcase

We encourage all children to submit a pumpkin to display in our pumpkin showcase. Children can either (1) carve a fresh or fake pumpkin jack-o-lantern (please note: fresh pumpkins should be carved **no earlier** than Thursday night, October 26th, to prevent rotting/molding) OR (2) make a no-carve decorated pumpkin (for ideas, look up "no-carve pumpkin ideas" online). Make it fun and creative! Write your child's name on the bottom of the pumpkin and bring it to school on the morning of October 27th.



Reminders for Halloween Day,
Tuesday, October 31st

- Since the children will already dress-up and celebrate Halloween on October 27th, children should not wear their costume on Halloween day
- The school **will close early at 5:00**. Late fee charges will apply to those who are picked up after 5:00



Flu season is upon us, and we strongly encourage you to take your child to get the flu shot. Receiving a flu shot may minimize your child's chances of falling ill and potentially spreading illness to others.

Also, as a reminder, if your child has a fever of **100° or more**, he/she **CANNOT** come to school and must be **fever-free without the assistance of medication** for 24 hours before he/she is allowed to return to school. This also means, if your child is sent home with a fever, he/she cannot return to school the next day.