



THE DISCOVERY MONTESSORI

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Dear Parents,

I would like to start October newsletter with gratitude and appreciation for our school community. September has been an amazing start to our new school year. The classrooms are filled with laughter and joy which is heartwarming for all of us. The children are showing confidence and sense of belonging which is reflected in everyday activities and interactions. The children who have started in September are settling down and we see the smiles and hugs that bring comfort and peace not only in our hearts but also in the classrooms.

Parent's Information Night: The parents' information night was an opportunity to sit together and discuss the school culture and the program. I am grateful for all the parents who attended the session and would like to continue building that partnership. I want to assure the families who could not attend that they are welcome to connect with us for any information or a visit to the classrooms.

October Activities: October is a beautiful month of changing landscape and with this lovely transformation comes the bounty of Nature in the form of fall harvest and thanks giving. It also brings an opportunity to pause reflect and celebrate gratitude, kindness and school community. To make the most out of this month, we plan activities around apples, pumpkins and thanksgiving.

Thanks Giving : With thanksgiving approaching we will be encouraging the children to practice kindness and respect, talk about things they are grateful for. Children will participate in Autumn and thanksgiving related practical life activities. The teachers will share stories, songs, conversations about family, school community and gratitude. Gratitude can be expressed through actions like helping a friend, caring for a plant, saying thank you, preparing a snack and by simply noticing the beauty around.

We encourage the families to continue this conversation at home by asking your child " What are we thank ful for today? "How can we show someone that we appreciate them?"

The school is **closed on Monday, October 12th for Thanks Giving.**

Apple Tasting at School: Our school tradition is that every October under the guidance of casa 1 teachers each classroom prepares an apple tasting activity. This year it is on Friday, October 16th. The teachers will also have activities for pumpkin painting and pumpkin carving. Please send medium-size pumpkin with your child so your child can participate in pumpkin painting and decorating activity on Monday, October 26.

Class Photo Session: The class photo will be taken on Thursday, October 22. Please let your child dress up for the group photo. It will be emailed to you to keep as a keepsake of your child's time in Discovery Montessori.

As the weather becomes cooler, please remember to dress your child in layers. We continue to spend meaningful time outdoors whenever weather conditions permit.



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Dress Up Day: October 30th is a dress up day at school. Children are welcome to dress up in costumes of their choice. Please refrain from sending any treats or loot bags to exchange. Scary masks and toy weapons are also not allowed as part of the costume. Thankyou for your cooperation

Sick Child Policy: The health and safety of all children and staff is our top priority. To prevent the spread of illness and ensure a healthy environment we ask all the families to carefully review and follow our sick child policy.

Please keep your child home with any symptoms of ill health including if the child is complaining of being tired. The child can return to school after 24 hours if the child is free from any symptoms of fever (without any medication). For diarrhea and vomiting the child has to be symptom free for 48 hours. We may require a doctor's note before returning after certain illnesses. The child with a runny nose or cough will not be allowed in school. If your child has shown symptoms in school, you will be contacted immediately to pick your child up. The child will be kept comfortable and supervised and away from other children until pick up.

Please notify the school if your child is diagnosed with a contagious illness. (like hand foot and Mouth etc). This helps us take precautions and inform other parents without identifying your child.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe healthy environment for all the children and staff. If you have any question or concerns regarding our sick child policy, please reach out to your child's class teacher.

Staff Professional Day: October 23 is the school Staff Professional Day at school **and the school will be closed.** All the staff members will be attending professional development sessions at the school. The one-day fee payment for this holiday will be reimbursed to parents.

Wishing all our families and staff a warm and joyful thanks giving and the month of October.

Warm Regards,

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