



NEWSLETTER

October 2009 Volume 2

“SPRING” into Fall



Look out for the many fun and exciting events coming to the school in the next month. From now until Thanksgiving we will be celebrating and learning about the various histories and cultures of the season.

Halloween Party

On Friday, October 30th at 10:00 am we will be having our Halloween Celebration (**for the children only**). Children are invited to bring some piece of their Halloween costume, such as the accessories, **but not the entire costume**. For example: a wig, a hat, a magic wand, face painting, make up or some other hand item that goes with the costume. **PLEASE, NOTHING THAT REQUIRES GETTING DRESSED.**



Observations/Conference

Starts November 3, 2009 - May 4, 2010
(Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only)
Please call Ms Margarita to schedule an appointment.



Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 22nd
Dad's Pumpkin Carving
Ms. Bela's Class
(10:00 am - 11:30 am)

Friday, October 23rd
Dad's Pumpkin Carving
Ms. Anna's Class
(10:00 am - 11:30 am)

Friday, October 30th
Halloween Party
(children only)

Monday, November 2nd
School Closed
Professional Day

Thursday, November 5th
Parent Education Night
Foreign Language Program

Friday, November 13th
School Picture Day

Tuesday, November 23rd
Thanksgiving Feast

SPREAD THE WORD...."SPRING INTO ACTION"

We will have an open house on **Saturday, November 14th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** If you have any friends or neighbors who may be interested in enrolling their children at SBMA for next year, please pass the word along.



Our greatest marketing tool is our parents. We appreciate all that you do for your children and for the school. Please let others know about the school and help us get our educational message out into the community.



and Reminders



Information Changes - Please notify the school office when there are phone number or address changes. Please call or email Ms. Margarita margaritasbma@yahoo.com for any changes in pick up, appointments, phone number or address change, she will let the teacher know. Thank you for all your support...

Payment Reminder - Payments are due by the first of the month; a 3% finance charge will be assessed to all accounts 30 days past the due date. This charge will be accruing monthly until **all** payments are made.

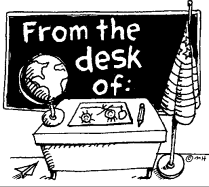
Returning to School after Illness - Children may not return to school following an illness until their temperature has been normal for at least 24 hours. A doctor's note is required to return to school if your child has been absent or sent home for any of the following, regardless of the length of absence:

- discharge from the eyes or other possible signs of pinkeye (24 hours after initial dose of antibiotics)
- an unexplained rash
- any communicable disease

Outdoor Play - The Maryland Department of Education requires that we provide 'all day' children with outdoor activities on a daily basis. We believe that children should spend time outdoors except when it rains or the temperature is below 35 degrees. The children therefore should always be dressed with the expectation of playing outdoors.

Late Arrival - Please arrive for school on time. Late arrival interrupts the child's academic day and creates interruptions in the classroom. The child who has Foreign Language Class between 8:45am – 9:30 am (4 year old) must arrive before 8:35am, in order to attend the Spanish/French Class. If he/she is late, they will then join the Montessori program and not the Foreign Language Class. The child who has Foreign Language Class between 10:50 am – 11:35am, must arrive by 10:45am, in order to attend the Spanish/French/Italian Class. If he/she is late, they will then join the Montessori program and not the Foreign Language Class.

Lunch Time - Please remember to bring (2) napkins and a spoon, if needed, for your child's lunch. Do not send too much food. Do not send candy or gum. Do not put soda in the lunch box. Use a thermos, no glass containers please



MR. MELNICK

A warm welcome to all the new and existing parents in the 2009-10 school year. Now six weeks in to the full school year, the children are adjusting beautifully to the new faces, personalities and routines. A big Thank You to all the parents for showing your confidence in the school and normalizing the arrival and dismissal process as much as possible. The staff members report that things are going very smoothly in the classrooms. The children seem happy, peaceful, unstressed and have had a chance to absorb changes gradually. In their classrooms this translates into a calm, quiet satisfaction, a real readiness to do their work, which builds their concentration, inner discipline and self-direction, which is being sown daily in the Prepared Environment.

Here is the partial list of the children's accomplishments so far:

- have become accustomed to the arrival and departure routines.
- begun their foreign language lessons.
- begun spontaneously to greet teachers and other staff members upon first entering the classrooms.
- made new friends among other children.
- set the table and serve themselves snack.
- use "inside voice" when they are in school.
- acquired self help skills such as, removing shoes and putting on slippers.
- has had several new lessons as well as repetition of last year's work activities

In the Classroom



FROM MS. BELA

Dear Parents, September went quickly and we navigated well through those few weeks. We are settling down, but we still have to remember to use indoor voice, to walk in the classroom (some of us cannot resist the urge to run or skip), take turns and also respect others. The younger children are working with the Practical life and Sensorial exercises. The older children are busy with the Language and Math exercises. In October, we will learn about Christopher Columbus. Who was he? Where was he born? How was America discovered? It was great seeing you all at the picnic. We are looking forward to having our dads with us on Pumpkin Day. Thank you for your support, Ms. Bela and Ms. Claudia, with warm greetings!

FROM MS. ANNA

Salutations! Our class has already breezed into fall on a peaceful and positive note. We are impressed at how fast and homogeneously your children have acclimated to their new environment. There is a constant practice of peace and respect of one another here. Fall is an exciting time for us to talk about the changes we hear, see, and feel all around us in nature. You also might hear talk of anywhere from Georgia O'Keeffe, to African baobabs, to even squaring numbers! Thank you for all the support and love all of you are sending our way. As always, please do not hesitate to email us with any inquiries at, SpringMontessori.anna@gmail.com

Best, Ms. Anna and Ms. Tutu



In the Classroom

FROM MS. SERENA

Benvenuti! Welcome to our new kids and the one's returning! We have started our Italian class this year by finding Italy on the globe and looking at its shape and flag. We have learned our numbers(1-10) and some colors, and we practice the 'days of the week' clapping song everyday. We love our friends "Pimpa" and "Giulio Coniglio" in our favorite stories, and we learned about the things we find in our classroom environment(la matita, il libro, la colla, le forbici etc.). In October we learned who Cristoforo Colombo was and about the changing leaves in autumn and what fruits we eat. When it rains we sing "piove piove", and we love ending class with a "girotondo". At lunchtime we continue to speak in Italian and we listen to Vivaldi to 'set the mood'!

Carissimi saluti,
Serena Martini



FROM MS. NUBIA

What a fantastic first month of school. The children are settling smoothly in the routine. We learned greetings, name of objects and things we see around the school and classroom. We have been exploring colors with lots of games such as "Escondido's", "Adivina quien" and "Knock, Knock" to name a few. Also we are busily learning new songs as "La marcha de los colores", "Estoy en la escuela", "De colores" and everyone's favorites "Salta." The older class had their first class outdoors, when we learned about fall and the changes we see in this season. The children will continue discovering fall, talking about animals, food, and shapes. We'll answer the question "What happen when I mix these 2 colors? As we pretend to be scientist, and maybe even discover new colors as we mix them on canvas.



FROM MADAME DRABO

Bonjour !

The School year started quite smoothly; also the transition is progressing very well. Our french class is doing great so far. The youngest children are still learning the basic greetings, the days of the week, and counting from 1 to 10. We are also enjoying our french songs; we read, we sing a have alot of fun. Currently we are very busy learning about " l'Automne" (Fall) and the changes of the colors, the weather etc.....

I would like to extend my gratitude to Madame Sylvie Allen Mills for her kindness to provide the class with French books and materials.

