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MAPLETON MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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SHORT & SWEET! Because one class is quarantining and the other is mostly traveling for the holiday, MMS will be closed Nov 22-26. Happy Thanksgiving! Aftercare pick-up: as it gets colder and darker we'll probably be inside at the very end of the day so Susan has asked that aftercare parents come to the classroom doors on the deck for pick-up.



Spider webs and autumn leaves. What's not to love!



HALLOWEEN

With great costumes, wonderful weather and a devoted audience our mini-parades were a success!



We'll be wrapping up our coat drive next week so check your closets and bring in any coats you'd like to donate. Don't worry if they're not clean - Dependable Cleaners will clean the coats before giving them to the organizations that help with distribution.

We're also collecting unopened, unwrapped, new toys for children 0-14 yrs for Share-a-Gift. Please bring toys to school by **Friday, Dec 10**. This program serves about 700 Boulder County families each year. Thanks!

MASK REQUEST

Some of our students really have a hard time keeping masks on their faces. Kids who are successful seem to have better-fitting masks. One brand that seems to stay put is **Enro**. If you know of other good masks, please let me know; I'm happy to pass the word along. The bottomline is that we need kids to have masks that will stay on their small noses (and ears!)

LUNCHES

We're thrilled about the lunches the children (with your help, I'm sure) are packing! My mother used to stress the importance of a colorful plate but one of our students, Quinn, has shared a new way of expressing that; it comes from her pediatrician who says, "Eat the rainbow!" I love that because the rainbow colors are found in fruits and veggies, essential for growing bodies. If your child is a finicky eater, maybe going to the store with you and picking out the rainbow colors from the produce section will inspire more variety in the lunch box. We also encourage fresh food that is not pre-processed or in individual containers; squeezie fruits and Go-Gurts do not fit in those parameters! Also, children have a hard time opening them and the contents often squirt out everywhere! Thanks for your help!