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# MAPLETON MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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## SHORT & SWEET!

Nov. 10 Veterans' Day – MMS closed.

Nov. 22–24 Thanksgiving Holiday – MMS closed.

## OUR FALL DRIVES

**Coat Drive:** Nov 1-17 We'll collect new and gently used coats for the Dependable Cleaners annual coat drive.

**Food Drive:** Nov 1-17 Last year MMS collected 206 lbs. of food for EFAA! Let's see if we can top that this year!

**Share-a-Gift Toy Drive:** Nov 27-Dec 13 we'll collect new and gently used toys for families in BVSD that need a little extra support during the holiday season. You can start bringing your donations to MMS after Thanksgiving!

## WARM CLOTHING

Cold weather is upon us; children need warm clothing and our playground is now a SHOES-ON playground!

**Please make sure everything is LABELED.** We can't stress this enough. We might have 20 black snow pants, 30 black mittens – you get the point. Without labeling, those things don't stand a chance! Please send the following:

- Waterproof mittens (NOT gloves)
- Warm coat
- Snow pants
- Boots (w/out zippers – zippers get sand in them and are very difficult for little fingers, and big, sometimes!)
- Hats
- Inside shoes are optional but if you send them, think small and light, not big and fluffy! The big ones are distracting and make sitting on the floor difficult.

Also, layers are good, as are extra sets of back-up mittens and socks in back packs for super snowy or wet days.

## TWO SURVEYS: 1. email list 2. Thanksgiving feast

As you know, our email list is not to be used for soliciting as we've always tried to protect you from the overwhelming amount of things, events, special interests, etc. that so many of our families are involved in. However, a few parents are wondering if others would be interested in being able to share community events for 2 1/2-6 year olds that might be of interest to our MMS community.

**1.** Let me know if you'd like our email list to be able to be used for those event listings or would you rather keep it just for carpools and playdates?

**2.** Will your child be here Tues. 11/21 before we break for Thanksgiving? We need a headcount for the food the children will be preparing for their Thanksgiving feast.

I'll post more photos in the Halloween blog in our Parent Portal. As always, please be respectful of all our photos and do not share them on social media. Thank you!

## STAFF MEETINGS

Anyone who has ever worked with a collection of staff members knows the importance of regular meetings. We've struggled with this for years and recently came up with the idea of mimicking BVSD's late start, but only once a month. We'd like to open late the first Wednesday of each month. So instead of check-in from 8:30-9 we'd have check-in from 9:30-10. We understand that this might be an inconvenience for some of you but the benefits, to our staff (and ultimately to all our families), would be considerable. Being able to share problems and collectively find solutions, plan events and units of study, unify procedures and new rules (that our beloved licensing dept. is always coming up with!) and on and on. Our hope is that you'll be able to see this as a good thing that will help our school be even better than it is!

## CLASS NEWS

**Angelarose's Class:** We'll continue our continent study of North America. We'll learn about biomes, landforms, clothing from different areas of the continent and indigenous people of North America. If there's anything you'd like to contribute, please let us know.

**Linda's Class:** We'll be studying North America and the indigenous people of North America. We'll explore traditions and investigate common threads in various cultures regarding celebrations and holidays. We'll share our MMS Thanksgiving traditions by preparing food, expressing gratitude and enjoying togetherness!



## HALLOWEEN PARADE!

Our indoor Halloween parade was off to a shaky start but after a few laps they got the hang of it and a good time was had by ... most!