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MAPLETON MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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SHORT & SWEET! Halloween Parade: Tuesday, Oct 31 9:00 We'll have a parade of children (and staff) decked in costumes. Parents, feel free to come dressed for this super cute event! Our parade circles the trike path several times so you can enjoy all the trick-or-treaters and get good pics; please don't post any children (but your own) on social media. Let your children know that their costumes go home with you after the parade; we'll chat it up at school as well. Thanks!

CONFERENCES

If you haven't signed up for a conference, check with your child's teacher for a time-slot. If your conference is scheduled during aftercare, your child will be in with you for the conference (aftercare is full). You may want to bring a favorite book for your child to read while the adults are chatting. Bring your burning questions and insights; it's a great time for mutual sharing! And yes, you'll find that your children actually do accomplish more than just having a snack during their day, which is usually as much as you'll get out of them - enjoy!

THIRD YEAR/KINDERGARTEN

If your child will be 5 by next Sept 30, please ask about MMS kindergarten when you're conferencing with your child's teacher. As you probably know, Montessori primary is a three year program; in layperson's terms the three years correspond to: preschool, pre-k and kindergarten. In the first two years, challenging goals like reading have been broken down into smaller, more manageable parts. Children master these parts by having enough time for experimentation and repetition. The third year integrates the learning of the first two years; it's when we see children "explode" into the upper-level skills of reading, writing and math. The third year presents many opportunities for the older students to be leaders and mentors; as they give back to the younger community their independence and confidence grow and they cement their own skills and knowledge. Socially and emotionally, the joy of helping others can't be overstated.



Thanks to Wes's dad Daniel for organizing a great meet-up for National Walk and Roll to School Day! How fun to see/hear you all arriving this morning!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS 10/12 & 18 5:30-6:30

We love Back to School nights; it's really fun to see which lessons your child chooses to show you. We have a Mom's night and a Dad's night, simply due to space constraints, but parents who can't make it one night are welcome to come on the other night. If you're juggling two students either both parents come on one or both nights or Mom comes one night with one child and Dad comes the other night with the other child. This year: Mom's night is Thurs, Oct 12 and Dad's night is Wed Oct 18.

MISCELLANEOUS

Peanut butter: if you send something that looks like peanut butter in your child's lunch, could you please label it until we get used to each child's lunch routine! Thanks.

Plastic bags: if you have any plastic shopping or veggie bags you can spare, please send them in. We use them to send home wet/soiled clothing and we're plumb out!



A tricycle sidewalk sweeper! (Wish I'd thought of that!)



Taylor helping friend Rowyn.



Monitoring the ant swimming pool.