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MAPLETON MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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SHORT & SWEET!

November Family Social: This month we are excited to welcome back Wes's grandmother, Amy Haywood. Amy, a children's singer/songwriter/performer, entertained us last year and it was great fun! She'll be here next **Wed, Nov 20 at 5:30**. So bring your MMS student and be prepared to sing along! All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Thanksgiving: MMS will be closed Nov 27-29. The children's Thanksgiving Feast will be on Tue, the 26th. If you haven't already, please let us know if your child will be there. The children will be making the food so we need a fairly accurate count.

PUMPKIN HARVEST & FOOD PREP

As you know, we've had a pumpkin plant growing by the front gate (we have no idea why!) Aaron (Francie) is a chef at SKRATCH LABS and saw nothing but opportunities there, along with the sage, kale and a few other herbs in our gardens. So, with his help, the children harvested and carved the three hefty pumpkins. They roasted and enjoyed the seeds, then cooked the "meat" and froze it for a pumpkin dumpling project which Aaron will cook with them on Monday - YUM! A huge thank you to Aaron for orchestrating this wonderful and yummy culinary project!



Look for more pictures in our Parent Portal by week's end. (Code: 1979)



HALLOWEEN and APPLE CRISP!

Our annual Halloween Parade was well attended, the costumes were wonderful and the weather, though crisp, was great. And, speaking of crisp, thanks to Katie and Davey (Fern) for making delicious apple crisp with us!



CLASS NEWS

South classroom: We'll continue our study of the Solar System, investigating volcanoes, Pangea (a supercontinent that formed roughly 300 million years ago) and The Formation of the Earth. We'll explore the continent of North America and tie into the Native American culture. Thank you to Raina (Zoe) for prepping sewing materials, Eric (Zoe) for fixing doll house parts and Davey and Katie (Fern) for baking apple crisp with the children. Volunteers needed for sewing/sorting. Also, let us know if you'd like to contribute to our units of study.

North classroom: Linda's class continues to study the human body. We've covered the skeletal system, digestion, and major organs. The children are currently exploring their senses through a variety of lessons and activities and next they'll investigate their taste buds. Just in time for all of the sensory delights of the season!

CLASS SCHEDULES REMINDER

Please be mindful of our drop-off/pick-up times:

8:30-9 AM drop off	3:15-3:30 PM pick up
12:30-1 AM pick-up,	5:30 MMS is closed

WEATHER IS CHANGING - SO MUST CLOTHING!

As we head into cold weather, your child should have the following LABELED items at school every day: warm coat, snow pants, MITTENS (no gloves please), hat and boots. An extra pair of mittens & socks is not a bad idea! Label everything so when a dozen black mittens end up in the lost & found, you have a fighting chance of finding yours!