



### A Look Ahead!

- First Marking period ends Nov. 10th.
- Parent/teacher conference Nov. 17th ( No School only childcare provided for full day students only, no extra charges)
- Thanksgiving Break, Nov. 23th-24th.
- Cookies Around the World Dec. 1st.
- Cultivating Gratitude through Charitable giving-during the month of November/December we will be collecting canned food for Gleaners .
- Winter Break Dec. 22nd- Jan. 2nd.
- School Resumes Jan. 3rd.

### Mission:

**The mission of Schoolhouse Montessori Academy is to provide high quality, private Montessori education that helps each child realize his/her fullest potential. We are committed to providing the highest quality child care and early education to our students and families.**

### Lets be Thankful:

#### Thanksgiving Celebration:

November is the time of the year to be thankful and grateful for all that we have.

Schoolhouse will be holding its own Thanksgiving Feast. The classrooms, instead of a traditional Thanksgiving Feast, will make Stone Soup. The teachers are quite excited to read the book and help the children put the ingredients together. The children will definitely have fun cooking the soup. Our teachers are very creative and always make their projects effortless and enjoyable.

#### Parent/ Teacher conference:

The first marking period ends November 10th. Progress Reports will be sent home for all students on November 15th. Conferences for all families are November 17th. There will be **no school** on this day, however, child care will be available for full day

children only. Parents of half day students may bring their child only while they confer with the teacher. You will sign up online for your appointments for the conferences. Your child's teacher has sent home the access code.

#### Cookies Around the World:

Mark your Calendar for December 1st. On December 1st from 6:00pm to 7:30pm we shall congregate at the Troy community center and exchange cookies. Each classroom: Olive, Lilac, Maple, Willow, Magnolia and Mulberry will have a table set up. Bring and share your homemade cookies, bake off a recipe passed on to you, or a traditional homemade goodies from your homeland. While the parents are mingling, socializing, and exchanging cookies, the children will be entertained by an "Old Time Rock and Roll".

The teachers will be monitoring the students during this hour. To add to the excitement and fun, we strongly encourage everyone to share your culture by wearing your traditional attire for both adults and children. It will be a fun evening!

#### Safety and Security:

Safety is one of the important elements at Schoolhouse Montessori Academy. In order to keep our children safe and secure, I am strongly recommending and requesting every family to use their key fobs. Carry the key fob at all times. The best way to remember is to put it along with your car keys. If your key fob is not working, please see Ms. Sfire. You can obtain a third one by depositing five dollars, for baby sitters and grandparents. If you lose one, you can replace it by depositing \$5 per fob.

### THANKSGIVING TIMELINE by Scholastic

#### Autumn 1621

Massasoit, the Great Sachem, or chief, of the Wampanoag, makes the two day journey on foot with his wife and 50 men to visit Plymouth colony. His visit coincides with the colony's harvest feast and the pilgrims invited the Wampanoag to join them.

#### November 30, 1777

General George Washington issues orders setting aside December 18, 1777 as a day "for solemn Thanksgiving and Praise to celebrate recent victories over the British in the American Revolution. It is the first day of thanksgiving in the newly formed United States of America.

#### November 1841

New England historian Alexander Young discovers a letter by Edward Winslow, one of the original colonists, mentioning the 1621 harvest feast. Young describes it as the "first Thanksgiving"

#### November 1846

Sarah Hale begins a letter writing campaign to make the last Thursday of November a national Thanksgiving Day holiday. Her campaign will continue for 17 years.

#### August 1863

President Abraham Lincoln declares a day of Thanksgiving after the Union's victories at Vicksburg and Gettysburg during the civil war. After receiving a letter from Sarah Hale in September,

he declares the Thursday of November to the Thanksgiving Day.

#### November 23, 1939

Breaking from the tradition established by Lincoln. Thanksgiving is celebrated on the next-to-last of the Thursday President Franklin Roosevelt makes the change after the National Retail Dry Goods Association encourages him to extend the Christmas shopping season by one week. The country was thrown into confusion.

#### November 26, 1941

Ending the confusion once and for all President Roosevelt signs legislation making Thanksgiving Day the fourth Thursday each November.