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Schoolhouse Montessori Academy

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#### Up coming events:

- Picture Day, October 19th for the whole school.
- October 31st Halloween fun. Regular school day. No PM Kids Club

#### A look a head:

- Thanksgiving Break Nov. 23rd-24th **No school .**
- Parent/teacher conference Nov.17th **No School** (Childcare provided for full day students only, no extra charge).
- Cookies around the world Dec. 1st at Troy community center. No PM Kids Club.

#### 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.**

#### Autumn is here!

Autumn has arrived, and October is one of the best months of the year! We will soon be seeing all the beautiful colors of a trillion trees along the highways, country roads, and even our neighborhood streets. Taking a nature walk will be a perfect opportunity for teaching your child the beauty of the Fall Season!

#### Halloween:

Let me take this opportunity to mention about Halloween, while not an official holiday, the traditional October 31st. Halloween celebration is much beloved by children in America. The day is a chance to don costumes, often depicting ghosts, goblins, and other characters to collect candy and other treats in the neighborhood.

To celebrate the occasion at schoolhouse, this year we will change it up a bit. We are requesting parent volun-

teers for trunk or treat and to make scarecrows for decoration. The Student Services will contact you through the genius sign up. You may send your child in her/his costume on this day, but please keep it simple, accessible for the bathroom, and comfortable to work throughout the day. **No masks, weapons, or loose fitting costumes.**

Parents are invited to join, but it is not mandatory. This year weather permitting the parade will be outdoors.

#### Cookies Around the World:

Last year, in lieu of our Talent Show, we hosted cookies Around the World, and we will do same this year. Schoolhouse is a very unique and diverse community. We all come from different walks of life, we have

#### How Can Montessori Teachers Meet the Needs of So Many Different Children?

Dr. Montessori believed that teachers should focus on the child as a person, not on the daily lesson plan. Montessori teachers lead children to ask questions, think for themselves, explore, investigate, and discover. Their ultimate objective is to help their students to learn independently and retain the curiosity, creativity, and intelligence with which they were born. Montessori teachers don't simply present lessons; they are facilitators, mentors, coaches, and guides.

Traditionally, teachers have told us that they "teach" students the basic facts and skills that they will need to succeed in the world." Studies show that in

many classrooms, a substantial portion of the day is spent on discipline, redirection and classroom management. Normally, Montessori teachers will not spend much time teaching lessons to the whole class. Their primary role is to prepare and maintain the physical, intellectual, and social/emotional environment within which the children will work. A key aspect of this is the selection of intriguing and developmentally appropriate learning activities to facilitate every student's needs.

Montessori teachers usually present lessons to small groups of children at one time and limit lessons to brief and very clear presentations. The

rich cultures, traditions and values. Our students are very privileged to have this great opportunity to learn from each other's culture. With that being said, I would like to invite each family to participate in this great event that we will be hosting. Six tables will be set up at the Troy Community Center ball room. Each classroom will be assigned to a table (Maple, Willow, Olive, Lilac, Magnolia, and Mulberry). While the parents mingle with each other and exchange their goodies, the children will be entertained with an OLD TIME ROCK AND ROLL show. Mark your calendars for this fun day. It is scheduled for December 1st. It will start at 6:00PM and end at 7:30PM. Detailed information will be sent home as we draw closer to the date. It is FREE admission.

goal is to give the children just enough to capture their attention and spark their interest, intriguing them enough that they will come back on their own to work with the learning materials.

Montessori teachers closely monitor their students' progress. Because they normally work with each child for two or three years, they get to know their students' strengths and weaknesses, interests, and personalities extremely well. Montessori teachers often use the children's interests to enrich the curriculum and provide alternate avenues for accomplishment and success.