

NAPA VALLEY MONTESSORI NEWSLETTER

Kindergarten and Elementary

Announcements

Wednesday, Nov 11

NO SCHOOL

Friday, Nov 20

Visit to Marshalls' Honey Farm

Monday, Nov 23

Begin Silent Auction Fundraiser

Wednesday, Nov 25

NOON DISMISSAL

Thanksgiving Crafts and
Cultural Potluck (10am-11:30a)

Birthdays

Journey - November 9



Bookmaking

In the next few weeks we will begin making books out of the works that we have been doing. If you have any extra decorative paper, cardstock, tag board, thread, string, or ribbon lying around the house that you would like to donate, it would be welcome!

Diversity Month

This week we began a conversation about the Fundamental Needs of humans. In the Cosmic Curriculum of Maria Montessori, these needs are defined as: food, shelter, transportation, protection (this can include medicine and defense), and clothing.

We also added tools and water in class. The Spiritual Needs, again according to Montessori, are: religion, art, beauty, and social acceptance. Over the month (and possibly continuing into December) we will be discussing how people around the world meet these needs.

Upcoming Field Trip

We will go to visit Marshall's Honey Farm on Friday, November 20th. We will leave school at 10 a.m., have a honey tasting, learn about the bees and hives, and then return around 11:30.

The children will eat lunch as normal at school. If you are available to come with us and drive children, please talk to Ms. Sasha or Ms. Adriana.

We will need at least 4-5 drivers, but more are welcome. Please sign up at the front desk. Thank you.

To honor the beautiful diversity of our community, I would like to invite you, the parents, to come into the classroom and share with us all some aspects of your native culture and discuss how people meet their needs in your culture.

This could mean bringing in an example of clothing or music, art or food to share. You could tell us about the place where you or your family came from, and teach us some words in your language.

The times available would be Monday through Thursday, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. We can do this starting in the second week of November and continue for as long as we have volunteers that would like to come in. We will only do 1 person per a day. Thank you and I look forward to what you have to share!

Annual Fundraiser - Silent Auction

Each year, we host a silent auction and raise funds for the school. The final bidding day and the winner of the auction will be announced during our eventful December Holiday Celebration.

Starting **Monday, November 23**, we will display auction items in the main lobby and we'll continue to grow the list of items that will be auctioned up through Wednesday, December 23rd.

We invite you to participate by donating items, and by bidding on items you would like to purchase. All proceeds go directly back to the school. You may donate items such as gift certificates, objects of value, arts and crafts, excursions, etc. If you have any questions on appropriate donations, please don't hesitate to ask Ms. Sasha, Ms. Adriana, or Anna.