

# SOUTH SHORE MONTESSORI, INC.

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### OCTOBER 2011



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#### From the classroom:

**Room 101:** We will be working on Montessori work such as transferring, observing, counting, how to use our rug and bring and restoring work. We will also be working on community helpers and their work. We are very excited about the Art show coming up and making our masterpieces with water color, acrylic and stencils on Van Gogh, Alexander Calder and Paul Klee. We want to acknowledge all of the students and their work on the new Montessori lessons and taking advantage of the learning opportunity as well as having fun. We want to share that Hunter is drinking out of a Sippy cup, walking around by himself, and getting use to all of his classroom friends and teachers.

**Room 102:** We will be discussing policemen and firemen safety. We will have the firemen come to our school with their fire truck. We will also go to the Pumpkin Patch across the street and purchase a small pumpkin. The children will be working hard on their art show projects as well as getting ready for the Fall Festival Party.

- Please bring in a white t-shirt to decorate for the fall festival by Oct. 24th .
- Please check our clipboard for conference times and items needed for the luncheon.

Good job on spooning Ahron! Keep up the great bubble making Bella!

#### October Calendar

Oct. 14	Early Release 12:15pm
Oct. 25	Vision Screening
Oct. 28	101 & 102 Fall Festival
Oct. 31	103, 104, and 105 Fall Festival



#### Holidays

- In observance of Thanksgiving:

School closed Nov. 21-25

Care closed Nov. 23-25

- Winter Holidays: Early Dismissal December 16 at 12:15pm

- Winter Holidays:

School closed Dec. 19– Jan. 2

Early dismissal Dec. 23 at 2:00pm

Care closed Dec. 26– Jan. 2

#### Room 103:

The fire truck will be visiting, and we will be discussing fire safety in the classroom. We will be having our fall festival on Monday October 31st. We also maybe visiting the pumpkin patch a learning about the pumpkins life-cycle. This month we will be finishing up our art show projects with a wonderful pieces of art based on Caulder. Be on the look out for our annual art show in November. Please check our clipboard for needed items for the fall festival. We also are going to be decorating fall t-shirts to wear to our festival. Please send in a white undershirt or \$3.00 by Oct. 14th. If you would like to donate fall paints to paint the shirts. That would be great. Hopefully the fall will bring cooler weather.

## Classroom News

### Room 104:

We will move on in our geography lessons to South America. We will learn about the three parts of the rainforest and the animal life. We will continue our study of the season of Fall. We will be making Fall t-shirts. Each child needs to send in 1 white t-shirt by October 14. Please look for a party sign up soon.

### Room 105:

We are enjoying our new lessons and are working hard to meeting our daily goals. Our October Cultural Luncheon will explore the cuisine and customs of several South American countries. Our class is looking forward to our November and December field trips. Look for more information in the near future.

Please send a white or black t-shirt by Oct. 14th. We will be creating "spooky" shirts for our Oct. 31st celebration.

Dance Mobile is here on Wednesday's from 3:30 to 4:30pm.



### Safety News

Parents we would like for everyone to be aware of products that may be re-called. Here is a web-site that might be helpful to refer to.

<http://www.cpsc.gov/>

### October Birthdays

#### 101:

#### 102:

10/13 Diya Patel

#### 103:

10/20 Seth Mattamana

#### 104:

10/3 Roshni Chaudhari

#### 105:

10/11 Jack Kerneckel

10/17 Olivia DeLucia

#### Staff:

10/7 Ms. Harris and Ms. Tracia

10/8 Ms. Stelling

10/9 Ms. Peggy

**Theme:** Policeman, Fireman, and Safety

**Author:** Stephen Kellogg

**Artist:** Alexander Caulder

**Composer:** Leonard Bernstein

**Continent:** South America

**Virtue:** Self-Esteem

**Sign Language:** Mealtimes

**Peacemaker:** Desmond Tutu

**Misc.:** UN Day, World Map/Globes and Fall/Harvest

## Reminders:

All extended day Preschool students should be dropped off at the front door between 8:20-8:30 to be ready for their work cycle.

Extended day Elementary students should be dropped off at the back door between 8:10-8:20.

Pizza Day

EVERY Friday is pizza day!

Please be aware that your child will only eat pizza on Friday if you have paid for it in advance. Prices are

Classroom 101-104: \$15.00

Classroom 105: \$20.00

## Fall Festival

The infant, Toddler will celebrate on October 27 and Pre-school will celebrate Fall Festival on October 31. We will celebrate with a party in each classroom. The front office will have the clipboards to sign up for refreshments. **We do not wear costumes and this is a no candy event.**

## Vision Screening

Vision screening, which is offered annually at our school will be held on

Oct. 25 at 9:00am. Doctors from the Hopping Eye Associates here in Clear Lake area will be conducting the screening. The screening is offered to all children, however for those children 4 years and up it is mandatory that we have a vision screen-

ing on file at the school. There is a \$20.00 fee for this screening.

Dr. Hopping would like to have every 2 year old and up screened in order to prevent eye problems.

Healthy Vision equals successful learning.



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## Medication

All medication brought to school must be in its original container and labeled with your child's name and current date. Medication must be signed in at the front desk before we can administer it to your child. We are not permitted by the Texas Department of Health to give your child Tylenol without a

doctors' written consent. We are also not allowed to dispense over the counter medication that is not age appropriate for your child unless we have doctor's permission.

As the mosquitoes have been very plentiful this year.

Everyone make sure your child has a bottle of bug repellent. All bottles must be labeled with your child's name and signed in the office.

## Reminders:

**Information Updates:** At this time, we should have received each family's updated records for this school year, including your child's current immunization records, emergency medical information, and contact information. If we have not received these records, please be sure to get those turned in to the office as soon as possible. It is very important that we have ALL information on file. Thank you.



You know the old saying: *spring forward, fall back.*

It helps us to remember how Daylight Saving Time affects our clocks twice a year.

November 6, 2011

Thank you to all of the parents who joined us for the Open House. We sincerely hope that you were able to take something home with you and leave knowing that your children are in a loving, learning environment. If you have any more questions regarding something you learned or questions about your child's classroom, please feel free to contact us. Also, thank you to all of our wonderful teachers who put their hearts into making Open House enjoyable for everyone who attended!

## Tuition Express

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Most of our parents are now signed up for Tuition Express. It will make your life just a little less hectic when you don't have to worry about making that tuition check out every month. With Tuition Express your tuition will come directly from your account.

You can even take out for your pizza ticket. Now how easy is that!

For anyone running late at pickup time, if you would please call to reassure us (and we can reassure your child) that you are okay and on your way.)

On Friday to avoid the late charge. If needed, put a post-it on your check to indicate that it should not be deposited before the first.

**Childcare charges for late pickup are \$8 per hour for extended day (3:30 pickup) students and \$15 charge after 6:01pm plus additional charges for every 15 minutes after.**

## Nutrition



Eat Well, Be active, and  
Be Healthy!!!

### Scholastic Orders

Thank you to everyone who stopped by the book fair. It was a great success. Please take a look at the catalog's we send home on Friday's as well. You will find great books at a great price. You can order on-line as well.

[www.scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs).

Please help the school by giving our code **H69p6** so we may get credit for your order.

### **FIRE SAFETY MONTH**

October is Fire Safety Month. As part of our theme this month we will learn about policemen, firemen, and safety. We will be having a special visit from the League City Fire Department. Both of our pre-school classrooms and our first year elementary students will get to take part in this exciting event. No worries! The firemen do a wonderful presentation for our children. They make sure that this is an enjoyable experience for each child and are careful not to present any information that may scare or worry the children.

### **RANDALLS # 740**

Thank you to everyone that has the Remarkable Randall's card linked to South Shore Montessori (#7403).

Randall's donates a percentage of all sales to our teacher scholarship fund.

### **Recycling**

**We still need volunteers to pick-up our paper and plastics once a week. Please let the office know if you are interested.**

### **Box Tops**

**We still need a volunteer to take care of the box tops we collect every month. November 1st is the first submission date for box tops. This is a fun and easy way to raise money for the school. Every box top is worth .10 so keep bring them in. To see more ways to earn cash for our school, go to**

[www.btfe.com/earn](http://www.btfe.com/earn)

As parents, educators, and care providers, we want to keep our children safe from harm. Here are some steps to keep children safe:

- Installing the right child safety seat in your car
- Teaching children how to cross the street safely
- Making sure they wear the right gear and equipment for sports
- Installing and testing smoke alarms
- Storing medicines, cleaners and other dangerous substances in locked cabinets
- Baby proofing your home
- Not leaving small children unattended

More information on <http://www.safekids.org/>

**Please let the office know if you are interested.**