

October 2008

Infant Community Newsletter

EVENTS TO TAKE NOTE OF IN OCTOBER 2008:

October 2, 2008: Gandhi's birthday

October 3, 2008: Observance of Gandhi's birthday. No school. No daycare.

October 7, 2008: Primary 4 and Elementary Picture Day at the San Jose Campus

October 8, 2008: Primary 3 and Infant Community Picture Day at the San Jose Campus

October 10, 2008: Yom Kippur. Minimum Day.

October 24, 2008: United Nations Day at the San Jose Campus

October 31, 2008: Halloween

RETURN YOUR FORMS PLEASE



If you have not done so, please remember to return your child's green Emergency form (both sides filled out) and Needs and Services Plan.

ESCRIP:



Remember that everyone is required to register for the eScrip program. If you registered last year, you need to renew your Safeway registration. For more information please speak to someone in the office.

NEW CO-TEACHER

We are very pleased to welcome Kathy Segura back to the Infant Community.

Kathy was with One World Montessori for eleven years, from 1987- 1998, before she moved to the East Bay. This past summer she relocated to the area and has rejoined us as Mala's Co-Teacher in the Infant Community.

Kathy took her /Montessori Teacher Training in 1994. Her work at One World Montessori has included being in Primary as well as working extensively in Infant Community.

DRESSING FOR SCHOOL

We would like to remind you to have your children come to school in clothing that is easy for them to remove. Pants should have elastic waistbands and shirts should be able to be pulled over the head. Clothing with super heroes, Transformers, or other cartoon characters, or any violent motifs of any kind are not allowed. Children will be given other clothing to wear if they come to school in unacceptable clothes.

We ask that your child wear safer, comfortably sized shoes with gripped soles (covered tennis shoes or sneakers, no crocs)

MALA'S AVAILABILITY

You are welcome to discuss any issues with Mala over the phone or you may schedule an in-person meeting. She is available when the children are napping. Unless it is urgent, please call between 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Please be on time when you are dropping off and picking up your children. When you are late, it is disruptive to the class and causes more stress for your child.

GANDHI'S BIRTHDAY

We will be honoring Gandhi's birthday on Friday, October 3, 2008. There will be no school and no daycare.



PICTURE DAY



Infant Community will have their Picture Day on Wednesday, October 8th. Please complete the order form and turn it in with your payment (made payable to Glow Photography) to the office.

If you wish to have sibling pictures taken, you must complete a separate order form. Indicate on the form which day you want the sibling picture taken (October 7 or 8).

No picture will be taken without payment.

YOM KIPPUR



Friday, October 10th is a minimum day. School ends at 12:00 pm. There will be no school and no daycare in the afternoon.

UNITED NATIONS DAY



Maria Montessori believed from an early age that it was very important for children to become aware that all people have similar needs, but may satisfy them in different ways, depending on what is available to them within their environment. She believed that imparting this information to children is essential if we are to evolve into a more accepting and peaceful species. For

that reason, we include "Peoples of the World" and "Fundamental Needs of People" materials in our classrooms. We also celebrate United Nations Day. Although all of us now live in the United States of America, and many of our families have done so for generations, all of the people presently living in North America, aside from Native Americans, originally came from a different continent and followed customs from different countries. We will be acknowledging and enjoying the richness of this cultural diversity on United Nations Day, Friday, October 24th, at 10:30 am. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to join us.



For United Nations Day, the primary children come to school dressed in the traditional costume of the country of one of their ancestors.

During the celebration, they will be singing songs from the countries they represent.

Children in the Infant Community watch the celebration and do not perform. They are welcome to come to school in a traditional costume, but it is optional.



We also have a feast following the celebration, and you are welcome to join us. If you wish to bring food, please see the sign-up sheet in the classroom.

HALLOWEEN



Children in the Infant

Community are welcome to come to school in their Halloween costume, but it is not required. Please note that we will change back into our normal clothes later in the day.

RAIN BOOTS



The rainy season is coming soon. We would like all children to bring rain boots to school and **leave them at school**. Do not forget to write your child's name

very clearly.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION



Seeling and Newton Cheung

For devoting their time and efforts in making our fish tank look amazing. Thanks a million, our children really enjoy it!

NOVEMBER PREVIEW

Monday, November 10, 2008: Veterans' Day. No school. No daycare.

Friday, November 14, 2008: Diwali celebration. Indian dancers: "Chitresh Das". 9:00 am in San Jose.

Wednesday, November 26, 2008: Thanksgiving Feast. Minimum Day, School ends at 12:00 pm. No daycare.

Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28, 2008: Thanksgiving break. No school. No daycare.