

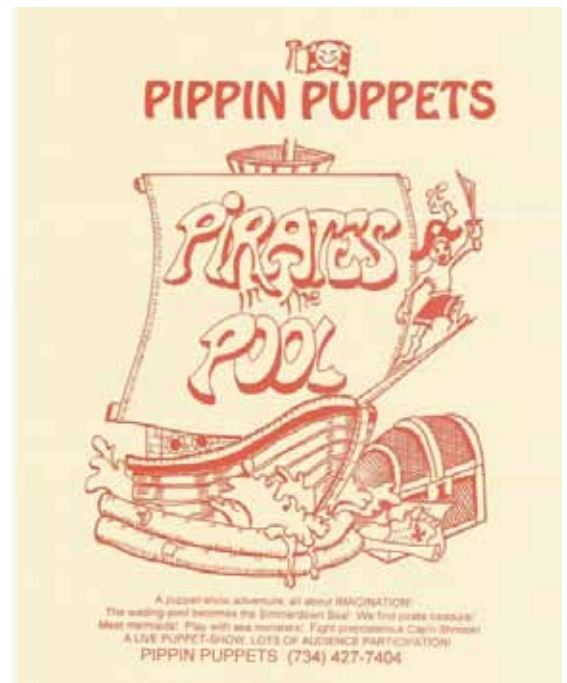
GLTW's Fall Festival Pirate Adventure: Shiver Me Timbers!

This Saturday, our Go Like the Wind campus will be transformed—into a swashbuckling fall festival full of pirates, mermaids, surprises and enjoyment for everyone in the family. This year's theme, "Pirate Adventure" will be a chance for anybody to come dressed the part. Don your eye patch and striped shirt, or come as an enchanting mermaid!

As always, we will have our famous chili and dessert contests. Chili will be judged in two categories: Traditional and Unique. The dessert contest will have both a Finger and Fork category. Put your best recipes to the test, or just come ready to sample the contenders and cast your vote. Other edibles will be available such as roasted corn, popcorn, and cotton candy. There will be plenty of games to play and prizes to win, and family pictures will be taken as a memento of the day.

We are most excited to announce that Pippin Puppets will be performing a live puppet show entitled "Pirates in the Pool." Pippin Puppets entertains children all over the state with live puppet shows that are funny, promote character and imagination, and engage the audience with active participation. Don't miss it!

Our fall festival is an annual PTSA fundraising tradition that brings together families, faculty and staff for an afternoon of fun. Please join us this Saturday from 3-6 p.m.



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From the Desk of the Administrator: Important Information Regarding Halloween Costumes and Celebrations

Dear Families,

What a great time of year! The feel of Fall is in the air and watching the leaves turn colors is spectacular. Halloween is just around the corner and I want to share some guidelines we have for the classroom celebrations.

We are asking families in the **Infant** and **Toddler** communities to refrain from dressing their children in costumes. Given the age and stage of development these children are in, we have found that it is too confusing and too hard to comprehend the various costumes worn by the children. This leads to undue anxiety and stress for the children.

Preprimary classrooms will celebrate Halloween the morning of Thursday, October 27. Children are welcome to wear a child-friendly costume to school that day. Students who remain after 11:30 a.m. must also bring a change of clothing. The children will change from their costumes to their street clothes after the 11:30 a.m. dismissal.

Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary and **Middle School** families should check with their teachers for details on their respective Halloween celebrations.

Remember: Costumes must be child-friendly. As you know, we have various age levels in our classrooms and surrounding areas. All of the children in our care need to feel safe that day. Costumes frightening in nature (superheroes, villains, witches, ninjas, characters with aggressive or bullying tendencies, etc.) are not to be worn to school. Additionally, costume weapons and masks are not welcome at school. There are many fabulous alternatives that children may wear including, but not limited to: ballerina, sports player, fire fighter, doctor, nurse, farmer, pumpkin, builder, and the list goes on. We are appreciative to each of you respecting this request to allow ALL students to feel emotionally and physically safe in their Montessori school environment.

God Bless,

Doug Collier, Administrator

Happy Birthday!

Name	Age
Bree	1
Joseph	1
Luke	2
Grace	2
Chantel	2
Ian	3
Ryan	3
Judah	3
Siddant	4
Jonathan	4
Arius	5
Olivia	5
Anna	6
Hallie	9
Anoushka	10
Denali	12
Hannah	13



GLTW Speaker Series

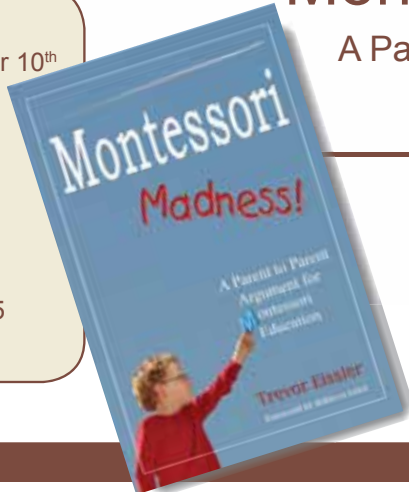
When:

Thursday, November 10th
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where:

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Leaps and Bounds

News from the Classroom

Infant Room: Miss Leann

The infants have been enjoying the fresh air of autumn and the start to many great activities the season has to offer. Every Wednesday, the infants gather around the table to help make cinnamon applesauce for our morning snack. The children get to taste the apples being used in the recipe, smell the cinnamon, hear the apple being cut by the slicer, and watch with deep concentration as the skin is trimmed off.

As we move forward through this school year, the infants will be developing their practical life skills and become enriched with the use of language in everything they are doing. In the coming weeks we look forward to taking walks through our trails to see the leaves changing colors, carving a pumpkin, and making a little “scary something” to decorate the classroom.



Above: Learning about a cornucopia in Toddler1.
Top Right: The infant room makes fresh cinnamon applesauce.

Toddler One: Ms. She’Lon

We can’t believe Fall has already come! The leaves are changing, the air is cooling, and night is beginning to linger. We hope that you are taking the time to enjoy the new season as much as we are.

This October has much to offer. We will be observing the leaves--their changing colors, the sound of them crunching under our feet, and raking them into piles when they fall. We will be exploring apples as well--their taste, smell, color and shape. As Halloween approaches, we will be learning about pumpkins and other types of gourds. The children will also be doing quite a bit of cooking, making applesauce, baking breads, muffins and more.

We have started music with Mr. John and gym with Ms. Christie. Please make sure your child brings their dancing spirit and a pair of gym shoes to school every Wednesday. We have also started art history with Ms. Angie. Look forward to seeing the art projects that will be sent home with your child on Thursdays.

Our second Parent Education Night of the school year is Thursday, October 20th from 6:30-7:30pm. We hope you gained insight from our last education night on Practical Life. This month our focus will be Language. We look forward to seeing you there!

Preprimary A: Mrs. Dona/Miss Laura

The new students are beginning to adapt with the help of our returning students that are setting the pace. They are internalizing the order, concentration, coordination, and independence through the new practical life works. We are watching our kindergarteners take on their new role as leaders in the environment. New lessons are taking place in all areas of the curriculum and our Enrichment Classes have begun. We were able to experience the “Parts of the Tree” lesson first-hand as we walked on our trails, a beautiful feature here at Go Like The Wind.



Preprimary B: Miss Jennifer

It's hard to believe that the first month of school is over already. Time really does fly when you're having fun! Our class has been working together on learning the ground rules. The returning students have shown us how to use a rug, walk in the classroom, get a person's attention, and push in our chairs; we are so appreciative of their leadership!

The new students are being introduced to many activities, such as the Pink Tower, Brown Stairs, Pouring, Spooning, Counting, and Sounds. Meanwhile our returning students dive back into their works from last year. Our class is looking forward to exploring our nature trails and observing the changing colors during October. We are hoping to collect leaves and classify them according to their margins.



Clockwise from top right: PPA's Franzi created a rainbow using watercolor; PPB's Sophia concentrates on hand transfer work in the practical life area; PPC's Ashley works with the Pink Tower; Toddler 2's Grace plays peek-a-boo.

Leaps and Bounds (cont.)

Lower Elementary 1: Miss Angie & Miss Mary

LE1 started homework recently. Although practical life is a major part of the pre-primary Montessori classroom, practical life is assigned as homework in the elementary grades. Children can choose from washing the dishes, cooking a meal, cleaning the bathroom, receiving a phone call, or any number of everyday chores that can be done around the house. Once children choose and complete a practical life assignment, they must get their work signed off by a parent and they must report on it in written form in their homework binder.



Top Right: LE 1's Hallie sets a good example for her peers by preparing a meal for her family.

Above Left: PPE students pose in front of the classroom apple tree.

Above Right: Lower El 2 enjoyed an impressionistic presentation of "The Back Strip", a material designed to juxtapose the age of the Earth with the length of time man has been in existence. The children were excited and impressed by the great length of fabric- more than 300 meters.

Upper Elementary

The Upper Elementary student often participates in group projects as a way of building the skills needed to work on teams. This year's first team project is based on the life and work of Maria Montessori. The students are studying and preparing to present on the following topics: the History of Numerals, the History of Writing, the life of Maria Montessori and the History of Go Like the Wind Montessori School. As part of the students' research, each team will create a timeline showing details of their chosen topic.

Through this experience, each team learns to plan their research within the required time frame, divide up tasks equally, and work together on putting all the pieces together towards completion. Each group is required to present their timelines to their fellow classmates. Keep an eye out; each groups' timeline will be on display outside our classroom!



Clockwise from top: Upper El works diligently on their history projects; Rhannon hones her guitar skills; Middle Schoolers take physics very seriously by constructing a roller coaster.

Mark Your Calendar:

Oct. 8	3:00 - 6:00 p.m. PTSA Fall Festival (Family Event: No childcare available)
Oct. 10	7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Middle School Open House (Open to the community to observe our Middle School)
Oct. 11	School Picture Day
Oct. 20	5:00 p.m. PTSA Meeting followed by pizza dinner at 6:00 p.m. (Educare and dinner require advanced sign-up)
Oct. 20	6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Parent Education Night (Complimentary Educare for enrolled students, preprimary and older, with advanced sign-up)
Oct. 27	Elementary Only: Half-Day Parent Conferences (11:45 a.m. dismissal) (Educare available with advanced sign-up)
Oct. 28	Preprimary & Elementary Only: No School Elementary: Parent Conferences Preprimary: Staff In-Service (Educare available with advanced sign-up)

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