



MONTESSORI

Child Development Center



MCDC WEB EDITION

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR...

We welcome you to November! We have so many things to be thankful for - our school community, our families, teachers, and students. Thank you for all your kindness and support. This month, we will be creating a school wide project called "Appreciation Stations". These would be little areas in the school with words of gratitude written by students. It would be a place for reflection and gathering.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GARDEN DONATIONS



We are so grateful to all the families who donated items for our garden and who volunteered to help. We received so many starter plants, seeds, soil, and gardening tools. We can't wait to share the fruits of our garden! Thank you!!

A BIG THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR BAKE SALE

We had a great time in our Halloween Parade. Thank you for all the parents who attended and supported our bake sale. A big thanks to our first grader, Laith, for organizing it. We are so appreciative to the Dakak, Davis, Abdelmuti, Dudar, and Sood families who donated pastries and coffee! We raised \$218!!!

ORANGEWOOD THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Each year our elementary students organize a Thanksgiving Basket drive for Orangewood Foundation. Orangewood Foundation provides services to foster youth in Orange County. Please help us by donating a basket, a \$25 grocery store gift card, or both. Our last collection day will be on Thursday, November 10 and delivery will be on Monday, November 14. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer with delivering the baskets.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Share the gift of books this holiday season! Books make great gifts and stocking stuffers. Come visit our book fair on Monday, November 28 to Friday, December 2.



THANKSGIVING BREAK

The school will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 for Thanksgiving. School will resume on Monday, November 28. We wish all our families a Happy Thanksgiving!

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 10-
Thanksgiving Basket Donations due

Thursday, November 10 -
SENSORIAL 3:30-4:00 p.m.

Friday, November 11-
VETERAN'S DAY (School Closed)

Monday, November 14 -
Thanksgiving Basket Drop-off

Wednesday, November 23
THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION
(Minimum Day/School closes at 12:30 p.m.)

Thursday-Friday, November 24-25 -
THANKSGIVING (SCHOOL CLOSED)

Monday-Friday, November 28 -
December 2 -
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

DECEMBER

Monday- Thursday, December 19-22
WINTER HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Monday - Holiday Crafts

Tuesday - Holiday Dress Up

Wednesday - Movie and Pajama Day

Thursday - Class Caroling/
* Webby Dance Performance (TBA)

Friday to Friday - December 23 -
January 6 - WINTER RECESS (School Closed)



FREE COVID TEST KITS

MCDC partnered with OCDE to provide free at-home test kits for students. Please let us know how many test kits you need.

MCDC IS A PEANUT-FREE SCHOOL

BIRTHDAY TREATS

Treats, cookies, or cupcakes with egg white frosting, nuts, and peanuts, are **NOT allowed** since we have several students with severe allergies.

NO CANDIES. Please provide the school with the product ingredients. Best treats with no egg, dairy, nuts, or peanuts are **ABE's School Friendly baked goods.**

Please be aware of the food allergies in each class.

PEP RALLY DAYS ARE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH. SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT AND WEAR YOUR MCDC SHIRT ON FRIDAYS!

November BIRTHDAYS

3

Noah 11/9

5

Yasmine 11/15

9

Kym 11/10
Drake 11/12

10

Pauline 11/13

CHILDREN AND GRATITUDE



When we think of ways to teach gratitude to children, take a moment to pause and reflect in our day the moments of gratitude: when we said "thank you"; when we showed kindness to others or helped someone in need; the time we donated to charity or gathered food to a food bank. Acts of gratitude can be found in our every day lives. But the question lies: how do children imbibe gratitude and practice it daily?

Young children are natural observers and imitators; the elementary children are truth seekers and change makers.

A starting point would be to surround them with an environment that models behavior of gratitude.

In an article written by Amy Morin, she writes several ways you can model gratitude to children:

1. Say "thank you". Whether you thank the clerk at the store or thank your child for clearing the table, make sure you're thanking people.
2. Talk about gratitude. Make it a point to share what you are grateful for, even on a rough day, point out that there still a lot to be grateful for.
3. Express gratitude. When your child sees you writing a note or sending a token of your appreciation to someone, you will teach them to do the same.

Similar to learning a skill, learning gratitude can take time and practice. Be patient and in time gratitude will be instilled intrinsically.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

We are grateful to Annabelle's mom, Jaime, of [Jaime Davis Photography](#) for taking pictures during the parade.

A BIG THANKS TO THE MARTINEZ, WILLMOTT, WHITE, RENDON, AND COFFMAN FAMILIES FOR DONATING SOIL, SEEDS, PLANTERS, AND STARTER PLANTS! THANK YOU TO SABRINA DAKAK FOR HELPING US WITH OUR GARDEN!

HBD!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club Catalogs are sent home each month. Deadline to order is every 20th of each month. Our class code is **HR7ZJ**.

YEARBOOK ORDERS

Yearbook order forms will be sent home this month. If your child missed picture day, there will be make-up days for yearbook pictures.

FUNDRAISERS

The elementary students will have several fundraisers to raise funds to purchase new playground equipment.

MONTESSORI PRACTICAL LIFE: CLICK TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MAKING CONVERSATION

After-School ACTIVITIES

PIANO, UKELELE, AND GUITAR WITH MR. TAYLOR. TO SCHEDULE: EMAIL AT TGL@TAYLORSGUITARLESSONS.COM OR CALL (714) 398-2638

WEBBY DANCE - MONDAYS AT 2:30-3:00

SOCCER SHOTS - THURSDAYS AT 11:30 A.M. STARTING 12/1

GYMNASTICS - TUESDAYS AT 3:30 P.M. INTEREST LIST FORMING



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