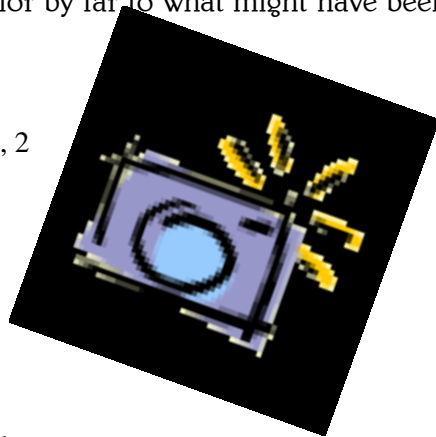


# Fountain Valley Montessori

October 2015

"Above all it is to be noted that the child has a passionate love for order and work, and possesses intellectual qualities superior by far to what might have been expected." ~ Dr. Maria Montessori



## **Important Dates:**

**Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

Picture Day for Rooms 6, 5, 3, 2

**Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

Picture Day for Rooms 7, 1, 4

**Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

The Great Shake Out

**Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

PTU sponsored Pumpkin Patch  
(Students only event)

**Back to School Night:** Thank you to all the parents who attended our Back to School Night. We hope you enjoyed the evening with your child's teachers and are excited for the year ahead!

**Scholastic Book Fair/ One for Books:** Thank you to all the families who supported our book fair and "One for Books". We were able to raise \$306.30 towards books to be donated to Colette's Children's Home. Thank you also to all the families who bought books. Thank you to all of the parents and staff for all of your help with the book fair. A special thank you to our PTU president Cierra Orellana and to all the FVM leads for being a big help and support to the school. With the money raised, the PTU will be purchasing books for our school library.

## **Costume Parade:**

Calling all Princesses, Pirates and Superheroes...

**When:** Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Around the center **Time:** 9:30 a.m.

\* Please have your child come to school dressed in their costume with a change of clothes in a bag. More information will be posted.

\* Please remember that no pretend weapons or scary masks are allowed at any time on school premises.

**Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

Irvine Park Pumpkin Patch Field Trip for Elementary Classes (Room 1 and 4)

**Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

Costume Parade @ 9:30 am

**Happy Birthday...**

Ms. Stephanie-12<sup>th</sup> Ms. Leah-13<sup>th</sup> Ms. Sneha-24<sup>th</sup>

**PTU Sponsored FVM Pumpkin Patch:** On Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> the PTU will be sponsoring an on-campus pumpkin patch for our toddler and preschool children.  
(Student only event)

**Morning Drop Off/Afternoon Pick up:** Classes start promptly at 9:00am and end at 12:00pm for our half day students and 3:00pm for our full day students. We encourage all students to be dropped off between 8:45-9:00am to ensure a smooth transition into school. Please note, when dropping your child off on the playgrounds in the morning, please ensure that your goodbyes are short and sweet. This is a time for the children to interact with each other and their teachers. Please observe through our classroom observation windows. If you require afternoon daycare for your child, this must be pre-arranged with the office. We do offer occasional daycare at the rate of \$15.00/hr., which will automatically be billed to your account if your child is picked up after 3:15pm. However, we do require that you call ahead and let us know, so that we can make sure that we are within ratio. If you are going to be late, please quietly drop your child off in class, and one of the teachers will escort them to morning circle. Please make sure that your child is picked up promptly at the end of the school day.

**Calendar Update:** In order to meet the needs of the families with children in the Fountain Valley school district, our Spring Break will be Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> - Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The revised Spring Break dates coincide with the Fountain Valley school district calendar.

**Facebook and Website:** Like us on Facebook! We post updates and pictures from recent events.

Visit us at [fvmontessori.com](http://fvmontessori.com) for the newsletter, calendar, etc.

**Music Program:** We are excited to announce our new music teacher, Ms. Nancy Woo. Nancy Woo is the owner and director at Southwest Conservatory, where she works with students from 3 years of age through adults. She has a Masters degree in piano performance from USC's Thornton school of music and has completed most of the requirements for the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in piano performance with a minor in piano pedagogy, musical analysis, and music history also from USC. With over 20 years of experience working with students of all ages, Ms. Woo has worked with students in group and private settings. Through her various experiences, Ms. Woo has developed her unique individual teaching method, which combines teaching methods from these programs and methods crafted from years of experience working with students of all ages and skill levels. Ms. Woo believes that music is a unique area of learning which allows students to develop complex cognitive skills, and enhance creative skills while at the same time gives each student the opportunity to express themselves through the music they perform. She designs each musical activity not only to capture the joy of music making, but also to augment the students' musical and intellectual skills. Please join us in welcoming her to our FVM community.



**Room 1- Ms. Paula & Mr. Jason:** Unbelievable, inconceivable that September was such an incredibly great start to the new school year. Many heartfelt thanks for your generosity during the book fair. Books are a conduit to voracious readers! Mr. Jason and I would like to acknowledge how pleased we are that so many parents attended Back to School Night. We are always eager to share our knowledge of the Montessori Method and our curriculum.

October is the tenth month of the year and has thirty one days. Long ago, the people in England had their names for this month. One name was Wintmonath, or "wine month," for this was the time of year they made wine. Perhaps, we should incorporate this in our great state of California...ha ha!

In the month of October our Cultural unit will be North America. We will be focusing on the seasons, with all the details of autumn. In Botany we will be working on "Parts of the Leaf." In Zoology, Living & Non-Living will be covered, as well as, the five classes of vertebrates' classification (mammal, bird, amphibian, reptile and fish). We will need help from the parents in this subject matter. If you could please have your child bring in cut-out pictures of each classification in a labeled Ziploc bag. That would be an enormous help. Please use copies of old National Geographic magazines or old books.

Your child can also bring in an orange or lemon for squeezing work, as well as eggshells for Practical Life. Spanish lessons for the month will include salutations and learning parts of the body.

Artist of the Month: Andy Warhol

Musician of the Month: Danny Elfman

Please do not hesitate to call or email us if you should have any questions. Thank you for sharing your precious child with us.

Happy Birthday: Kingston C. -4<sup>th</sup> Daniel N. -19<sup>th</sup>

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**Room 2- Ms. Kelli and Ms. Josie:** What an exciting first month of school! The children had so much fun exploring our classroom and learning new topics. They loved making apple sauce. They also had fun with our unit of study, "All about Me," and creating what they thought they looked like. Thank you to all the parents for attending our Back to School Night and to all the families who donated books for our classroom library.

For the month of October, our unit study will be Seasons. We will be exploring the four different types of weather: Fall, spring, summer, and winter. In science, we will be learning about parts of a bat. We'll also be learning the life cycle of a pumpkin. For Spanish we will be learning about weather and the seasons.

We will be starting our travels and heading to North America. We will be learning about, the United States of America, Canada, and Mexico. We will be focusing on people, animals, and foods from the continent.

Our artist of the month will be Bill Sharp. We will be creating one of his still life paintings. Please look on our outside wall for your child's painting. Our Composer of the month will be Danny Elfman. He is famous for his Halloween music from the movies "Nightmare before Christmas" and "Corpse Bride."

**Friendly Reminders:**

Please bring a potted plant if you haven't done so yet! The children are enjoying seeing their plants around their classroom and are learning to take care of them.

Happy Birthday: Aaron P. - 13<sup>th</sup> Katherine M. - 26<sup>th</sup>  
Zachary S. - 27<sup>th</sup>

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**Room 3- Ms. Alecia and Ms. Christine:** September was a great month as we got to know each other, class rules, daily schedule and had lessons in Practical Life and Sensorial. We had a wonderful time exploring our five senses and learning other interesting facts about our bodies.

Thank you to all those parents who attended our Back to School Night. Thank you also for the generous book donations for our classroom library!

For the month of October we will be exploring the continent of North America. We will learn about the countries, the people, their food, and culture and about the flora and fauna of the continent. In Botany, we will study about the parts of a pumpkin. We will be carving a pumpkin and making it into a jack-o-lantern closer to Halloween. For Spanish, we will be learning about days of the week and months of the year. We will also have music every Thursday with Ms. Woo.

Our composer of the month is Frederic Chopin. We will listen to his music during work time along with learning about his life. Our artist of the month will be Piet Mondrian. Look in the hall for the children's interpretation of his work.

On October, 30<sup>th</sup> we will have our Costume celebration where will be trick or treating around the local business center! Please watch for more information to be announced on this fun event!

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**Room 4- Ms. Riza and Ms. Angela:** The month of September has gone by in a blink of an eye. It was filled with pleasant surprises and with new experiences for all elementary students and for us teachers as well. Thank you for attending our Back to School Night. It was wonderful seeing you. Thank you to all the children who bought books from our Book Fair for our classroom library!

All new upper elementary students have transitioned smoothly into their new environment. They have quickly adjusted to their new daily routine. All our continuing students have shown tremendous effort in complying with the required tasks everyday as well as being excellent role models to their younger classmates. Overall, everyone has shown great enthusiasm in learning new lessons presented to them. We are happy to have a great bunch of students again this year, and we are enjoying every minute we spend with them. We are so proud of all our students for diligently performing their duties and responsibilities in class everyday!

This month, we continue our study of the world. We will focus on parts of the earth and parts of lithosphere. In addition, we will study "Land and Water Formations". In Spanish, they will be learning about parts of the body. In Art, our class will be learning about Vincent Van Gogh. We will be listening to the music of Bach this month. In Science,

Our Halloween celebration on October 30<sup>th</sup> will include a costume parade and pumpkin carving. To keep this holiday fun for all, please be sure to have your child wear clothing under their costume. We ask that no weapons please are brought to school with your child's costume.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to a successful partnership in the development of your child's education!

Happy Birthday: Logan D.-24<sup>th</sup>

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**Room 5- Ms. Gloria and Ms. Bea:** The month of September seemed to have flown by quickly. We welcomed Ms. Woo, our Music Teacher and we look forward to music lessons every Tuesday.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Back to School Night. I am certain that you had an overview of our class schedule and the plan for the school year. Thank you also to those who donated books to our classroom library and who purchased books from the Book Fair.

During the month of October, we will learn about North America, its countries, people, animals and flags. In Botany, we will study about the parts of a pumpkin. A pumpkin will be carved and made into jack-o-lantern close to Halloween. The seeds will be planted by each child and taken home to watch its germination. The observations may be a great talk share on Friday!

In October, we will learn about Van Gogh and recreate his "Church of Auvers-Sur-Oise". More Halloween themed artwork will be made and displayed.

The children of Room 5 will learn about and listen to some compositions by The Beatles. Our Spanish lesson for the month is about colors. Color Tablet boxes 1 and 2 will be used to introduce the names of colors in Spanish.

We look forward to a great month ahead!

Happy Birthday: Thomas H. - 15<sup>th</sup> Bradley R. - 31<sup>st</sup>

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**Room 6- Ms. Leah and Ms. Rasika:** What a wonderful start to our new school year! September was filled with learning and exploring. We studied, "All about Me". In Geography, we learned about the world and In Art we studied and replicated Jackson Pollock. For Spanish we studied parts of the body and in music we learned about the various instruments in an Orchestra

Thank you to all the parents who attended Back to School Night. If you did not attend, please look over the information packet. Email me at [leah@fvmontessori.com](mailto:leah@fvmontessori.com) if you have any questions.

For the month of October our cultural unit will be Weather. We will be studying all about the Seasons and the appropriate wardrobe for each season. We will also be tracking the weather for the month! In Geography, we will be studying all about North America. In particular, we will be learning about animals found on the continent as well as the people and their cultures.. In Art, we will be learning about Vincent Van Gogh. Our composer of the month will be Danny Elfman (composer for Nightmare before Christmas). We will also be learning about parts of a pumpkin. In Spanish, we will be learning our numbers.

Just a few reminders to ensure a successful school year: School starts promptly at 9:00am, please make sure if you are running late you say your goodbyes outside of the classroom as it does disrupt our morning circle. Please check your child's file as well as their cubby daily. Please make sure your child has an extra pair of clothing in their cubby (this includes, underwear, socks, pants or shorts and a shirt).

On Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> we will be having our annual Halloween parade. Please, make sure that your child comes to school in their costume and brings an extra set of clothing in a plastic bag to change into after the parade is over. Please email me if you would like to volunteer for this event!

Happy Birthday: Ms. Leah- 13<sup>th</sup> Aven T. - 14<sup>th</sup>

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**Room 7- Ms. Jamie, Ms. Lindsay, and Ms. Leslie:** We had a smooth transition into our new school year. We had so much fun learning about our family and friends during the month of September. Thank you to all the parents who helped by bringing in your family photos! This month the children have learned the basics of our class: pushing in their chairs, rolling their rugs, putting their work away when finished.

Hope you all enjoyed our book fair!! Thank you for all the donations of fun new books for our class. Also, thank you to all the parents that were able to make it to Back-To-School night. It was great to be able to see you all.

For the month of October we will be learning all about pumpkins and enjoying in all the festivities of the Holiday. The child will be learning all about the parts of the pumpkin and work on many Halloween art projects.

The following are some highlights of this month's activities:

- Candy Corn Painting
- Carving Our Class Pumpkin
- Pumpkin Patch October 26<sup>th</sup>
- October 30<sup>th</sup> – Costume Parade,
- Discuss Trick or Treating Safety
- Parts of a Pumpkin

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, please have your child come to school in their Halloween costume. After morning circle, the children will lineup and parade around the school. Parents will be able to stay and take pictures of the children while on the parade route. Once the parade has concluded, the children will return to the classroom. Parents PLEASE do not enter the classroom after the parade. We want the children to be able to continue with their day. I will be taking plenty of pictures!! Please have your child bring a bag with their name on it for their costume and a change of clothes. During this fun month please keep in mind our low sugar policy.

Color of the month: Orange

Song of the month: Five Little Pumpkins

Book of the month: "Big Pumpkin"

Happy Birthday: Sebastian B. - 24<sup>th</sup>

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