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November 2021 Newsletter 

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Dear Families,

In this month we look at celebrations of Thanksgiving that go back as far as our country's beginnings. One tradition in Montessori is to create a Gratitude Jar. All you need is a container with a lid (which you can decorate for fall), paper and pencils, or pictures for those who cannot write yet. Encourage family members to write about what they are grateful for or record events that make them feel gratitude. Contribute to the jar daily until Thanksgiving Day. At that time, open and share the notes, pictures, or memories. Each family member can have a chance to both listen and speak (respectfully). This Montessori Gratitude Jar can teach us to feel gratitude in everyday events. We can also learn how to express these feelings and look at positivity. And of course, there are the listening, speaking skills, vocabulary, reading, and writing. It is great for adults to model the behaviors we wish to see in our children. We are creating a jar in our school office for the month of November. Maria Montessori said, "We must help the child to act for himself, will for himself, think for himself; this is the art of those who aspire to serve."

Wishing you a month of Thanksgiving and blessings.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Turner
Principal



After discussion with teachers and stakeholders, we are going to change the mask policy beginning Nov 1st. We all see the benefit of masks on attendance and sicknesses. If you choose for the parent opt out, please complete the BPS form and send in to the office. At the elementary level, we will record this in the state data base as your wishes and you are agreeing NOT to follow CDC and school guidelines and will not hold either liable for occurrences arising due to COVID. Please be vigilant in keeping your child, our staff, and others safe and healthy. Adults will still wear masks as our protocol inside our rooms and office. The opt-out form will be attached to the email. If you have already sent one in, it is on file. We will compile a list for the teachers and staff to follow.

For concerns about school operations contact Dr. Erik Thorson, Parent Liaison, (321-779-0031)

ACR ESSER Grant Along with other schools, we are in line for some money to be used to restore gaps due to the COVID pandemic. Please follow this link to answer a brief survey pertaining to how you feel we could best use the money. The amount is not released yet. We will collect answers until Nov. 19th. Thank you for your input.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FGPH9ZP>

In observance of Veteran's Day, our schools and offices will be closed on Thursday, November 11th



Happy Halloween! If you celebrate this event, please be safe, social distance, and keep our school healthy by limiting contact with others. We all need to do our part.



Turn your clocks back one hour Sunday, Nov. 7th



Happy Hanukkah

This holiday will begin at Sunset on Nov. 28th.



Remember that the speed limit is 5MPH in the car loop. Please pick up your child on time and keep the line moving, 3:00 is the final pick up and teachers have duties after that time. We appreciate you only going through the line one time and picking up with your oldest child. Also, it is against state law to use a cell phone in a school zone. Drivers are to stay inside a running vehicle at all times, allow the teachers to help you with students. Please observe this sign carefully as well. We have had parents ticketed for these offenses. These rules are for the safety of all cars and our precious cargo.

Schools and offices will be closed for Thanksgiving break Wednesday Nov 24- Friday Nov 26, 2021. Enjoy the time with your family and share gratitude.



Tardy and absences...

If your child is tardy 5 times in a reporting period, that will roll over to be an absence. We think being in school 100% of the day is that important. Along with BPS, 9 absences can lead to retention in that grade. Please be on time and present. We expect the same out of our staff. Being late is a disruption to the office, the class, and the student involved.



Lunches and food wasting.....

We are happy that through COVID relief money all lunches are free. With that in mind, we are transporting 60 to 70 a day. Many of these are ending up uneaten in the dumpster with the Styrofoam container. Please speak to your child about trying new foods, not wasting, and not bring out supplemental food to lunch if they order.



Our yearbook is under way. You can participate in the presale for \$20.00 until March 11th. After that, the price will go up to \$25.00. You may send in your order through the office or order online. At the website, there are options to buy a sponsor page or student dedication. This is a great way for sixth grade graduates to be honored. Spaces fill-up fast, please reserve your now. You can also contribute candid shots of school events to our site to be considered for the yearbook. Simply go to <https://buytheyearbook.pictavo.com> school number 700502 to set up your account. We will include our preschoolers and VPK students attending Country Day in our yearbook. If you have not had your picture taken from Dean Stewart please schedule it soon to be included in the class pages. Let's make memories for everyone and join together as one school in the yearbook!



Did you know Mrs. Needle and Mrs. Turner have birthdays one day apart? After a year of no celebrating, they would like to treat all the students and staff to a frozen fruit bar treat on Monday, November 1st. In lieu of cards and wishes, they ask that everyone to send in a note for our school Montessori Gratitude Jar in the office. If you do not want your child to participate in the treat, please give a call or send an email and we will respect your wishes.



Report cards are issued November 5th. Please contact the office to schedule a parent teacher conference to discuss any matters and your child's progress. Evening conferences are not available this year.



Join us for our next PTO virtual meeting. It is open to families from both EHCS and CDAY. Focus is **Montessori in the Classroom.**

Time: Nov 9, 2021 06:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/3065544821?pwd=QWM2WmpFTnFETzZLMlpwQmRtNGhXQT09>

Meeting ID: 306 554 4821 Passcode: PTO11.9.21

See the attached minutes from the October meeting in the email. Also, watch for an opportunity to contribute to our coin collection challenge.



With your holiday shopping, consider using Amazon Smiles! Look for Educational Horizons Inc – Location Satellite Beach, FL. For each purchase, we get a small percent of all the sales to go to our PTO!



Contribute to our office water fund through this sign up genius! Another way to earn volunteer hours!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C49AAAE28A7FC1-water>