



November 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It is so hard to believe that it is now November. Each classroom has progressed well into their work cycle; it is a joy to walk through the classrooms to see the various work and activities that are being accomplished. In a few more weeks, we look forward to your time to observe your child/children in their classroom environment. For parents, this has always been a special time to learn more about their child's approach to learning and to view the activities and materials that are available in the classrooms.

Halloween Parade

Thank you to the many parents who helped with getting the children into their costumes for the Halloween Parade. The children were so adorable, and the weather was perfect for a Halloween Parade. I hope that you all got beautiful pictures and that you captured the precious moment of cute, beautiful children in their special Halloween costumes. If you weren't able to attend, no worries ... head on over to Sunrise's Facebook page to see some smiling faces. www.facebook.com/sunrisemontessori

Welcome to our new families at Sunrise

In October three children joined Sunrise Montessori School.

Please welcome: Emma Nulty and her mom, Jessica and dad, David Aveer Gill and his mom, Amarpreet and dad, Aman

Aanya Galappatty, who is a returning student from last year and her mom, (Joy) Xingyu and dad, Sampath

Sunrise enrolls children throughout the year, pending available space. Remember - if you refer a family to Sunrise, they mention you on their enrollment questionnaire and subsequently enroll their child, you will receive an enrollment referral credit of \$100.00 Help us get the word out about our programs. We appreciate all that you do.

Busy November

November is always a busy month at Sunrise. Please make sure to mark your calendars and check in with the office, our Parent Rep. (Nicole Hammerschlag), your child's teachers and online for important updates and information.

Learning about fire safety

Each year a Franklin Fire Fighter presents fire safety to the children. On Monday, November 5th, our Franklin Fire Fighter will arrive around 9:30am. He/She will show the children how fire fighters dress for a fire, put on their gear, talk about what to do if a fire happens in the home and discuss how to prevent fires. The goal is to teach awareness of what to do and what to expect in case there is a fire at home. Some young children may initially be anxious when the fire fighter puts on the gear, however, the children will get to see the gear prior to the presentation. If we are lucky, our fire fighter will arrive in a Franklin Fire Truck, and the children will get to see it up close, weather permitting.

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Other Upcoming Events & News

Veteran's Day observed - In observance of Veteran's Day, the school is closed on Monday, November 12th. No classes, no extended day program.

Picture Day – November 14 – Vicario's Studio will begin to take pictures at 9:30am. All packets are due before 9:30am on November 14th. Deciding what to wear the night before and getting it ready is a time saver. Perhaps you and your child would like to choose an outfit together. Please remember that the children will go out on the playground later on during the day, weather permitting. Proper footwear is necessary during recess time to prevent slips and falls. Thanks for your help and understanding.

Franklin Preschool Fair – November 14 - Franklin Library from 5:30pm – 7:30 pm - Please spread the word that Sunrise will staff a table at this event and will be available to answer any questions that parents of future students might have. The event is free, open to the general public, and there is plenty of parking. Thank you.

Volunteers / Food Pantry Walk

On Monday, November 19 Sunrise children, teachers and parents are planning our annual walk to the Franklin Food Pantry. The Food Pantry Donation box is in the entrance way of the school; you are welcome to bring your items in at anytime. The October Food Pantry Shopping List is available right now, and when the November list is available, I will get that out to you. *Parent volunteers and wagons are still needed.* There is a sign up list in the entrance way or you can just let your child's classroom teachers know you will be coming. Please join us if you can. We sing all the way there and all the way back. Wish for a beautiful day as it makes the walking easier. The Food Pantry is always delighted to see our little ones.

Holiday Feast

On Tuesday, November 20th, the two classrooms will come together for a Thanksgiving Feast. We call it a "feast", but the children typically only eat a little of what is served. Therefore, full time students who stay for lunch will still need to pack a lunch. This year we have changed the menu to an apple crisp made by the children (the children might prefer to eat this). Once again the staff will act out the story *Squirrels' Thanksgiving Dinner*.

Wishing everyone a nice Thanksgiving with good food, friends and family.

Karen Roeber

Keeping in touch

If you have any questions or comments, please know that you can reach us via email. As the teachers are working with the children during the day, please note that a reply to your question may come after the afternoon dismissal or later. If your message is urgent and you need to reach someone right away, please call the school at 508-541-8010.

Please note the recent updates to the teachers' emails.



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Annual Fund Drive

Our Annual Fund Drive is underway! We'll post our donation level at the school and update it regularly. All donations are greatly appreciated.

If your employer has a matching donation program, let us know.

In many cases, your donation could be doubled!

Our goal for this year is to raise \$10,000 through donations from current families, alum families, the Sunrise Board of Directors, friends of Sunrise Montessori School and corporate matching. Thank you!



On-going fundraisers

Sunrise participates in the Amazon Smile program. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices and shopping features as Amazon.com.

The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.



Go to **www.smile.amazon.com** and sign in as you normally do on your desktop or mobile phone browser.

Go to Your Account from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to *Change your Charity* (look under Shopping Programs and Rentals) To select Sunrise as the charity you wish to support, type in Sunrise Montessori School in the search bar.

When you shop online, please keep Sunrise Montessori School in mind. Tell your family, friends, co-workers, neighbors....every eligible purchase helps our school. But remember, only purchases at smile.amazon.com (*not www.amazon.com or the mobile app*) support charity.

Recycle used ink cartridges - Do you have used ink cartridges hanging around at home? Don't throw those out – Sunrise has a collection box for cartridges next to the office. Each month we turn them in at Staples for credit towards office supplies.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please note that all current events, news and the academic year calendar are also found on the school's website: **www.MySunriseMontessori.com**

Monday, November 5 – Franklin Fire Fighter presentation in the morning

Tuesday, November 6 – Teacher Professional Day – no school; no extended day

Thursday, November 8 – Admission Open House from 4:30pm until 6:30 pm

Monday, November 12 - Veteran's Day observed. No school, no extended day.

Wednesday, November 14 – Picture Day beginning at 9:30am

– Preschool Fair @ Franklin Public Library from 5:30pm to 7:30 pm

Tuesday, November 20 – Thanksgiving Feast in both classrooms

Wednesday, November 21 through Friday, November 23

– Thanksgiving Break – no school; no extended day

Tuesday, November 27 through Friday, November 30 – Parent Observation Days

Parent / Teacher conference days coming up in December. Additional details will be sent home soon.