



## October 2016 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

### Harvest Stroll



Anyone who participated in the Harvest Stroll would agree it was the best stroll ever. There was so much to do and quite a bit of free food, too. The weather cooperated with the sun shining and with warmer October temperatures. How lucky was that? Sunrise had a craft table of foam pumpkins and cats to decorate which seemed to be a big hit. Several Sunrise alum students stopped by our table. It is so hard to believe that some of them are now in High School. It was so exciting to see everyone, meet prospective families and enjoy a stroll in the beautiful, newly renovated center of Franklin on such a pleasant October Night.

### Our Classrooms

The children of Sunrise are settling into school nicely. The crying is less and friendships are more. This month in classroom A we welcome a new student, Louis Nalder. Louis and his mom, Emily, are from Millis, MA. We are so happy that Nalder family chose Sunrise. Welcome!

### Classroom Newsletters

This year the teachers asked to do Classroom Newsletters, and the Lead Teachers will provide you with a Classroom Newsletter each month. Ms. Andrea will write the newsletter for Classroom A. For Classroom B the teachers will alternate between Ms. Stegeman and Ms. Yered. In the class newsletters, the teachers will cover topics they are studying in the classroom along with what activities and lessons the class is working on. The dynamics of each classroom is a little different, due to the children's individual needs. The teachers gauge the needs of the students as they set up their classrooms. Additionally, classrooms can be a little bit different in what children are interested in learning.

### Bi Weeklies

Last week the first bi-weekly report were sent home. The bi-weeklies give you more insight into what your child is doing in the classroom and with whom they are working and playing during class and recess time.

Bi-weeklies typically continue all year, but often after the last Progress Report in April, some parents opt to no longer receive one. At the Spring Progress Report, you will be asked whether or not you would like to continue receiving a bi-weekly report on your child. If you do, then these will continue to be sent to you until the end of the school year. If you have any questions or comments about your child's progress, there is a space at the bottom of the bi-weekly to write comments, questions or concerns. Please sign and return the bi-weekly report to your child's Lead Teacher as soon as you can. If you would like a copy of your child's bi-weekly, just let the teachers know and they will provide one for you. Thank you.

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## Community Garden

Last week, I put the Community Garden “to bed” for the winter. We did very well with our cherry tomatoes, peppers, basil, and squash this year. It was so nice that so many families participated in watering the garden. It was always a joy to take our produce to the Food Pantry. The volunteers at the Food Pantry were so happy to see what the children of Sunrise had grown in their garden, and the Franklin families in need received healthy vegetables from us throughout the summer months. Again, thank you for a great gardening season.

## Upcoming Events

### Fireman’s Visit

October 19<sup>th</sup> – Fireman Blanchard is coming to discuss Fire Protection and Prevention. He will bring his fire gear and discuss fire prevention, along with what to do if there was a fire in the home.

**Sunrise Parent Association Meeting** – Our first meeting will be from 6:30pm to 7:00pm on Curriculum Night. Rebecca Baril is our Parent Representative this year, and she will be happy to answer any questions that you have. During this brief meeting we will discuss field trips, events, fundraisers and any suggestions that you might have. Throughout the year, we plan a Sunrise Parent Association Meeting for the fall, winter, and the springtime. All parents of Sunrise are encouraged to attend. You can contact Rebecca at: [Parentrep@MySunriseMontessori.com](mailto:Parentrep@MySunriseMontessori.com)

**Curriculum Night** – Will be held on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 until 9:00pm. It is a night when you can learn and understand even more about the history, philosophy, and lessons of the Montessori Curriculum. We will also touch upon the different levels of the Montessori materials to help to give a clearer picture of how a child progresses within the Montessori environment. The teachers will present a variety of lessons, and at the end of the lessons you are welcome to ask questions. This event is open to all families, and we encourage you to bring along a friend, neighbor or coworker who would like to learn more about Montessori Education.



**Story Teller for Halloween** – On Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> we have invited storyteller, Diane Edgecomb, to entertain the children with Halloween stories beginning at 10:00am. Sunrise has welcomed her on multiple occasions in previous years and she does a fantastic job. The children are always engaged by her presentations. See her website: <http://livingmyth.com> for additional information and her bio. After the presentation the children will put on their Halloween costumes and gather for the Halloween Parade.

The Halloween Parade will begin around 11:00am, and all parents are welcome to watch the parade along the playground fence. The children parade from inside the school to the outside playground for a photo opportunity. Please bring your camera because the children love to show off their costumes. Please note that all enrolled children are welcome to attend the presentation and Halloween parade even if they do not normally attend classes on Mondays.

### Preschool Fair

The Preschool Fair (hosted by the Franklin MOMS Club) has been rescheduled for Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Norfolk Public Library from 5:00 – 7:00pm. If you have a neighbor or friend looking for information on preschools then this is the fair to attend. At this fair, all area preschools are invited to staff a table with information on their school.

## Picture Day

This year's Picture Day is on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> during the morning. Our Moseley's Mills neighbor - Mr. Paul Vicario - will be taking the children's pictures. This will be Paul's eighth year of taking pictures of Sunrise children. He does a beautiful job at capturing the special smile of each child. The completed picture packets will be available right before the holidays.

Please stay safe and healthy,

Sincerely,  
Karen Roeber  
Director



## 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.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please note that all current events, news and the academic year calendar are also found on the school's website:  
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Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – Visit by the Franklin Fire Dept. at 10:00am. Children will learn about fire safety.

Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> - Sunrise Parent Association meeting at 6:30pm and Curriculum Night at 7:00pm

Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> – Scholastic Book Order due

Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – 10:00am – Story Teller, Diane Edgecomb. 11:00am - Halloween Parade.

Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Professional day. No classes, no extended day.

Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veteran's Day holiday. No classes, no extended day.

Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> – Preschool Fair at the Norfolk Library beginning at 5pm.

Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> – School picture day.

Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thanksgiving Feast in classrooms.

Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> through Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Break.

