



October 2017 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that it is already fall. As we know, the fall season brings many changes. The leaves change, the daylight hours are shorter, and the temperature begins to drop. When the children came to school in September, the extra clothes in their cubbies were summer clothes. Now it's time to switch out the lighter clothes with long pants, long sleeve shirts and socks. When you can, please take a moment to replace your child's summer clothes with warmer clothes. Please make sure to label everything. Thank you.



Halloween Costume Drive – Berry Insurance (one of our business neighbors on Hayward St) has asked us to help them with their costume drive this year. The Halloween box is located in our entrance way, and it is filling up. The drive doesn't only have to be costumes, but stickers, coloring books, puzzles, etc. A few weeks ago, a flyer went home to our Sunrise Families explaining the drive, but if you any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. The costumes we have received so far are awesome, and I am sure they will put a smile on the faces of the children who are at Boston Children's Hospital. Thank you to the families who have donated a costume already. The drive continues until Monday, October 16th.

Dress up Clothes, Scarves and Imaginative Play – Children do like to dress up, and it is part of a child's development. Sometimes, however, when they dress as a batman / batgirl / other hero, then they often play up the superpowers and persona of the character. For example, a child who becomes an imaginary royal might try very hard to convince other children to wait on them and actively take part in their imaginary play, etc.... There is a time and place for imaginary place, but this can become disruptive during the normal school day.



In addition, some of the clothes / costumes are not safe when children are running around on the playground; long dresses are tripped on, party shoes with smooth bottoms are slippery, capes and hooded sweatshirts with long pull strings can easily get caught in the slider or climber. The same is true for winter scarves. Please dress your child in every day clothes so that their main focus can be on the classroom's activities, and they can be safe while on the playground.

If your child is having difficulty understanding this reasoning while getting ready in the morning, may we suggest a conversation like this: "when you get home, these dress up clothes will be waiting for you on your bed, etc.." Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



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Upcoming Events

Harvest Fest

Saturday, October 14th from 11am to 4pm. Franklin Downtown Partnership does a beautiful job presenting the Harvest Fest. We will set up a craft table again this year. If you can, stop by Sunrise's table and make a special pumpkin booklet. Over the years, the Harvest Fest has grown bigger, and it has a lot of activities, food and vendors from our special town - Franklin, MA. I hope that you don't miss it because it is a nice family event. For further information, see <http://www.franklindowntownpartnership.org/>

Sunrise Parent Association Meeting

Our first parent association meeting will be held right before Curriculum Night at 6:30pm. This is a nice time for parents to get to know other parents, and it is a time for planning a variety of activities and events for the school year. Co-parent representatives, Rachel Flum and Courtney Nappa are looking for ideas from everyone. There will also be refreshments served at this meeting. (At a future SPA meeting, pizza will be served). So please get involved, and you will find yourself among good friends, good conversation and good food. If you have any questions, please email Rachel and Courtney at parentrep@mysunrisemontessori.com

Curriculum Night

Will be held on Thursday, October 19th from 7:00 until 8:30pm. We hope that everyone can attend. You are also welcome to bring a friend, co-worker, neighbor, etc....anyone who would like to know more about Montessori or who is curious about Sunrise. The general public is welcome. The teachers will have lessons prepared to present to you, and at the end of their presentations you can ask any questions you would like about the Montessori Curriculum. This is an informative night, and we hope that it will increase your knowledge about the Montessori philosophy and curriculum.

Scholastic Books

Thank you to Kathi Shah who has been coordinating the **Scholastic Book** orders for Sunrise for the past 5 years! The first order is due by Wednesday, October 18th. Parents can buy fantastic books, and the school receives points to order books for the library, which all the children enjoy. Thank you for your orders.

Small Hands Catalog

Thank you to Jacquelyn Gubka for coordinating this fundraiser. Order forms are due by October 18th. Families can order beautiful Montessori gifts just in time for the holidays. The school receives a credit based on the volume of items ordered, and in February we are able to place an order to buy classroom materials, activities and items. Thank you.

Halloween Celebration

This year our Halloween Celebration will be held on Tuesday, October 31st. We have invited *The Stupendous Mr. Magichead* to perform his magic. His real name is John Sullivan, and this magician performed his magic at Sunrise a few years ago. He was excellent, and he had the children laughing from the beginning of the program until the end. After Mr. Magichead's performance, the children will dress in their Halloween Costumes to get ready for the Sunrise's Annual Halloween Parade to the playground. The parade will take place around 11:15am, and parents are welcome to watch, take pictures and socialize. The parade usually takes between 15 to 20 minutes; however, the memories of the parade last so much longer. If anyone can come to help us put on the children's costumes before the parade, please let your child's lead teachers know. All children should arrive to school in the morning wearing normal, everyday clothes **with their costumes in a bag**. Please label the costume and costume pieces with your child's name. Thank you.

On-going fundraisers

T-shirts, sweat shirts, etc... with the Sunrise logo will be available for purchase before and after the Sunrise Parent Association Meeting on October 19th for anyone who wants one.



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.

Enrollment

Classroom A has 20 children enrolled and Classroom B has 17 children enrolled. Both classrooms have a limit of 20 children. Our goal is to have full enrollment in both classrooms. If you know anyone who is still looking for a Preschool or Kindergarten program for their child, we would love to meet them. Bring them to Curriculum Night or have them call for a tour. Sunrise accepts enrollment throughout the year so children may begin school as soon as they are age eligible (2.9 years old).

Several parents have recently asked if they could also increase the number of days or number of hours their child attends (i.e. switching from a morning program to a full day program). The answer is yes. Sunrise is flexible and strives to meet the needs of families. Please call the office if you have any questions or email me at Director@MySunriseMontessori.com

Website and Facebook

Throughout the year the school uses its website and Facebook page to inform parents of current events and to post pictures from recent events. Please take a look at www.MySunriseMontessori.com

Be sure to check out our “**Digital Backpack**”. This page can be found in the pulldown menu of the “Current Events” tab. Click on any of the hyperlinks to view the selected form or information page as a PDF.

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: www.MySunriseMontessori.com

Monday, October 9th – Columbus Day – **no school – no Extended Day**

Saturday, October 14th – Harvest Fest 11:00am – 4:00pm (Downtown Franklin)

Wednesday, October 18th – Scholastic Book orders and Small Hands orders are due

Thursday, October 19th – Sunrise Parent Association Meeting & Curriculum Night

Tuesday, October 31st – Mr. Magichead at 10am & Sunrise's Halloween Parade at 11:15am

Monday, November 13th - Franklin Food Pantry walk (rain date, Friday Nov. 17th)

Wednesday, November 15th - Picture Day

Until next time, enjoy the fall weather!

Sincerely,

Karen Roeber

