



October 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Autumn Changes

It is hard to believe that we are in the midst of October. Leaves are beginning to fall and the trees are turning a brilliant red, yellow and orange. Pumpkins of all sizes are finding their way into the classrooms, and the children are excited about the crisp, autumn air and learning about the changes that autumn has to bring.

Please remember, as the weather changes, continue to add warmer clothing to your child's cubby box.

Extra socks are especially appreciated during cooler, wet days. Mittens should be labeled with your child's name so they can be quickly reunited with their owner if lost or misplaced.



Scholastic Books

Once again Kathi Shah has taken on our Scholastic Book orders. The orders are due by Tuesday, **October 9**. When my children were young, they loved picking out books from the order forms. When the books came in, bedtime was even more special by having their new book or books read to them. The prices are low and the school builds up points through which our school library receives a few new books. The teachers love when the new books come in, and the children love having the new books read to them in the classroom or during Extended Day.

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival in Downtown Franklin will be here before we know it. This year it is on Saturday, October 13th from 11:00 am – 4:00 with a rain date of Sunday, October 14. However, the weather forecast looks promising.

This year we plan to decorate beautiful foam leaves, and we will be handing out an activity that goes along with Jan Brett's children's book, "The Hat." This is a cute book that tells the story about a unique way some farm animals tried to stay warm for the upcoming winter. Please stop by our table and enjoy the autumn arts and crafts. We would love to see you there. See <http://www.franklindowntownpartnership.org/>

Sunrise Parent Association Meeting

October 18, 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm – The first Sunrise's Parent Association Meeting is scheduled before Curriculum Night. This is a time to plan some of the events for the school year ahead. Each year we do a special family outing. Last year we went to Moose Hill in Sharon to learn all about Maple Sugaring. In previous years we did bowling at Patriot Place. These are all fun family times together, and new ideas are always welcome. In addition, we will discuss some fundraisers we hope to do. I say "hope" because we always need volunteers to take charge of some of the fundraisers. As parents, you certainly have heard the saying: *It takes a village to raise a child*. Well, as a school, it takes many dedicated people to run a successful program. At our first meeting, we will introduce to you some of our parents on our School's Board of Directors. Nicole Hammerschlag is our Parent Representative, Mike Wong is our Treasurer, Jacquelyn Gubka is on our Personnel Committee, and Jennifer Hiscoe (who just joined the BOD). Sunrise is a non-profit (501c3 organization) so when we speak of fundraisers or support, revenue that is generated is used to offset some of the expenses of running our great program.

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Other Upcoming Events & News

Curriculum Night

October 18, 7:00 pm – 8:30pm

Are your children returning home and telling you all about their day at school? Some children will and some will not. However, Curriculum Night is all about sharing with you what your child can choose in their classroom environment each day. The teachers will present several of the Montessori lessons on Curriculum Night, and they will explain the progression of growth that can happen within a Montessori classroom. Please plan to attend. You are welcome to bring a friend who is interested in learning about the Montessori Curriculum. It is a nice night to get to know the teachers and other families better as well as hear about what the children do each day.

Halloween Donation Drive

Our Parent Rep., Nicole Hammerschlag, has reached out to the Ronald McDonald House in Providence to do a drive for "New Halloween Costumes, Coloring Books, Stickers, or crafts". So many times, I have watched my daughter take her children shopping for a holiday or special gift, and she will buy one for her children but they will also pick out one for a child in need. When I go to visit, the first thing they tell me is

"Grammy, this is what I picked out for me, but this is for someone who can't buy it, but they need it". They always have a big smile on their faces when they tell me this and deep down, Grammy is very proud of them.

All items are due by October 19th. Thank you.



Halloween Parade

Once again this year we have our Halloween Parade on **Wednesday, October 31**. Please pack your child's costume in a bag and have them bring it to school. We will need two volunteers to help with putting the children in costumes on that day. Please let your child's Lead Teacher(s) know that you can help out. The Parade will begin around 11:00am, give or take a few minutes. If you can, please join us and watch this 5 to 10 minute parade. It is short, but very memorable and soooooo very cute. Picture taking is encouraged.

Picture Day

Vicario Studio will be coming to our school on **Wednesday, November 14th**. Paul Vicario is an excellent photographer, who has been taking pictures of Sunrise children for over 10 years. His studio is right next door to the school. Packets for Picture Day will be going home soon. When you get the packet, please complete it and send it back to school with your payment before the 14th or on the morning of November 14. Thank you.

Food Pantry Drive and Walk

Sunrise Montessori School will be walking to the Franklin Food Pantry on **Monday, November 19**. We have been participating in this walk since 2009. The Food Pantry volunteers always look forward to seeing us walk up Main Street with wagons full of food donations that the families of Sunrise have donated. Last year we brought 5 wagons full! When we get to the Food Pantry, the children hear about the services the Food Pantry provides, why they collect food, and are given a mini-tour. Wish for great weather – unfortunately we don't have a rain date. Parent volunteers are needed to walk with us and we plan to leave the school at 10:15am to arrive at the Food Pantry for 11:00am. (Of course, give or take a few minutes.) If you have a spare wagon we can borrow for the day, let your child's teacher(s) know.

Wishing everyone well. Enjoy the beautiful autumn!

Sincerely, Karen

Keeping in touch.....

For questions or messages that require an immediate response, please call the office 508-541-8010.

For everything else, please consider sending us an email.

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Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is a wish list developed by our staff that contains items which would enhance the classrooms and curriculum.

This list is available next to the office and is also periodically published in the School's newsletter. Parents are encouraged to make a donation to benefit their child's classroom and the School.

If you would like to make a donation, please come in and select an "apple" or "pumpkin" off our tree and hand it to your child's teacher.

Payment for the item(s) may be via check (payable to Sunrise) or cash.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Did you know? Sunrise Montessori School enrolls children throughout the year.

Many families have joined the Sunrise community after speaking with a current or alum family whose child attends/attended our school. The school appreciates and recognizes the efforts of those families who provide enrollment referrals. Our policy for referrals has a few requirements and is outlined in detail in the Parent Handbook. Not only could you help spread the word about our wonderful program, you could also earn a \$100 referral credit. Please see the Parent Handbook or call the office for details. Thank you.

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

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.

October 8 - Columbus Day holiday. No school, no Extended Day

October 9 – Scholastic Book Orders due

October 18 – Sunrise Parent Association Meeting @ 6:30 pm and Curriculum Night @7:00pm

October 19 – Ronald McDonald House Donations due

October 31 – Halloween Parade @ 11:00 am

November 6 – Teacher Professional Day (No School, no Extended Day)

November 14 – Picture Day begins @ 9:30 am

November 19 – Walk to the Food Pantry – departure time 10:15 am

November 20 – Classrooms come together for a Thanksgiving Story and Feast @ 11:00 am

November 21, 22, 23 - Thanksgiving Break – no school