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Happy Thanksgiving



MS. ROHINI'S CORNER: This is our last newsletter before the Thanksgiving break, so I want to express my gratitude to all our Montessori families. Not a moment goes by that I don't think about how thankful I am for your incredible support and trust in us with your precious children! From all of us at The Brandon and Riverview Montessori Schools, "Thank you and have a happy Thanksgiving from all of us!"

- "THANK YOU" FROM THE MOREY'S:** Riley Morey and her family wish to express their utmost gratitude for everyone's support at both our schools. Besides the many prayers and support of kindness, our families and children gave generously donating \$2,665.00 directly to Riley, and also \$470.00 to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society!! Fantastic job and thank you so very much to all our Brandon and Riverview Montessori Families!!


- GOBBLE, GOBBLE:** Our "Fall For Y'All Concert and Feast" is Monday, Nov. 21st from 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Everyone is invited to this great event! Please remember to bring your favorite dish for the delicious brunch and please remember to label all your dishes and utensils for Monday. We are looking forward to a wonderful variety of tasty menu items. Bring your appetite and a blanket or chair to enjoy the music. It's truly a wonderful family event!


- SCHOOL SCHEDULE:** Remember: Tues, Nov 22nd is a HALF DAY. Dismissal at 11:30am; and school is CLOSED Wednesday, Nov. 23rd through Friday, Nov. 25th. Have a safe and relaxing holiday. Happy Thanksgiving!
- CLASSROOM LESSONS:** Thankfulness lessons were abounding. Every child was proud to proclaim what they are thankful for. Answers included: "My Mommy, Daddy, my sister, my dog, my bed (!)", and our favorite answer was, "My teachers!" We are thankful for YOU too!! The children also enjoyed **Ms. Rohini's** lessons about the first Thanksgiving feast in 1621, a three day celebration among the Pilgrims and the Native Americans. We learned about Plymouth Rock, the Mayflower and the founding group of people who settled in New England.
- UPCOMING DATES:**

Young Children & Elementary Christmas Programs (Ms. Maria & Ms. Kelley/Ms. Tanya)	Wednesday, December 14 th
Preprimary Christmas Program (Ms. Lena/Ms. Khairu & Ms. Barbara)	Thursday, December 15 th

Pajama Party	Friday, December 16 th
Winter Holidays: School CLOSED	December 19 th - December 30 th

- **WE'VE GOT RHYTHM:** Mr. Gene's Rhythm Class enjoyed their variety of lessons from Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake" and we had a special treat listening to Mr. Gene play some Jazz, Country, and Pop on his Saxophone!
- **ART CLASS:** Continuing our study of the famous Lascaux Caves in France, the children created their own prehistoric-looking animal "cave" paintings using templates and sponged paint. Thanks to **Julie Petersen, Samantha's** mom, **Dawn Redmond, Kaela's** mom, **Emily Cobian, Danica's** mom, **Deepa Menon, Anoushka and Ikshita's** mom, and **Trine Eriksen, Alexander and Anthony's** mom – our special Art Volunteers. Thank you so much for sharing your time and love for children with our RMS family! We love our Volunteers!
- **CONGRATULATIONS:** The stork visited **Jadyn** and the **Grayes Family** who welcomed a bouncing baby girl, **Jordan**, weighing 6lbs, 2 oz. and 19" long. **Jordan** was born on such an auspicious day 11-11-11. Welcome to our future Montessorian. She has a great role model in her big sisters 😊
- **A NOTE OF THANKS:** Thanks to **Mina** and **Jason** and the **Lee Family** for the mandarins. Thanks to **Marianna** and the **Lauretti Family** for the strawberry runners that we planted at school. Thanks to **Caroline** and **Chloe** and the **Crim Family** for the Thanksgiving puppet kits. Thanks to **Luke** and the **Hudson Family** for the pumpkin bread for the teachers. **Thanks in advance to everyone for our Potluck treats!** We love our RMS Families!
- **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Best wishes to our little Montessorians: **Mekhi Mudie, Matthew Talavera, Jadyn Grayes** and **Autumn McNew!** Thanks to **Mekhi, Jadyn, and Autumn** for sharing their birthday treats!