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Happy Birthday  
Johnny Appleseed!



- **MS. ANGIE'S CORNER:** Greetings and salutations to all my children and their families. We loved celebrating Johnny Appleseed's Birthday this month sampling all the delicious apples that the children brought for their graph project: Golden Delicious, Washington, Gala, Fuji and Granny Smith! The kindergarteners and elementary children made a graph of their favorite apple variety and the **Red Delicious** apple won ☺. Special thanks to **Ms. Rohini** who shared a wonderful lesson on numbers and stressing the importance of the pencil grip, and most importantly for providing such an enriching environment in which to progress. As Maria Montessori said, "Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment."
- **MONTESSORI BLOG:** Music and movement is a joyful element in our classrooms. Singing is the practice of language, vocabulary, poetry and even builds historical and cultural knowledge. Song and dance help to express emotions, and are a physical release. Movement develops coordination and gross motor skills too. Our children love our singing and dance activities!
- **OCTOBER HAPPENINGS:** We have so many fun and engaging lessons in store for our children this month. We will learn about astronomy, adventurer Christopher Columbus, amazing arachnids, dental health, French impressionist Claude Monet, listen to Georges Bizet's compositions, and we'll celebrate HALLOWEEN. We are looking forward to sharing some exciting projects with the children in honor of this theme and our upcoming Halloween celebration. If you have any special knick-knacks, books or stories, please bring them to school and share with all your friends and teachers. We have so many exciting projects that the children will be working on this month.
- **SPEECH, LANGUAGE & HEARING SCREENING:** Beth Ingram & Associates will be conducting screenings the week of **October 17<sup>th</sup>**. Screening is totally **OPTIONAL**. Cost is \$25 for Speech & \$25 for Motor Skills! Please return your signed flyers and checks ASAP!
- **"SAY CHEESE": SCHOOL PICTURES ON MONDAY and TUESDAY:** Remember to send your little ones to school **Monday or Tuesday** next week in their **"Sunday Best" for Picture Day**. Please label their change of clothes, if they are bringing one, as all the uniforms look the same! Please turn in your Suncoast Smiles envelope to Ms. Angie! FYI: 2-Day and 3-Day students will have their picture taken on their regular school day. Five Day students will be scheduled by last name: A to L on Monday, M to Z on Tuesday. Don't forget to practice your best smile! ☺
- **ART CLASS:** This week, the children compared random and repeating patterns, and created their own patterns using oil pastels. Thanks to **Suzanne Rockenbach**, Jackson's mother, **Sarika Varule**, Neerja's mom, **Leiza Sumagang**, John's mom, **Lindsey Ares**, Aidan's mom, **Ginain Grayes**, Jadyn'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!

- **MAD SCIENCE:** The children thoroughly enjoyed **Ms. Kelley's** science experiment on the chemical reaction of hydrogen peroxide on liver as part of the Five Great Montessori Lessons; Our caterpillars have been munching through so much milk weed and are getting ready to form their chrysalis as they begin their transformations into beautiful butterflies; and sadly, we have so many disappointed Princesses here as our young polliwogs that have turned into frogs are not taking that last hop and turning into charming Princes!
- **SPECIAL GUEST VISIT:** Next Tuesday, we will welcome Dr. Abdoney's Dental Technician to discuss the importance of taking care of our teeth. We'll learn proper brushing techniques and discuss foods that are good and bad for our "pearly whites".
- **A NOTE OF THANKS:** Thanks to **Drew** and the **Coston Family** for the yummy organic lollipops for school. Thanks to **Sam** and the **Ferraro Family** for the birthday cupcakes. Thanks to **Raina** and the **Hansen Family** for the special chocolate chip recipe cookies. Thanks to **Jackson** and the **Rockenbach Family** for the pecan bread for the teachers! Thanks to **Ms. Maria Y.** and **Ms. Suzanne** for the delicious pasta salads for the teachers! We love our RMS Families!
- **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Best wishes to **Johnny Applesed** and our lovely **Ms. Yasmine Aziz!**
- **TUITION:** Please remember that tuition is due on or before the **1<sup>st</sup> of the month**. October Tuition is due on or before **Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** this month. Tuition invoices were placed in your child's folder. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. Thanks in advance and thank you for sharing your children with us!