

October 2021



Primanti Montessori Academy

Dates to Remember:

Back to School Picture Days —
October 13 & 14 2021

Annual Pumpkin Painting Week
— October 25-28

Halloween Parade — Friday,
October 29

Daylight Saving Time Ends —
November 7

Hello, Fall!

We have just completed another great month of school! Our students are happy to return to school, and they have adjusted to the new operating procedures we have undertaken. The progress of our current students thus far has been remarkable. We have a busy academic schedule for this month and will explore the spirit of autumn and the harvest season through various projects using fall colors, pumpkins, corn, and scarecrows. Arts and crafts related to Halloween will surely fill up the classroom walls.

Picture Day - October 13 & 14

We had a successful Back to School Picture Days on October 13 & 14. Town Photo offers a variety of beautiful portrait packages for your selection. Please follow the instructions given by Town Photo to order the pictures of your children. Don't forget to register to access your child's photos.

Uniform Donations

Yes, the children do grow up quickly! We encourage you to continue donating your gently used uniforms to us as we keep extra uniforms on hand for students who may need them. Please drop by the office if you wish to pick up a uniform for your child. Kindly remember that uniforms are mandatory for all our students over two years of age.



Annual Halloween Parade - October 29

Please join us for a safe and socially distant Halloween celebration. To avoid large gatherings that can contribute to the spread of the coronavirus, we will have a virtual celebration of the spooky holiday this year.

- Children may come in Halloween costumes on the 29th and bring a set of uniforms to change to after the celebration.
- Children should wear masks (meant for COVID-19 contagion prevention) with their costumes.
- In adherence to existing COVID-19 protocols, we will not accommodate parents and guests during the parade.
- We will take a video of each class during the parade and share the videos on Facebook.
- Students may each donate a bag of individually wrapped candies to be shared with the class. Individual goody bags are encouraged.
- The school will provide a Trick or Treat basket for each child.



Flu Season Is Here

Flu season is here! If children exhibit fever, sore throat, diarrhea, vomiting, or congested cough, they must stay home. Your child must be free of any of the above symptoms for at least 24 hours before returning to school. Children younger than five years of age, especially those younger than two years old, are at high risk of serious flu-related complications. A flu vaccine offers the best defense against getting flu illnesses that lead to missed school days.

Please Like Us On Facebook

We are constantly updating our page with the activities of your children to keep our parents connected. Follow us on Facebook at “Primanti Montessori Academy” to see the exciting academic and co-curricular activities at our school. Indeed, the school is always a beehive of activities.



COVID-19 and the Flu

Influenza, commonly known as the flu, and COVID-19 are both contagious illnesses. As influenza season approaches, we must prepare ourselves and understand the difference between flu and COVID-19 symptoms. The two illnesses share many symptoms and a COVID-19 test can confirm infection.

Immunization

Are your children up to date with their immunizations? Please see the table below for the immunizations schools require according to age and grade level.

Similar symptoms of COVID-19 and the Flu:

- Fever, feeling feverish, and/or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Headache
- Some people may experience vomiting or diarrhea. However, this is more common in adults.

GUIDE TO IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR CHILD CARE OR PRESCHOOL



Requirements by Age at Entry and Later (Follow-up is required at every age checkpoint after entry.)

Vaccine	2-3 Months	4-5 Months	6-14 Months	15-17 Months	18 Months-5 Years
Polio (OPV or IPV)	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	3 doses	3 doses
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP or DTP)	1 dose	2 doses	3 doses	3 doses	4 doses
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)				1 dose on or after the 1st birthday	1 dose on or after the 1st birthday
Hib	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	1 dose on or after the 1st birthday	1 dose on or after the 1st birthday (only required for children less than 4 years, 6 months)
Hepatitis B (Hep B or HBV)	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	2 doses	3 doses
Varicella (chickenpox, VAR or VZV)					1 dose

Montessori at Home

Many parents have asked how they may incorporate Montessori at home. Getting the children involved with chores, cleaning up, making the beds, or preparing meals, are excellent ways to apply the practical life skills they learn at school. The children love being independent and helping with chores. They use science skills when they name the various fruits and vegetables served at home. Don't be surprised if your child tells you the parts of a fruit they are eating or whether the plant is woody or herbaceous. It's one of the many botany lessons given in lower elementary.



Homework

Our parents have asked how they could further help their children at school. Doing homework with the children is one way to do this, as it gives the parents a perspective on their child's academic progress. Another way is reading with your child. We have provided a list of suggested books for this end. Parents may have their children read to them or help the children read a favorite book. This routine is an excellent way to develop a life-long love for reading.



A Request to the Parents On Wearing Masks

All parents, guardians and any adults approaching the Sign-In and Sign-Out area **MUST** wear a mask, **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Our students are the most vulnerable as they are not vaccinated. Please protect our children, do it for their safety. Thank you.



Mask Donations

A big thank you to the Chandler family - Gabriel, Ailani, and Carter, for donating two boxes of Old Navy child-sized masks.

This donation is much appreciated during this time. Each family may pick up one pack of masks at the office. Please remember to label the masks that your child wears to school.



Holiday List Update

Please see the next page for the updated Holiday List for 2021 - 2022.

- November 11 - Veterans Day is a regular School day

Since Christmas and New Year fall on a Saturday,

- December 23-24 school will be closed in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
- December 30-31 school will be closed in observance of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day

HOLIDAY LIST

2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR



SEPTEMBER 6

Labor Day



DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve



NOVEMBER 25

Thanksgiving



JANUARY 17

Martin Luther King Jr. Day



NOVEMBER 26

Day after Thanksgiving



FEBRUARY 21

Presidents' Day



DECEMBER 23

Day before Christmas Eve



MAY 30

Memorial Day



DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve



JUNE 20

Juneteenth Observed



DECEMBER 30

Day Before New Year's Eve



JULY 4

Independence Day

The school will be closed on these dates. Dates are subject to change.