



MONTESSORI SCHOOLS OF IRVINE  
O'MARCH 2017



**SPRING FORWARD, FALL BACKWARDS**

Remember to set your clocks FORWARD one hour on Saturday night, March 11. Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 12!



**REMINDER: SCHOOL CLOSED- CESAR CHAVEZ DAY**

Montessori Schools of Irvine will be CLOSED on **Friday, March 31** in honor of Cesar Chavez Day.



**PLEASE WELCOME!!!**

The National conference for the American Montessori Society is being held in San Diego this year. They have chosen us to be on the National tour of schools for this conference so you may see them the morning of Thursday, March 9 at both University Montessori and Northwood Montessori. They are visiting our largest schools in order to accommodate the tours of approximately 60 professionals. This conference also provide much information that may be of interest to parents. It is held at the Town and Country Conference Resort and Hotel in San Diego from March 10-13. If you would like more information about the conference itself, it can be found at [amshq.org](http://amshq.org) under events.

**CONTINUING REGISTRATION – All Students**

Registration for **ALL continuing students** for the 2017-2018 school year is now closed. Registration ended on Friday, February 24. Any child whom we have not received a registration from will be removed from the July class lists and registration will be open to those on our waiting list. We thank our families for sharing your family's early childhood years with the Montessori Schools of Irvine.

**Please note:** Confirmation forms are being distributed over the next two weeks. If you have any questions, please see your school director **ASAP**.



Happy St. Patrick's Day! We will celebrate on Friday, March 17 with a simple Irish party. Chef Cyndi will be serving Potato Corn Chowder for lunch (see menu). A special party snack sign up will be posted on Wednesday, March 8. Join the fun and **wear something GREEN** on this day.

### **JACKETS AND SWEATERS**

The weather is changeable these days so please be sure that you send your child to school in a sweater or jacket! We will do our best to try to get them to keep it on as they run and play. It is important to write their names on all clothing that comes to school. Many items look alike and it helps the teacher identify what garment belongs to what child. Also, please remember to take home your child's jacket or sweater each afternoon!



### **HAPPY FIRST DAY OF SPRING and PERSIAN AND IRANIAN NEW YEAR (Nowruz)**

March 20 is the first day of spring and Nowruz. Nowruz [or norooz, pronounced NO-ROOZ] means "New-day". See the March menu for a special lunch on this day. We wish our Persian and Iranian families a very happy New Year!

### **SPRING PICTURES**

Spring pictures by Images 4 Kids are scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to check the April newsletter for more information. Our spring photos DO NOT require prepayment. You will receive a proof sheet approximately 2 weeks after the photos are taken and can order at that time.

*Note: Kindergarten cap and gown photographs will be taken in the month of May.*

### **WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD**

April 24-28 is "Week of the Young Child"! Again this year we have many fun and exciting activities planned for all of our children as well as some special guests! Watch the April News for more information.

## **Kindergarten-Primary**



### **KINDERGARTEN-PRIMARY SCIENCE FAIR**

This year the Kindergarten-Primary children are hosting a Science Fair to showcase their science experiments which reflect on their learning throughout the year. The science fair will be in the Kindergarten and Primary Classrooms on **Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 2:15-3:15**. The children will be presenting their experiments between **2:15-3:00**. Sharing and discussion opportunities will be held until 3:15. Students' attendance is appreciated for the duration of the Science Fair. The children are very excited and have been busy preparing for this special event. Please mark your calendar and plan time to take a look!



### **CAP AND GOWNS**

Graduation forms for Cap and Gown Sets, diplomas, etc. will be distributed in Friday Folders on Friday, March 3. All forms are due back no later than, Friday, March 17.

***Save the Date: Kindergarten Graduation & Preschool Musical– Monday, June 19!***

### **SELF PORTRAIT T-SHIRTS**

In honor of our Kindergarten graduates this year Santa Claus Publishing Company will be creating a Self Portrait T-shirt that can be ordered and purchased for \$12.00. The children will be working on their self-portraits this month and they will be compiled onto a white t-shirt. Order forms will be distributed shortly and the deadline for ordering will be Thursday, March 30. Please make checks payable to: Village Montessori. The shirts should be ready by June and will be distributed before graduation.



### **TANAKA FARMS – STRAWBERRY FIELDS**

On **Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** in the afternoon our Kindergarten-Primary Grade classes will be traveling to Tanaka Farms to experience a real working farm. Their tour will include a guided wagon ride around the farm, learning about vegetables and fruits, seeing BIG farm equipment and ending in the strawberry fields picking delicious strawberries! Registration forms will be distributed in Friday Folders on **March 17** and are due back no later than Friday, March 24. Space is limited and spots will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

March 12	Daylight Savings Time begins- Spring forward
March 17	St. Patrick's Day Celebrations
March 17	Kindergarten Graduation Cap and Gown orders due
March 20	First day of Spring and Nowruz
March 30	Kindergarten-Primary Science Fair
<b>Friday, March 31</b>	<b>**SCHOOL CLOSED** Cesar Chavez Day</b>
April 5	Spring Photos by Images 4 Kids
April 7	Kindergarten-Primary Field Trip- Strawberry Farms
April 13	Spring Egg Hunt
April 16	Happy Easter
<b>April 24-28</b>	<b>Week of the Young Child</b>



March 4  
March 8

### March Birthdays

Mr. Richard  
Mr. Doug



March 1

### MARCH STAFF ANNIVERSARIES:

Miss Denean 36 years!!!!

***THANK YOU, DENEAN! Your loyalty, dedication, and contributions to the children, their families and the school program are appreciated with all our hearts.***



Chef's Table by Chef Cyndi

### ***St. Patrick's Day Potato Corn Chowder***

1 lb. red potatoes, diced	Butter
1 lb. frozen sweet corn	Salt & Pepper to taste
1 cup yellow onion, diced	Optional: Add bacon or ham
1 cup celery, diced	
2 qts. heavy whipping cream (Optional: add milk to thin)	

1. Sauté onion and celery in butter.
2. Add diced potatoes.
3. In large saucepan, heat cream.
4. Add onions, celery, potatoes and corn.
5. Add milk to thin as needed. Add optional bacon or ham if desired.
6. Simmer until potatoes are tender.

### **NORTHERN IRELAND WHEATEN BREAD**

1 c bread flour  
2 ¾ c whole wheat flour  
1 ¼ tsp salt  
1 ¼ tsp baking soda  
2 tsp sugar  
¼ c butter  
2 c buttermilk  
¼ c vegetable oil  
1 T buttermilk  
1 tsp sugar



1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Prepare a shallow baking pan with cooking spray.
2. Sift together the bread flour, whole wheat flour, salt, baking soda, and 2 teaspoons sugar in a bowl. Cut the margarine into the flour mixture until pieces are nearly indistinguishable. Make a well in the center of the mixture and pour in the oil and buttermilk. Stir with a spatula until dry mixture is completely moistened. Move the dough to a lightly-floured surface. Lightly knead the dough for no more than 1 minute. Place the dough into the prepared pan; pat down and around to form a round loaf. Cut a cross into the top of the loaf with your finger. Brush the top with 1 tablespoon buttermilk; sprinkle 1 teaspoon sugar over the top of the loaf.