



**WESTPARK MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF IRVINE
O'MARCH 2019**



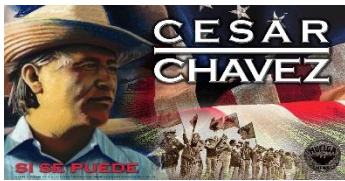
PANCAKE DAY AND PJ'S

Tuesday, March 5 is "Pancake Day". This is an easy morning - everyone comes dressed in their pajamas or can wear their clothes backwards. Pancakes will be served for lunch, with bagels and cream cheese for PM snack. Sorry, **no slippers** on this day as the children will be playing outside!



SPRING FORWARD, FALL BACKWARDS

Remember to set your clocks FORWARD one hour on Saturday night, March 9. Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 10!



REMINDER: SCHOOL CLOSED- CESAR CHAVEZ DAY

Montessori Schools of Irvine will be CLOSED on **Friday, March 29** in honor of Cesar Chavez Day.

CONTINUING REGISTRATION – All Students

Registration for **ALL continuing students** for the 2019-2020 school year is now closed. Registration ended on Friday, February 22. 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**.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Happy St. Patrick's Day! We will celebrate on Friday, March 15 with a simple Irish party. Chef Dona will be serving Potato Corn Chowder for lunch (see menu). A special party snack sign up will be posted on Wednesday, March 6. Join the fun and **wear something GREEN** on this day.



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!

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!

BOOK CLUBS

March book club order forms are now available at the front desk. Book club orders are due on Friday, March 8. Please make ONE check payable to Scholastic. If ordering online use our school code .

SPRING PICTURES

Spring pictures by Images 4 Kids are scheduled for April 2nd. 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 8-12 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.

NEWS FOR ONE'S AND TWO'S

MARCH TODDLER TEACHING THEMES

This month our Toddlers will be learning about family and pets.

JACKETS

Please make sure to label all jackets that come to school. Many items look alike and it helps the teacher identify what garment belongs to what child. Thank you!

FAMILY PICNIC

Look for information about a family picnic this month to go along with the family and pet unit.

Kindergarten



SCIENCE FAIR!

KINDERGARTEN: PLEASE NOTE:

SCHOOL TO CLOSE EARLY AT 4:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 28 FOR KINDERGARTEN-PRIMARY SCIENCE FAIR

Each year the Kindergarten and Primary grade children participate in a Science Fair where they showcase their science experiments as a reflection of their learning in this curriculum during the year. As this is a part of their annual science curriculum, ALL children in these grades participate by hosting this fair for their parents. As the State Law regarding immunizations now prohibits this type of interaction between parents and children during school hours, **the kindergarten and primary grades will close at 4:00 pm** so that parents can sign their children out of school and families can participate in this grand event.

*The science fair will be in the atrium on **Thursday, March 28 at 4:00 p.m.** ALL CHILDREN IN THE KINDERGARTEN AND PRIMARY (1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD GRADE) CLASSROOMS MUST BE SIGNED OUT OF SCHOOL AND SUPERVISED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN BY 4:00 P.M. ON THIS DAY SO THAT THEY CAN COMPLETE THEIR SCIENCE ASSIGNMENT BY PARTICIPATION IN THIS FAIR. **Late fees will apply at \$1 per minute after 4:00, and children will not be able to participate in the science fair if they are not signed out BY 4:00.** Again, this schedule accommodation change is being made in order to comply with State licensing immunization requirements for adults interacting with children in the program. The children are very excited and have been busy preparing for this special event.*

Please mark your calendar - you will be happy to see what your child has accomplished!



CAP AND GOWNS

Graduation forms for Cap and Gown Sets, diplomas, etc. will be distributed in Friday Folders on Friday, March 8. All forms are due back no later than, Friday, March 15.

Save the Date: Kindergarten Graduation & Preschool Musical– Wednesday, June 19th

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 Navy blue t-shirt. Order forms will be distributed shortly and the deadline for ordering will be Thursday, March 28. Please make checks payable to: Westpark Montessori. The shirts should be ready by June and will be distributed before graduation.



DATES TO REMEMBER

March 8	Book Club orders due
March 10	Daylight Savings Time begins- Spring forward
March 15	St. Patrick's Day Celebrations
March 15	Kindergarten Graduation Cap and Gown orders due
March 20	First day of Spring and Nowruz
Thursday, March 28	Kindergarten-Primary Science Fair- Children in Kindergarten-Primary must be signed out BY 4:00 p.m. this day
Friday, March 29	**SCHOOL CLOSED** Cesar Chavez Day
April 2	Spring Photo's by Images 4 Kids
April 8-12	Week of the Young Child March Birthdays
March 4	Mr. Richard
March 15	Miss Kim
March 24	Miss Michelle



MARCH STAFF ANNIVERSARIES:

March 1 Miss Denean 38 years with Montessori Schools of Irvine!!!!

THANK YOU! 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

1/2 cup onions, diced
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 Butter
 Salt & Pepper to taste
 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.

