



Oneonta Montessori School

October



Halloween
School closes
@ 12:30 p.m.



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

School holiday- Monday, 12th

It is a holiday that celebrates and honors all Native American Peoples and commemorates their histories and cultures. Indigenous Peoples' Day recognizes that Native people are the first inhabitants of the Americas including the lands that became the United States. It is celebrated across America and students in schools are made aware of their many cultures and customs that are still very alive and practiced today.

CULTURAL DAY

Friday, 16th

We pride ourselves on being a multi-cultural school and are privileged to have staff and students who hail from over 39 territories, regions and countries across the globe this school year. To learn more about each other we are planning a very fun and exciting Cultural Day here on campus.

We would like all our students to come to school dressed up in cultural attire from their countries of origin.

We have chosen 8 countries to represent and have sent invitations to those parents to be presenters.

We will have the opportunity to look at pictures, artifacts, musical instruments & authentic clothing, listen to traditional music & ask questions about their amazing cultures, also, get to taste a sample of their delicious ethnic food. We are looking forward to a terrific day of learning! The idea is to bring awareness of each family's rich heritage, so our students become more conscious & aware of others and learn the importance of inclusion of all ethnicities & cultures.

We will be taking many pictures and posting them on Dojo & our school website, so keep a look out!

FIELD TRIP TO CAL POLY POMONA

Wed, 21st, TK – 5th GRADE

All students in the elementary school will be going to Cal Poly on a field trip to their Kellogg Ranch Pumpkin Fest. Students will get to pet animals at the Petting Farm, go through a Corn Maze, ride a train and Hay Wagon, see the Sunflower fields, Children's garden, pumpkin patch, pick their own pumpkins & much more! More information to follow, stay tuned.

HALLOWEEN SHOW & PARADE

Friday, 30th @ 11:00 a.m.

Children must come to school in costume as everyone participates in the parade. Children will assemble in the elementary playground so that everyone is able to see all the wonderful costumes. We will then go for a walk around the block to say hello to our neighbors and other businesses in our community.

We are looking for ONE family per class to decorate their car (in a Halloween theme) and park it around the block so that when our children go for their annual Halloween walk they will stop at the designated car and get some goodies. Please let your child's teacher know if you can do so. Thank You!

Parents, we welcome all of you to dress in costume & join us in the parade at school & around the block.

Halloween snack party sign-ups will be posted so that there will be plenty of snacks for all. We ask everyone to be conscious of not providing candy, instead, bringing healthy snacks & goodies, thereby encouraging our students to be more aware of eating healthily!

Thank You . ***HAVE A HAPPY HALLOWEEN!***

SEE'S CANDY FUND RAISER

Friday, October 9th -Monday, November 2nd

It's that time once a year when we really need the help of our entire parent body. We would like to see 100% participation in our candy drive. This is our big yearly fund raiser where we use the funds to purchase new equipment/materials & other resources for our students throughout the school year. We also use the funds to offset costs of the in-house entertainment & activities during the summer. Thank you for your cooperation!

GREAT SHAKEOUT

Thursday, 15th, @ 10:15 a.m.

Every year our school participates in the statewide earthquake drill to make sure we are prepared just in case the big one hits. Every class will join!

We will Drop, Cover & Hold on for approximately 15 minutes.

When given the cue, children will drop to their knees, go under desks/tables, sit back on knees, place heads on their knees making themselves into a little ball, use hands to shield heads and hold on firmly to legs of tables/desks.

Ms Christina's Ladybugs – Class # 1

Trick or treat! There are many sweet things in store for Ladybug class. Fall has arrived and now it is time to cool down and observe the trees changing to beautiful colors of purple, orange and red. We will learn about Indigenous Peoples' Day. The Ladybugs are excited to celebrate Cultural Day and learn about the different countries when we explore the different classrooms. We will be reading books and creating a craft related to the country that will be in our classroom. Can't wait to see all the costumes at our bone chilling Halloween parade. Happy Halloween!

Ms Melinda's Dragonflies - Class # 2

Our Dragonflies are so excited for this month of October! We will learn about the Indigenous Peoples' holiday by reading stories about Native Americans. We will explore the wonderful change in nature's colors as we approach the fall season and take a nature walk around our neighborhood. For science, we will learn about the bean seed & how it grows into a plant. For Cultural Day, our Dragonflies will have an adventure exploring and welcoming new cultures and learning how various people live, where they come from and the different languages they speak. With Halloween around the corner, we will learn about the skeletal system and learn the bone wiggling 'skeletal dance;' Happy Halloween Dragonflies!

Ms. Karen's Butterflies – Class # 4

October is officially here, from exploring diverse cultures to dressing up for our annual Halloween parade, our students have a busy and magical month ahead. We are ready to embark on a spectacular journey around the world in preparation for Cultural Day, students will explore different traditions, geographies, and global communities. As Indigenous Peoples' Day approaches, we will spend time honoring the rich histories and cultures of Indigenous communities. We are also placing a special focus on grace and courtesy; practicing daily habits of kindness, polite communication, and community respect, helping to build a warm and welcoming environment for everyone and courtesy. Students will practice daily habits of kindness, polite communication, and community respect, helping to build a warm and welcoming environment for everyone. We are wrapping up the month with our beloved Halloween traditions! Students can look forward to an exciting day at school.

BOOK FAIR – Preschool library **Tuesday, October 6th – Friday, 9th**

Please visit our book fair and purchase books for your children who have made a list of what books they would like to have.

The school receives a percentage of the total sales which we use to purchase new books for our classroom libraries. Thank you for your cooperation.

Ms Ernamarie – Class #5

There's no better time of the year than the black-and-orange month for celebrations, that is October! Our class is super excited to set our eyes on the first books for Literature. Our budding writers are going to be creative in sentence structure and learning the kinds of sentences for language along with nouns, verbs, and articles. Studying lines, triangles, quadrilaterals and problem solving will keep students busier in math and geometry. History and geography continue with Needs of Man, concept of time and Study of the earth. October culminates with Halloween so see you at the parade!

Ms. Theresa – Class #6

Our TKs are learning so much already, it's spooky! October brings plenty of fun, discovery, and adventure to our curriculum. In botany, we'll continue following our seed as we explore the life cycle of a plant. In geography, we'll journey from the solar system down to our own planet Earth, discovering its land and water forms. This will be the perfect introduction to one of our favorite school events, Cultural Day, as we learn about the many continents, cultures, and people who call our world home. In zoology, we'll review the needs of living things and discover the different parts of our skeletal system and their functions. More spooky fun along the way; Halloween dance & parade & trunk or treat!

Ms MaryAnn – Class #7

Happy Fall Y'all! Our math wizards will continue to hone their skills in solving word problems, fractions, and angles in math and geometry. We will continue our learning journey on the study of the continent of North America, Africa, and Europe for geography. Grammar reviews, reading and writing activities, and discussion of new books in literature will keep our students busy with Language. We will also start our literature reviews this month, so please have your books ready. Alongside lots of Fall activities and celebrations like Cultural Day and most popular, Halloween. We will also have discussions on the vital contributions of farmers and ranchers and honor them for their hard work and dedication. Looking forward to a fun and exciting

Ms. Jessica – Class # 9

Get ready for a Spook-tacular month as October plans are currently underway for our upcoming Halloween performance. This month is also particularly exciting as we celebrate each other's differences with Cultural/Diversity Day! Here at Oneonta, we place much significance in cultural diversity as it contributes to new ways of thinking, new knowledge, and respecting and appreciating the unique and different experiences of others. We will also be reading and watching educational books and videos as well as participating in activities to better understand and appreciate the different backgrounds of one another. We also take this month to learn about Indigenous Peoples' Day as our we honor and recognize our native inhabitants of the United States, learning their culture and history.