

CELEBRATE  
**INDIGENOUS**  
PEOPLE'S DAY

Oneonta Montessori  
School  
October 2017



**INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY**  
**School holiday- Monday, 9<sup>th</sup>**

**FINGERPRINTING AT SCHOOL**  
**Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Permanent Impressions, a Child Safety Program, will be here to take children's fingerprints. Please make use of this service; an important safety feature that is highly recommended for children of all ages. Please fill out the form & return to office ASAP. Thank you.

**CULTURAL DAY - (Change of date on Calendar)**  
**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 - 12:00 noon**

We pride ourselves on being a Multi-cultural school and are privileged to have staff and students this year who hail from over 51 territories, regions and countries across the globe. To learn more about each other we are planning a very fun and exciting Cultural Day where our students will learn more about where their friends are from. Going through our Cultural Survey, we will pick 9 countries to be represented and send invitations to those parents who will be presenters. We will have the opportunity to look at pictures and artifacts, listen to traditional music, and also to taste a sample of ethnic food. We will be taking many pictures and posting them on Dojo & our website, so keep a look out! Looking forward to a terrific day of learning!

**SEE'S CANDY FUND RAISER**

**Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

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 money to purchase new equipment/materials & other resources for our students.

**UNIFORM - True Grits/Parker (818) 495-4935**

Students in TK - 6<sup>th</sup> grade must come to school in school uniforms purchased from the above company ONLY. *Pants/shorts/skorts purchased from any other store are not allowed and students who do not comply will receive a non-compliance form.* True Grits/Parker carries their own brand names, only uniforms allowed. Shoes must be either black or white only; any other color is not permitted. Thank you for your understanding and prompt co-operation in making it fair for all.

**HALLOWEEN PARADE**  
**Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.**

Children must come to school in costume as everyone participates in the parade. Students may bring a change of clothes to school. We will assemble in the elementary playground so that the children will be able to see everyone else's costumes, after which we will go for a walk around the block to say hello to our neighbors and other businesses in our community. *Parents, we welcome all of you to dress in costume and join us in the fun parade.* Halloween snack party sign-ups will be posted so that there will be plenty of snacks for all. We ask that everyone be conscious of not providing candy, instead, bringing healthy snacks & goodies, thereby encouraging our students to be more aware of eating healthy! Thank You.

***HAVE A SAFE AND FUN HALLOWEEN!***

**KINDNESS WEEK Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday, 27<sup>th</sup>**

Our students have been made aware of the Positive Traits certificates that will be awarded throughout the school year. To support our pledge to boost kindness and to inspire our students to what is right, the NED (Never give up, Encourage others, Do your best) show will be here to talk about what NED stands for.

**GREAT SHAKE - Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup>, @ 10:19 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. We will stop, drop & hold on for approx. 15 minutes so everyone gets familiar with the drill.

**FIELD TRIP TO SCIENCE CENTER**

**Tuesday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>**

Students in 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade will visit Body Worlds; this special exhibit presents more than 200 real human bodies in sickness and health. Our students will see firsthand how good lifestyles support good health and well being and the contrasting effects of smoking, obesity, hardened arteries etc, the impact of ill health.

**Monday October 30<sup>th</sup>**

TK - K will participate in a hands - on Big Lab learning experience about Lady Bugs and Life cycles. 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will participate in a Big Lab learning experience; All about Air. More information to follow.

### **Ms Terri's Ladybugs – Class # 1**

It's hard to believe our first month is over. Our 'lil Ladybugs will explore the fall season as we go on a little Botany nature walk observing the changes & colors of leaves. This year, for Cultural Day, our little ones will have an adventure exploring new cultures. We will also take a trip to our school library and read stories about Native Americans to honor Indigenous peoples' Day. Halloween is just around the corner; our lil' ladybugs are excited to create projects, make yummy snacks and learn about the skeletal system. Parents please join us for our Halloween Parade!

### **Ms Vanessa's Dragonflies - Class # 2**

Our Dragonflies are so excited for October! We will learn about the Indigenous peoples' holiday by visiting our school library. We will explore the wonderful change in nature's colors as we approach the fall season. For Science, we will learn about the Solar system. For Cultural Day, our Dragonflies will have an adventure while exploring and welcoming new cultures and learning how various people live, where they come from and the different languages they speak. Grace and Courtesy are very important and we are excited to continue practicing it this month. We are excited to create projects, make yummy snacks and learn about the skeletal parts as Halloween and the great parade draws near. Please join us on the 31<sup>st</sup>!

### **Ms Melinda's Honey Bees – Class # 3**

Our sweet Honey Bee's buzzed right through September and are eager to learn about October. A visit to our school library will allow us to learn about Indigenous People. Our little Honey bees will prepare unique crafts on children from around the world in preparation for Cultural Day. As we fall into a new season with a nature walk to experience the lovely colors of the changing leaves, we will also make our own beautiful tree, learn its parts. With Halloween right around the corner we will prepare our little ones with many creative projects. A good time to learn their body parts with a cool skeleton project and skeleton song. Parents please join us for our Halloween Parade followed by a snack party. Happy Halloween! Everyone!

### **Ms Audrey's Butterflies – Class # 4**

Welcome to October! It's a new month with wonderful new things to learn about. The Butterflies will start off learning about a very special holiday; Indigenous Peoples' Day. What a wonderful way to step into Cultural Day as we learn to appreciate all the diverse cultures represented here in our little school. We all are looking forward to our world travels. We will also continue our studies about the universe and our solar system as well as the skeletal system for science... The Butterflies have also been hard at work on math and reading skills but it's not all work and no play for the Butterfly class...we will also be practicing a little bone shaking dance and decorating our room with some great projects to get the festivities started for our awesome costume parade on the 31st!

### **Ms Vangie – Class # 5**

As we welcome fall, we have awesome activities to keep our kids busy; Indigenous Peoples' Day, Cultural Day, and Halloween. We will begin with our Literature reading; please bring the assigned book to class. 1<sup>st</sup> graders will be learning about nouns (possessive), verbs, and adjectives. 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be learning kinds of sentences & letter writing. For math, we will focus on addition and subtraction concepts, place value, and rounding off. Cultural Arts will cover the Calendar, Clock of Eras, water forms, Earth and its parts, needs of plants and vertebrates.

### **Ms. Marie – Class # 6**

We are definitely enjoying learning new things in a new classroom! We are BAT-ty about our activities for the month. We are ready to go back in history to learn the history of the Native American people as well as the months of the year. Skeletons and vertebrates, oceans, water forms, clouds, life cycles of plants and the seasons are on the agenda. This month we will also start our literature lesson so please remember to bring the book!

### **Ms Blossom – Class # 7**

We are absolutely falling in-love with learning! We are ready to go back in time & commemorate the history of Native Americans. Our little botanists are ready to explore parts of plants and flowers. In geography; 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will learn Earth facts & 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will learn about countries & capitals of Europe. For zoology, its all about vertebrates. For math, focus is on addition/subtraction concepts, estimation, and money value. We will begin our love for literature this month by reading our first book. Please make sure your child brings assigned book to class.

### **Ms Sue - Class # 8**

A month of adventure, awesome and Spooctacular! Our little TK's and K's have adjusted well into their new classroom. We will continue basic addition in math and 'telling time' will be our new lesson for this month. The four seasons and life cycle of plants will be our lessons in geography and botany & 'Our marvelous bodies' for zoology. We are excited for our K's to start their weekly public speaking. TK's will continue their 'weekend sharing' & 'Show and Tell. Cultural Day will allow us to focus on honoring our differences.

### **Ms Ernamarie & Ms Mary Ann - Class # 9**

October already and the class is in full swing! Our 4th graders are adjusting as they join the 5th graders and settle into their new routine. New sets of book assignments have been given for literature, writing prompts and review of grammar rules continue in Language. Students will complete a detailed study of Time Line of Life and Man in history. Zoology focuses on vertebrates and invertebrates and main groups of the Plant Kingdom for botany. Our math wizards will be busy working on the four operations, lines & angles.