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What's the Scoop?

St. Margaret Mary Mother's Day Out

October, 2011

Fire Truck Visit

The Cedar Park Fire Department will once again visit MDO on Monday, Oct. 17 and Thursday, Oct. 27 at 10:30 am. The firefighters will talk to the kids about fire safety, then each class will have a chance to climb into and have their pictures taken on the fire truck. Parents are welcome to come and take pictures!



SMM Fall Fun Fest



St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church will host a Fall Fun Fest on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 11 am—1 pm. Everyone is invited and admission is free! There will be hay rides, games, and food. See the posted fliers for more information.

Halloween



Parades and Parties

Halloween parades and parties are scheduled for October 27 (TTH/TTHF/M-F), and October 31 (MW/MWF). For those new to our program, students are asked to bring their costumes to school on their parade and party day. The children will change into their costumes after lunch and, weather permitting, we will all parade around the building at 12:45.

Parents are invited to attend and line the parade route! After the parade, each class will have its own Halloween party in the classroom. Parents, we do not allow any scary costumes or costume weapons of any kind. If your child's costume has any type of play weapon, please leave that at home.

MDO Calendar

Oct 3-4 - Individual School Pictures

Oct 10 - MDO Closed

Oct 17 & 27 - Fire Station visits our school

Oct 27 - Halloween parade and party for TTH/TTHF/M-F classes at 12:45

Oct 31 - Halloween parade & party for MW/MWF classes at 12:45

Nov 1-2 Family Portrait Night from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Nov 2 - Early Release at 11:30

Nov 14 & 15 -Thanksgiving Luncheon at 12 noon

Nov 21-25 - Thanksgiving Holidays—MDO closed

Picture Information

Individual student pictures were taken the week of Oct. 3-6.

Picture packets should be returned to MDO at the end of October or early November. At that time, parents may come to the office to view their child's pictures and decide if they want to make a purchase.

Prices are as follows:

- \$15 per sheet - a sheet will have either one 8 x 10, two 5 x 7s, or eight wallets
 - \$40.50 for a package - a package is three sheets, as described above (poses may be mixed).
 - \$65.50 for two packages
 - \$90.50 for three packages
- *Picture retake date TBA.**



October Curriculum

Color - Orange

Shape - triangle

Opposites - fast/slow; stop/go

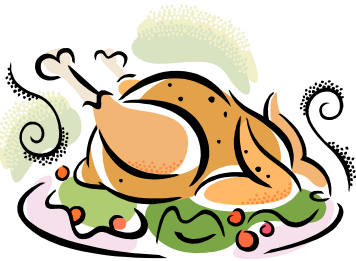
Themes - Fire Prevention/Safety; Transportation; Fall Weather & Leaves; Pumpkins; Halloween

Community Helper - Firefighter



Thanksgiving Luncheon

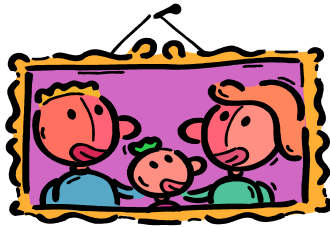
Our annual Treats Feast has changed a bit this year. Instead of a singing program and light treats, this year we are having a catered Thanksgiving luncheon (with no singing program). LISD will provide the children with a lunch of roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, a roll, milk and dessert. The luncheons will be on Monday, Nov. 14 and Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 12 noon. Families are invited to join in the feast! Enrolled MDO students will receive a free lunch and family member tickets will be sold for \$3.50. Tickets will go on sale Monday, Oct. 24 thru Friday, Nov. 11. Please see the office for more information and to purchase tickets.



Reminders

As the weather gets cooler, remember to replace the clothes in your child's backpack with warmer items.

Don't forget to pack a nutritious lunch!



Family Portrait Night

Our school photographer, Wee Bee, has offered our school a Family Portrait Night. Families will have the opportunity on Nov. 1 & Nov. 2 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm to bring their entire family for a portrait session at MDO. Sessions will be scheduled in 15-20 min. intervals. Wee Bee will have multiple backgrounds to choose from including holiday scenes. This will be a great opportunity to take family Christmas pictures! Pictures should be available for purchase before our Thanksgiving break. Please see the MDO office for questions or to schedule an appointment.



Vendors Needed for SMMCC Arts & Crafts Show!

St. Margaret Mary Church is hosting an Arts & Crafts Show on Nov. 12 & 13 from 10 am—3 pm. Vendors are needed to show off their wares. If you make or sell items and would like to have a booth at the craft show, please call Nancy Solano at 748-9874. Space is limited!

Student Assessments

We will begin age level student assessments in October. Teachers will assess each student to get a "beginning of the year" look at mastery of skills and where attention needs to be focused for skills not mastered. Each student will be re-assessed in April to see where improvements have been made. If you have any questions about the assessments or want to see a copy of the assessments, please see the office.

- If you ever have any questions or concerns about how your child is developing go to www.cdc.gov/actearly for a developmental checklist.
- For LISD Pre-K expectations go to www.leanderisd.org under the Pre-K department.

For Parents: How you can help your child learn to read:

* Read and re-read stories with predictable text, such as *Brown Bear, Brown Bear*. This kind of text contains repeated phrases and rhymed words that helps children remember the words to the story and follow along on subsequent readings.

* Visit the library regularly; check out books to bring home.

* Ask questions that begin with *What, Who, Why, When, and Where*.