

Montessori Center of Downriver - October Newsletter

The Importance of Being on Time

Imagine you're late for an important meeting, and it's already in full swing when you have to open the door and walk in. The meeting is disrupted. People stop to look at you. You have to find an empty seat, and then you need to try to figure out what's being discussed and what your role is.

We're all late sometimes, and in situations like that above, it can make an already stressful or nerve-racking experience even worse. This is how children can feel when they have to enter a settled classroom. Nearly every student who comes in late wants to stop and watch through the classroom door to see what they're going to walk in on.

Being late can mean missing the morning greeting and important class time, or depending on the schedule, fun time outside with friends. Being just 10 minutes late daily equals nearly 30 hours of missed class a year! Late arrivals are also disruptive to the children who are having lessons or working, and it disrupts the overall flow of the classroom.

We understand that life (and children) happens. If you are struggling with getting out the door on time, please let us know if there is anything on our end that we can do to help!

In the Classroom



Ms Ashley's Room

October is "All About Me" in Ms Ashley's class. They will be learning about body parts and the five senses. They will also be practicing the Montessori coat flip to become more independent--Ms Ashley will send a video to class parents later in the month.

Mrs. Dona's Room

September in Mrs. Dona's room was filled with apples--apple stamping, apple sorting, apple tasting, and applesauce making! They also began learning about our world.

October will mean pumpkins! Children will be doing pumpkin painting, carving, and tasting, and they'll try roasted pumpkin seeds. They'll continue to learn about the seven continents of our world and the people who live in them.

Ms Donnette and Ms Mandi's Room

It'll be all things Fall this October in Ms Donnette and Ms Mandi's room! They'll be reading books about Fall and will be doing work with apples and pumpkins.

Mrs. Melissa's Room

In October, Mrs. Melissa's room will be learning about safety signs and transportation!

Hispanic Heritage Month

On Fridays in Ms Donnette and Ms Mandi's room, Ms Pam has been sharing her culture with the children and teaching them Spanish as well. They learned how to make elote, quesadillas, and guacamole!

Product Recalls

1. [iCraves Infant High Chair](#)
 2. [Restwell Mattress](#)
 3. [Certain Tomy Boon Flair and Fair Elite High Chairs](#)
 4. For a full list of recent recalls, please see [this site](#).
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Trunk or Treat!



We are excited to invite you and your family to our Trunk or Treat event on October 18th at 6:00PM! This will be a sensory and family friendly event.

Children must be accompanied by an adult--staff will not be available for services or to watch children. Our teachers will be dressed up and passing out candy at their decorated trunks!

Please RSVP via the Evite with the number of children you plan on bringing--siblings are absolutely welcome.

This event will be a substitute for an in-school Halloween party, so if you'd like to donate candy for the event, please feel free. We will have a bin placed in the vestibule. Any donations are much appreciated, but not expected!

Come join us for a spooktacular time!

(We know that there are children with various food allergies; we will have a variety of treats, but please be aware that the candy being passed out may contain allergens and should be checked before consuming.)

Community Events

Wildlife Family Fun Adventure Day

October 7th, 10am to 1pm

Please mark your calendar to join Nurture the Future and the Detroit International Wildlife Refuge for a FREE Wildlife Family Fun Adventure Day on October 7th from 10 AM to 1 PM. Families are invited to attend and enjoy the nature wildlife trails including an outdoor scavenger hunt with prizes, a kids' fishing game, fall arts and crafts, face painting, and apple cider and donuts. Four family fun gift baskets will be raffled that include \$50 gift cards for the parents.

Don't miss this wonderful fall family event! Please register [here](#).

Wyandotte Kids Candy Crawl

Saturday, October 7th

12 to 2pm (while supplies last)

Downriver Council for the Arts building

A trunk or treat and Halloween arts and crafts.

Nightmare on Fort St

October 7th

1 to 8pm

Lincoln Park Kennedy Memorial Building

Event Schedule:

1:00pm: Trunk or Treat

2:00pm: Games and Pumpkin Painting

3:00pm: Kids Costume Contest

7:00pm: Performance by the Sanderson Sisters

8:00: Concert by The Nightmare- Alice Cooper Tribute and Adult Costume Contest

Trenton Pumpkin Fest

October 7th

11am to 1pm

Trenton Cultural Center

Free pumpkin decorating, face painting, and bounce house! [Registration required.](#)

Southgate Touch-a-Truck

October 7th

10am to 1pm

Southgate Library parking lot

Come climb on and explore your favorite vehicles, including construction trucks, police cars, and firetrucks. Siren and horn free time from 10-11am.

Makerspace Craft: Zooming Witch

Wednesday, October 11

10:00am to 7:30pm

Bacon Memorial District Library Maker Space Room

This Halloween witch zips along on her broom. Make and take a pull-back and release toy in the makerspace while supplies last.

Allen Park Pumpkin Fest

October 13th

3 to 7pm

Corner of Park Ave and Harrison Ave

Build a free scarecrow! There will be free pumpkins as well.

Southgate Harvest Fest and Movie in the Park

Market Center Park

October 14th

1 to 7pm

There will be food trucks, a pumpkin patch, and kids' activities (face painting, pumpkin bowling, a bounce house, and trick or treating). Following the Harvest Fest, at 7pm, there will be a free showing of Hocus Pocus!

Brownstown Trick or Treat Trail

October 15th

1 to 3pm

23345 King Rd, Brownstown

Trenton Parks & Rec Dept's 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat

Kennedy Rec Parking lot

Sunday, October 15th

4:00pm to 6:00pm

Miniature Train Rides

October 20 & 21

12:00 to 4:00pm

Southgate Train Park

Kids can enjoy a ride around the train park! Free but donations are welcome.

Hayrides and Movie in the Park

Riverview Young Patriot's Park

October 21st

Trunk or Treat: 5-7pm (Free)

Hayrides: 4-7pm (\$5.00 per person)

Movie in the Park-Frankenweenie: 7pm

Dress to be outside and bring blankets to bundle up with while getting in the Halloween spirit. Hayrides and movie will take place by the Community Center Building. Trunk or Treat will be at the Fire Department.

Hallo-Haven

October 21st

10am to 1pm

Woodhaven Community Center

Visit the Trunk or Treat village at 10am, and stay for pony rides, hay rides, a petting zoo, and a magic show!

9th Annual Spooktacular Downtown Flat Rock

October 21st

3 to 5pm

This year's Spooktacular event will be located in downtown Flat Rock. (E. Huron River Dr. between Telegraph Rd. and Garden Blvd.) E. Huron River will be closed to traffic for event.

Free and open to public. Games, costume contests, inflatable bounce house, music, food, balloon clown, and more!

Children costume contest at 4:30pm

Trunk or treat starts at 3:00 pm

Romulus Athletic Center's Trunk or Treat

October 22nd

5pm

35765 Northline Rd

Free event!

Halloween Party at the Library!

October 26th

5:00 to 7:00pm

Romulus Public Library

1121 Wayne Rd., Romulus

Come hangout at the library for an evening of spooky fun!

Trick or treat around the library and compete in a costume contest for a \$25 Amazon gift card.

The fun doesn't stop there! Show us your best dance moves while we play Halloween hits and listen to spooky stories in the butterfly garden if you dare!

Treat bags will be provided while supplies last.

Trunk or Treat

October 27th

5:00 to 7:00pm

Allen Park Presbyterian Church

7101 Park Ave, Allen Park

You are invited to our Annual Trunk or Treat Event on Friday, October 27, 2023, from 5-7 PM! Come and enjoy a safe and fun alternative to traditional trick-or-treating. You can walk around the decorated cars in front of the church and collect candy and goodies from friendly faces. This event will also be the last chance to visit the Allen Park Downtown Farmer's Market this season, so don't miss it!

Scary Skate

October 28

7:20pm to 9:20pm

Head over to the Kennedy Recreation Center for a night of Halloween fun!

Save a dollar if you wear a costume!

Children under the age of 5 are free.

Skate Rental: \$3

Trunk or Treat

October 28th

3 to 6pm

Kudos Taproom & Fieldhouse

Kick off your Halloween weekend by bringing the kids out for a FREE Trunk or Treat event at Kudos. We'll have arts & crafts, candy giveaways, bobbing for apples, pumpkin bag toss, headball bowling and local vendors around the Halloween-themed facility.

Register [here](#).

Bluey's Not So Scary Halloween Skate

October 29th

12:30 to 3:00pm

United Skates, Lincoln Park

1419 Southfield Rd, Lincoln Park

Look who wants to join in on the Halloween Festivities: Bluey!! She is super excited for Halloween that she could not wait to celebrate it, so she is kicking off Halloween. Wear your Halloween costumes, Bluey would love to see them! Psst. Come dressed like her, and maybe she'll give you a prize.

Make sure to stop and see the Halloween Craft Table.

Cost: Admission \$10.00, Skate Rental \$5.00, Rollerblade Rental \$6.50

Trick-or-Treat at the Rink

October 31st

5:30 to 8:00pm

United Skates, Lincoln Park

1419 Southfield Rd, Lincoln Park

Are you ready for some candy? We want to see you, your families and friends all in their costumes! Trick-or-treating will begin at 7:30pm. Make sure to have your costumes on and ready! We will be giving out random prizes to the best dressed.

Cost: \$15.00 includes admission, skate rental, and trick-or-treating

Local Resources

Did you know your library card can get you free or discounted admission to many activities? [The Michigan Activity Pass](#) (MAP) is a statewide collaborative program between Michigan's public libraries and participating partner destinations. MAP provides Michigan library cardholders the opportunity to discover and learn more about participating cultural destinations, parks, campgrounds, and recreation areas in the state at a discounted rate.

The Guidance Center has many programs available to local families--no income requirements.

1. [Parents as Teachers](#) free home visiting program.
2. The Walter White Community Resource Center has a clothing closet (all ages), diaper depot (diapers and assorted baby items), toy chest, and home room (home decor and small furniture). You can make a private appointment to "shop" by calling Hazel at 734-785-7705 x7099.
3. Parenting Made Enjoyable virtual parenting series: Wednesday evenings in October and November from 7-8:30pm. Register in advance [here](#).

Drive-Thru Food Distribution

Gleaners provides boxes of food to anyone in need. No appointment or ID necessary and no income requirements.

Adams Middle School (Wayne-Westland Schools)

33475 Palmer

Westland, MI 48186

10/12/2023: 12:00pm - 2:00pm

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City of Woodhaven

23101 Hall Rd

Woodhaven, MI 48183

10/17/2023: 9:00am - 11:00am

10/31/2023: 9:00am - 11:00am

City of Wyandotte - Yack Arena

3131 3rd St.

Wyandotte, MI 48192

10/6/2023: 9:00am - 11:00am

10/20/2023: 9:00am - 11:00am

Ford Community and Performing Arts Center

15801 Michigan Ave

Dearborn, MI 48126

10/10/2023: 9:00am - 11:00am

10/24/2023: 9:00am - 11:00am