



October 2016

Newsletter

Important Dates

October 19 **Curriculum Night**

7:00PM – Parents Only

Limited childcare is available. Notify the office if you wish to bring your child.

October 27

Picture Day at Apple by Stone Photography

October 31

Halloween Party

No costumes please!

November 7 **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Professional Day for Staff

November 8 **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Election Day

We enjoyed talking to so many parents, siblings and grandparents at the Fall Family Festival. We hope everyone had a good time and that you enjoyed meeting your child's friends and family.

Our children have settled in nicely – making friends and learning the classroom routines. What a delight it is to walk into the classrooms and see the children working busily!

Practical life is an area of the classroom all the children are enjoying. Here they practice skills such as buttoning, sewing buttons, washing tables, pouring liquids, cutting, preparing snack, and washing dishes. In order to be successful in these endeavors the child has to pay attention to detail, follow a sequence of steps and take the task to completion. In the process the child develops his coordination, lengthens his concentration span and is encouraged to work independently. These very valuable skills and habits provide the foundation for academic work and life skills. You can encourage your child at home. Give him time to dress himself in the clothes that were selected by him the night before. Include your child in household activities such as carrying in the groceries, sorting and folding laundry, setting the table, washing the car. Don't expect perfection but do notice the feelings of competence and pride they show as a contributing member of the household. By the way it is okay if the child comes into school with their clothes on backwards or in a mismatch. It is okay!

Halloween Party

Our annual Halloween party will be Monday, October 31st. We celebrate with crafts, songs, stories and a special snack. No costumes please. If you would like to volunteer to help, please let your child's teacher know. The primary classrooms have sent out a signupgenius.com email this week, please check your email. Thanks!

Weekend outing

Amy Beam, who leads Our Beyond the Walls Program, highly recommends the Harvest Festival at the Agricultural History Farm Park on Saturday, October 1, 2016, from 11am to 4 pm. There will be live farm animals, farm equipment, crafts, music and food. This annual event has been enjoyed by many of our Apple families. Admission is \$15 per car. The

Weather

Autumn is here, and the weather has started to change. Our children love to spend time outside, so please make sure they are dressed appropriately for outside activities...and please remember to label everything... Thank you!

Thank you!

A big THANK YOU to everyone for participating in our Fruity Tuesday! Our children have been enjoying quiet an interesting variety of fresh fruit with snack.

Thank you too to the families who donate a book to the school library in honor of their child's birthday. Our children enjoy reading them. You can always check with the office for suggestions from our book wish list.

Save the Date!

Apple Montessori School will be at the 34th Annual Potomac Day Festival!

Come for a terrific day of celebration. This event will have something special for everyone children and adults. The day includes a parade, classic car show, moon bounces, rides, ponies, business fair and much more! This is a rain or shine event.

Date: Saturday, October 22, 2016

Time: 10:00am to 3:00pm

Location: 9812 Falls Road, Potomac, MD 20854

Event Website: www.potomacchamber.org