

October Newsletter

Well Adjusted Children

Our school year at Bright Child Montessori is off to a wonderful start. We are happy with how well the children are settling into their daily routine. We are really looking forward to the next few months with all the special holidays and activities that are planned. The beginning of fall brings many exciting things to our school this month. Our themes will be Autumn Harvest, Thanksgiving and Halloween. Along with our Montessori materials the children will also learn about the importance of giving thanks, hibernation and migration, several types of leaves, the pumpkin life cycle, the harvest, and Halloween traditions.

Attire

The weather is starting to get colder and we want to keep your children healthy and warm. Please make sure to have a warm coat or a sweater for your child. Rain coats and boots and splash pants are perfect for this time of the year. Also, please ensure that your child's labelled Ziploc bag contains seasonally appropriate extra clothes. Summer clothing should be changed to fall attire at this time. Thank you!

World Vegetarian Day

Monday October 1st is World Vegetarian Day! We will be celebrating this day with Meatless Meals all day long! This day is used to promote and encourage others to try a vegetarian diet!

Bright Idea

Did you know that you can use many of the same Montessori principles and ideas to create a Montessori-friendly environment at home? The Montessori phrase "Help me to do it by myself" is probably the most important concept to keep in mind while teaching your child. Create an environment that will help your child gain as much independence as possible. Here is a link with 50 activities to encourage your child's independence at home.

<http://danaspinkribbon.blogspot.ca/2013/02/50-montessori-activities-for-2-year-olds.html>

Teacher Appreciation Day

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn," -- Benjamin Franklin. Our teachers here at Bright Child deserve recognition and appreciation, not just on Friday October 5th, but every day! Our teachers are dedicated, passionate, and committed to lifelong learning themselves! They strive each day to provide the most enriched environment possible for your children!

Thanksgiving

Happy Thanksgiving! Friday, October 5th our students at Bright Child Montessori will enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving lunch together, just as the pilgrims and natives did. Our students are learning about being thankful for the many blessings we have in our lives. Enjoying a beautiful feast together is a great way to promote gratitude and friendship. We will enjoy the day off school on Monday, October 8th.

Halloween Party

Wednesday, October 31st will be our annual Halloween Party! The children are asked to dress up in their Halloween costumes but also bring along an extra pair of clothes as they will change back into their clothes before lunch. Please also ensure your child's costume is labelled. Crafts, Halloween games and songs will make this special day Spooktacular. Please do not send your child in with any candy bags; the children will have plenty of candy after they go trick or treating in the evening.

Bright Child Pumpkin Carving Contest

This year our classrooms will be competing against one another for the best carved pumpkin! The best pumpkin will be chosen and displayed on Friday October 12th!

Health Policy

This is often the time of year sickness starts to hit! Please be mindful of your child's overall health, and well being, and if they seem to be under the weather, please make arrangements to keep them home to help keep our school healthy! If illness occurs while your child is at school, you will be contacted for your child's immediate pick up. A child must be free of fever and other symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school. It is up to the teacher's discretion whether your child is symptom free and able to return. Please ensure you have a reliable back up or emergency person readily available for these times when your child is unable to attend. If your child will not be in attendance, please phone the school, email faith@brightchild.ca, or send a message through HiMama.

