

CountrySide Montessori School At The Little Mulberry Park

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October 2026 Newsletter

October means Pumpkins and Crunchy Leaves!



"Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment." Dr. Maria Montessori

Your children have made much progress during the past two months! We have given countless new lessons, and every day, students are happily practicing either practical life, sensorial, writing, language, geography, or math work. Our little scholars are calm, peaceful, and love to learn! They are making new friends and parents are already planning playdates!

Mothers and Grandmothers Night – October 6th, from 4:00-5:00 PM! You are cordially invited to come to CountrySide and see for yourselves the beautiful accomplishments of your child or grandchild! It is always heartwarming for our families when the little ones so proudly want to share their newly learned skills and favorite activities with their moms and grandmothers! Please plan to join us! Without a doubt, you will treasure this joyous and memorable time, especially when you see how meaningful your appreciation of your child's or grandchild's school accomplishments are. If mothers or grandmothers cannot come, other family members are welcome to attend. Please **RSVP by October 5th**. Thank you so much!

October Birthdays! Anh will celebrate her 4th birthday on October 5th, and Otto will turn three years old on October 8th. "Happy Birthday!" to both Anh and Otto!

Fall Break - Christopher Columbus Weekend! CountrySide Montessori School is closed for the **Fall Break from October 8th through October 12th**, (same as Gwinnett County Schools). **Class resumes on Tuesday, October 13th.**

This Month, We Will Highlight the United States, Italy, and Spain. Christopher Columbus was born 1451 in Genoa, Italy. He left Spain on August 3rd, 1492, and arrived in the Bahamas on October 12th, 1492.

Parent Conferences! October 13th 14th 15th - Held upon Parents' requests at 9:00 am, 9:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am, 12:30 pm, 1:15 pm, 1:45 pm; 2:10 pm. Conferences will be scheduled these days **ONLY**. Thank you!

Please email Ms. Hanne at your earliest convenience if you wish to schedule a conference, indicating your first and second choice. Conferences usually last about 20 minutes. Thank you! Should there be changes, we will reschedule as needed.

Pansie and Flower Planting Day! Our vegetable garden area is already thriving! We planted broccoli, tomatoes, Brussels sprouts, and cauliflower. We will plant flowers in our planters surrounding the driveway, flower beds up front, and in the back yard. At this time, parents may also divide our Day Lilies and take some home to plant. We hope that the sun will be shining on **October 7th, at 10:45 am.** We would greatly appreciate pansies or other flowers of your choice. Pansies are hardy and will last until the spring. Thank you in advance for volunteering and being a viable, important part of our nature program. We look forward to a wonderful morning of planting and gardening with you and your children! Many parents have started planting a garden at home because their children love gardening activities at school!

Curriculum Night, October 22nd, 4:00-5:00 PM! Sensorial Curriculum and Sensitive Periods!

The Sensitive Periods are particular times in the early lives of children, that enable strong connections with brain activities during the period of birth to six years of age. These times disappear and will NEVER reappear as strongly as during these Sensitive Periods in early childhood. Find out how you can take advantage of these miraculous strong brain activities and continue to strengthen them at home for your child. Please RSVP by October 21st.

Open House! October 24th from 10:00-12:00 pm! Come join us and bring a friend!

Pumpkin Painting and Decorating Day! Please allow your children to bring a medium sized pumpkin by **October 28th**. **We will paint and decorate it on October 29th** The students will paint and decorate their pumpkins that morning, starting at 9:30 AM. This much beloved Pumpkin Painting and Decorating Day has been a yearly treasured tradition at CountrySide Montessori School! If you wish to help with the pumpkin decorating activities, please let us know! We would greatly appreciate additional helping hands!

Fun Fall Dress-Up-Day and Piñata! Children love to dress up in October! **On October 30th**, children may come dressed as their favorite professional person or pet! We do NOT celebrate Halloween! This is simply a fun "Dress -Up-Day." Please remember not to select scary or violent characters! If possible, create your costumes at home, rather than buying them already made! It will be a fun way to engage the entire family! At 10:00 AM, the children will have a parade on the playground, followed by our Piñata extravaganza! By the way, if you wish to help us with making the Piñata, please let Ms. Hanne know. We would appreciate if you could bring **non-candy items as Piñata fillers**, such as small rings, plastic spiders, erasers, etc. Thank you so much!

"Career Day Highlights!" In October, a **fire truck** is planned to stop by for a demonstration, and in November, he hope that **Police Major Matthew Harden, Sam's dad**, will be able to bring his **police cruiser** for an exciting visit! We appreciate our valuable community helpers and their inspiring volunteer work!

Please Label All Jackets and Extra Clothes For Your Children! With the cold weather approaching, children will be wearing jackets and sweaters that oftentimes are of the same colors and styles. It will be tremendously helpful for us if each jacket is labeled with your child's name. Thank you for your help!

"Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed" Dr. Maria Montessori