

Fayetteville Montessori School

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Celebrating a Beautiful October at Fayetteville Montessori

October has been full of color, connection, and community! A heartfelt thank-you to all the parents, grandparents, and friends who donated plants, pumpkins, and fall décor — and to those who volunteered their time to clean garden beds, plant, and create the beautiful fall scapes around campus. Your efforts have made our outdoor spaces truly shine this season, and the children have loved exploring and taking photos in these festive areas.

We also want to extend a huge thank-you to everyone who made our Trunk or Treat such a fun and memorable event! From the families who donated food and drinks, to those who created the amazing trunks, to Mr. C and Wolf for bringing the music, and to all our dedicated faculty and staff who helped plan and work behind the scenes — your energy and creativity brought so much joy to our community. Seeing the children's excitement and families gathered together reminded us just how special these moments of connection are, even if the weather does not fully cooperate.



REMINDERS

- ▶ As the weather begins to shift, please make sure that you send your child to school in weather appropriate clothes/shoes daily to support outdoor play time. It is also a great time to check extra clothes supplies at school and update as needed.
- ▶ FMS will be closed November 26, 27, 28



Campus Safety & Facilities Updates

As part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining a safe and beautiful learning environment, we continue to make steady progress with our campus safety initiatives. Recent improvements include enhanced fencing and gated areas, with continued audits and adjustments to ensure the highest standards of safety.

We are currently hiring a new Facilities & Maintenance team member to provide additional day-to-day support with campus operations and improvement projects. Alongside this, we've partnered with outside consultants through Arkansas State University to review our internal routines, schedules, and transitions — helping us align with best practices for safety and supervision across all age levels.

Looking ahead, November will bring collaborative audits with local fire, police, and emergency personnel. These partnerships will allow us to review our buildings and grounds comprehensively and gain expert recommendations for any additional safety updates.

Our goal is to ensure that Fayetteville Montessori continues to be not only a place of joyful learning but also a campus where every child and adult feels secure and cared for each day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ▶ Sunday, November 2nd
Daylight Savings Time Ends
- ▶ Tuesday, November 11th
Veterans Day
- ▶ Tuesday, November 25th
Celebration of the Harvest
- ▶ November 26-28th
Fall Break - School Closed

Parent Volunteers & Community Engagement

We are so grateful for the many ways our parents have supported school events and projects this year — your involvement and enthusiasm make such a difference! To help build on this strong sense of community, we are beginning to gather interest in forming a Parent Association/Ambassador Program.

This group will help us continue fostering connections among families, support events, and welcome new families as they join our community. If you are interested in helping to launch or participate in this new initiative, please reach out to me directly at ejohnston@fmsnwa.com.

Together, we can continue building the warm, inclusive, and supportive community that makes Fayetteville Montessori so special.