



OFFICE NEWS

The first two months of the school year have been such a success as our teachers and children have settled into their daily routines and schedules. They have learned the names of their classmates and teachers, and they have helped to establish the rules for their class. The rules encompass respect and care for self, others and our school. The children have really become great friends with each other. We are proud of each child's accomplishments and enjoy watching them grow!

We need to remember children learn through play and interaction with their peers and adults. Consistency and continuity is extremely important in the development of each child. With consistency a child learns routines, rules and expectations. We try our best to provide this each day. Attendance plays a big part in the day and life of a child to maintain that continuity. Please try to arrive "on time" each day.

We were also very busy during the month of October. The children were enthusiastic to learn about the different parts of a pumpkin and enjoyed the many "pumpkin" activities at MCHL. In addition to the units of the month and the different areas of learning in the classroom, the children enjoyed a visit to the MCHL Pumpkin Patch to pick out a pumpkin. We also had a great time at our yearly Halloween celebration. Never a dull moment!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Please remember to take home all bedding (crib sheets, pillows etc.) each week to be laundered. Infants are required to take their bedding home daily.



Your child's lunchbox should be sanitized on a regular basis.



Fall has arrived and with it cooler temperatures. The weather is often unpredictable, so please dress your child in "layers" to allow teachers to make adjustments for changes in weather. Also, please put names on all those nice new jackets and coats!

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

As the holiday season approaches, MCHL introduces most of the traditional celebrations. If you are interested in sharing your holiday traditions and customs, please contact your child's teacher. Each teacher will send home information about class holiday parties and our holiday book exchange.



IMPORTANT DATES



November	Parent Teacher Conferences
November 1	Yankee Candle Fundraiser <i>Sponsored by the MCHL PTA</i>
November 8	Peter McCorry The One Man Band
November 9	"Pump It Up" MCHL PTA Spirit Night 6:00-8:00
November 22-24	Thanksgiving Holiday (MCHL closed)
December 1	Kindergarten Field Trip Glen Echo Park "The Nutcracker"

"Earlier is not better. All children accomplish milestones in their own way, in their own time."

Maria Montessori

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences are ongoing during the month of November.

If you would like to have a conference with your child's teacher and have not yet signed up for a time slot, please do so as soon as possible.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Did you know the MCHL PTA offers additional ways to raise money for our school? MCHL participates in "Box Tops for Education". Check your groceries for the label that says "Box Tops for Education". The emblem is displayed above. Please cut them out and send them to school. Each label is worth 10¢. Every penny counts!

HARRIS TEETER TOGETHER IN EDUCATION



Harris Teeter's "Together in Education" program gives our school a chance to earn funds when you link your VIC card and shop *Harris Teeter* brands. Harris Teeter has donated over \$25 million to Together in Education schools since 1998!

When you shop Harris Teeter brands, a percentage of your purchase is donated to the school that your VIC card is linked to. There are NO LIMITS to how much a school can earn.

Linking MCHL to your VIC card is easy, please visit:

<https://www.harristeeter.com/user/#/app/user/login>

AMAZON SMILE



Amazon Smile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate a portion of the purchase price of eligible products to MCHL.

If you shop online via Amazon, please consider using this AmazonSmile link:

http://www.amazon.com/?_encoding=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&linkCode=ur2&tag=mp0685-20

GIANT A+ BONUS BUCKS PROGRAM



IT'S BACK!!!! Beginning October 6, 2017 through March 15, 2018, MCHL will have the opportunity to earn cash through Giant's A+ Bonus Bucks Program. If you registered your card last year, you will NOT have to re-register your BONUS CARD, but be sure to check online to verify your information.

If you are new to the program, all you have to do is visit their website (www.giantfood.com/aplus) to designate our school. MCHL's school ID Number is **0 3 9 3 3**. When you shop at Giant, present your Bonus Card and you will automatically earn points for MCHL. Each month, the amount of cash awarded will be updated on the Giant website. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our educational needs.

We need your support. Please be sure to designate MCHL with the Giant A+ Bonus Bucks Program. Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. It could mean the world to our children.

PUMP IT UP

Sponsored by the MCHL PTA



On November 9th, the MCHL PTA will host another fun-filled Spirit Night at "Pump It Up" in Ashburn from 6:00-8:00. Please join us!

KINDERGARTEN FIELD TRIP

The MCHL Class of 2018 took their first field trip of the year on Tuesday, October 13th. They went to the National Air and Space Museum/Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly.



PUMPKIN PATCH AT MCHL

Sponsored by the MCHL PTA



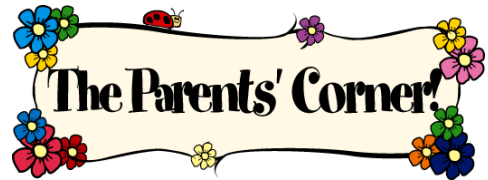
On October 26th and 27th, the MCHL PTA created a "Pumpkin Patch" for our students. Each child was able to pick their favorite pumpkin to take home. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this a success!



JAMAICA HERITAGE DAY



Friday, October 27th was Jamaica Heritage Day at MCHL. The Dawkins family introduced the children to the island of Jamaica with a Powerpoint presentation and we also had a guest performer, Lennard Jack. He played steel drums for us. We had a great time!



TV and Kids Under Age 3

Most parents have heard about studies that discourage exposing very young children to television. The reality is that almost three quarters of infants and toddlers are exposed to TV programs before they turn 2. Please read the article below for additional information.

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/childrenandmedia/article-faq.html>



Remember to "Like" us Facebook and keep connected with what is going on in our school. Pictures and events are posted often. Please tell family and friends about our Facebook page and give them the opportunity to see your children enjoying their preschool and kindergarten days.

October

