

# Diamond Bar Montessori Academy

## Dates to Remember:

- \*November 1 —  
Daylight Saving Time Ends
- \*November 11 —  
Veterans Day Observed:  
School Closed
- \*November 25 —  
Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon, Festive Attire
- \*November 26–27 —  
Thanksgiving Holiday:  
School Closed

## As the Months Get Colder

Thanksgiving is upon us, a time to reflect within us to be thankful for the people and graces in our lives. This month provides us with a wonderful opportunity to teach and model gratitude and appreciation to our young children in so many ways. Young children typically begin to show appreciation for tangible items such as their toys, their blanket, or their favorite snack. As they grow older, they begin to express appreciation for abstract qualities such as friendship and kindness. During most times of the year, we tend to get swept up by the hustle and bustle of our everyday happenings. This month, we will take time to reflect on what is profoundly important in our lives, and return to thoughts of generosity, warmth, and hope. Happy Thanksgiving to all our families!

## October Fun

October was a fun-filled month with pumpkin painting, decorating, and Halloween-themed crafts, not to mention the amazing Halloween Parade and Carnival. Our sincerest gratitude to our parents who sent treats for our students. Our wonderful staff put together a memorable event. The students had great fun dressing up as their favorite characters and seeing their fellow classmates participate in the festivities.



## Pumpkin Kisses & Harvest Wishes

We celebrated the tradition of Halloween with a week-long pumpkin decorating session last month. Our very own mini pumpkin patch was glowing with happiness, creativity, and an array of spectacular colors.





## Annual Halloween Parade

Our Costume Parade was so much fun this year with games, crafts, music, refreshments, and plenty of Halloween themed foods. The creativity behind some of the costumes was truly amazing and gave children an opportunity to spark their imaginations.

## November 11 – Veterans Day Observed: School Closed

Veterans Day commemorates the signing of the Armistice which ended World War I hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany in 1918. On this day, our nation shows gratitude to all the men and women who served in our Armed Forces. The school will be closed on Wednesday, the 11th in honor of Veterans Day.



## November 25 – Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon

Thanksgiving is a time of togetherness and gratitude. We will be hosting our Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon for our students on Wednesday, November 25. Our students will learn the history, traditions, and charity associated with this incredibly special holiday. We kindly ask that you dress your child in festive attire for the occasion. The school will be closed on the 26th & 27th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

## Change of Weather

Kindly note that with the change of time, we will be deviating from our regular academic schedule to ensure ample recess time for children. Children must have a jacket or sweater to participate in the evening recess.



## Please Like Us On Facebook!



We are constantly updating our page with the activities of your children to keep our parents connected. Follow us on Facebook at “Diamond Bar Montessori Academy” to see the exciting academic and co-curricular activities at our school. Indeed, the school is always a beehive of activities!



## COVID-19 Vaccine in the Works

Pfizer announced that early data shows its vaccine was more than 90 percent effective in preventing COVID-19 amongst trial volunteers. This potentially could lead to the general public getting a vaccine by the end of the year. However, the data released was delivered in a news release, rather than a peer-reviewed medical journal. The initial finding of more than 90 percent efficacy could change, according to the New York Times, and Pfizer is continually working on the vaccine development. We are steadfast in our hope that a vaccine for COVID-19 will be found soon.

## Montessori at Home

Bringing Montessori principles into the home reinforces what your child learns at school. The American Montessori Society suggests several ways to bridge learning at home and school:

- Getting Organized - Having a place for everything means children understand where to find what they need and where to put things when they're done. An orderly space allows for fewer distractions, allowing children to focus on the task at hand.
- Model, Invite, and Practice - Modeling and demonstrating how to perform a new activity and inviting your child to practice fosters independence. For young children, demonstrating an object's proper place rather than labeling shelf spaces encourages routine.
- Practice Real-Life Skills - Montessori students learn to sustain themselves and their classroom through daily tasks such as washing tables, organizing shelves, and preparing meals. They come to see themselves as valued members of the community which can be modeled at home by encouraging your child to help with tasks around the home.
- Nurture Inner Motivation - In the Montessori perspective, even praise is given sparingly, given to acknowledge a child's effort and dedication to accomplishing a task. This nurtures an intrinsic motivation that will serve them for life.

