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**MONTESSORI
SCHOOL**

**NOVEMBER 2020
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**





PRIMARY

Ms. Esperanza

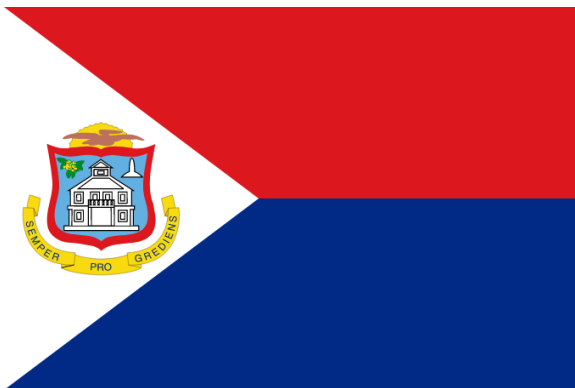
The children are so excited at the beginning of each and every month! We know there's always something new and exciting with the arrival of a new month, and November is no different.

This month, we're celebrating two special holidays. The first is Sint Maarten's Day. Please note that school will be **closed** on **Wed., Nov. 11**. For this occasion, we'll be learning about the island's culture. There will be a **Dress Down Day** on **Tues., Nov. 10**, and we encourage children to dress in red, blue and white.

The next holiday we celebrate this month is Thanksgiving.

Please don't forget this month's theme: we will be exploring the world of plants. We encourage you to help your child choose something for Show & Tell according to the theme.

Wishing all families, a great month!





LOWER ELEMENTARY

Ms. Shelly & Ms. Ethlene

Welcome to November! We look forward to celebrating Sint Maarten's Day at school on **Tues., Nov. 10**. We ask that all children wear the colors of the Sint Maarten flag. Please note that school will be closed for the **official holiday on Wed., Nov. 11**, and **resume on Thurs., Nov. 14**. We have started the study of our island, concentrating this year on the history and national symbols.

During Breast Cancer Awareness month in October, everyone turned out "in the pink" on Dress Down Day to support friends and family fighting this disease. Thanks to all participants!

Our Level 1s are picking up the pace as they work diligently on solidifying their academic skills in the various subject areas. As they continue to do so, we highly recommend that they continue to receive supervised study time at home, which will help them to master their reading and mathematical skills.

Level 2 and 3 students are completing several pieces of work daily and successfully progressing through their lessons, manipulating materials and working abstractly. Level 3s are rigorously memorizing the multiplication tables of 7, 8 and 9. Research projects soon will be introduced, and children will be expected to present projects to the class.

As we celebrate cultures and customs within our classroom, we wish Happy Diwali and Happy Thanksgiving to those celebrating this month.

**WE SHOUT OUT
HAPPY NOVEMBER
BIRTHDAY TO**

Maia, Ayaan and Amir!





UPPER ELEMENTARY

Ms. Marianne & Ms. Wendy

Thank you to each and every student for supporting our recent Dress Down Day for Breast Cancer Awareness in October. Everyone was in the pink!

On **Fri., Nov. 27**, we look forward to our annual UE Breakfast of Thanks event. This year, we'll honor our Security and Housekeeping staff, who work tirelessly to keep our premises clean and safe in these challenging times. With your support, we'll purchase items for a surprise gift bag for each of nine unsung staffers. We appreciate your contribution of \$20 per student by **Fri., Nov. 13**.

In the classroom, students are working hard to complete daily Albanesi Montessori work in math and language, with extensions from varied textbooks and websites. We were delighted with our recent review of the Time-Line of Life, which took the form of mini-projects and presentations by all students.

During our read-aloud sessions, we've completed *Code Talkers* and begun *Scary Stories for Young Foxes*, a Newbery Award winner by Christian McKay Heidicker. Listening to this novel, students have the opportunity to build their understanding of subtext, metaphor and devices such as flashbacks.

Thank you for encouraging your child's writing with our recent novel-study and short-story assignments. This week, we'll send our short stories to the Rotary Club's annual Butterfly Storybook competition – with fingers crossed!



Please note the following dates:

- **Tues., Nov. 10** – SXM Day celebration and Dress Down Day – Please dress in the red, white and blue colors of the Sint Maarten flag.
- **Wed., Nov. 11** – SXM Day – School closed.
- **Thurs., Nov. 12 & Fri., Nov. 13** – School photos – Details to come.
- **Fri., Nov. 27** – UE Breakfast of Thanks – Gift bag distribution.
- **Thurs., Dec. 10** – Progress reports go home.
- **Fri., Dec. 11** – Parent-teacher conferences via ZOOM – Details to come – No school for students; however, UE students should plan to attend these online meetings with their parents.



WISHING HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY
TO STUDENTS

Adriaan & Kjeld

WITH SPECIAL BEST WISHES TO
Mrs. Gillian and Mrs. Halley!

