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## NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

November 9- 30:	Pajama Program
November 6-10:	Pre-K Parent Conferences
November 11:	Veteran's Day
November 13-17:	Montessori Parent Conferences Kindergarten Parent Conferences
November 15:	Classroom Thanksgiving Feasts
November 22:	Thanksgiving Day (all centers closed)
November 23:	<i>Only Maple and Parma centers are open</i>

## From the Regional Director's Desk ~ Debbie Pack

It's hard to believe that November is here already. This month we will be recognizing all that we are thankful for. We will be holding our annual Pajama & Book Drive starting November 9<sup>th</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>.

This month we will host Parent-Teacher conferences for the children in PreK, Montessori, and Kindergarten. The teachers look forward to sharing each child's successes in the classroom and highlighting something special he/she contributes. Please be sure to schedule a time to speak with your child's teacher. Evaluations will also be distributed this month for all Infant, Toddler and Preschool children as well as swimmers.

The children will discuss the story of the first Thanksgiving throughout this month as well as create hats and decorations as they prepare for their Thanksgiving feast on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

\*Please use caution in the parking lots and observe the 5MPH speed limit. Please do not leave cars running in the parking lot while you enter the building.

\*Be sure to have an extra change of weather appropriate clothing in your child's cubby at all times.

# What's Happening Around Us...

Submitted by Center Directors

## Independence ~ Donna Kupiecki

Can you believe it's November? Time flies when you are having fun! Don't forget to "fall behind" on November 4th and turn the clocks back an hour. November 11th is Veteran's Day, and we will be writing special Thank You's to our Veterans for all their hard work. This month we will discuss the importance of Thanksgiving and what we are thankful for. The classroom feasts will be November 15<sup>th</sup>. The children dress up as Indians and Pilgrims, and discuss what they are thankful for!

### Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Sue Stoika! Miss Sue has been with Independence Montessori since August of 2015. She enjoys working with the Montessori children. She always has a positive attitude and is a team player, not only in the Montessori classroom, but throughout the entire center. Three words families would use to describe her are caring, outgoing, and personable. In her spare time Miss Sue enjoys spending time with her son Adam. She loves working in her yard and her garden. Thank you, Miss Sue, for all of your hard work, dedication and commitment. It is always greatly appreciated!

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## Maple Heights ~ Lisa Woodward

The fall weather has finally arrived. Please make sure your child has a jacket, mitten, and hats. The children love to go outside and need their exercise daily. Please mark their items with their name. We will have PreK conferences this month, please be sure to sign up. We wish to remind our parents: 5 MPH speed limit in the parking lot, everyone must have a door fob to gain access in the center, and please do not leave your car running in the parking lot. Tuition is due by Tuesday morning. We want to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving!! We are closed on November 22<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Day. We will be open on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Employee of the Month

Our employee of the month is Keyona Yates. Ms. Keyona works in the Infant room and is a wonderful caring teacher with our infants and provides great customer service to our parents. She is wonderful at making sure the classroom runs efficiently and keeping it clean and sanitized. Thank you Ms. Keyona for your wonderful work!

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## Parma ~ Melissa Lahowe

November already! This month we will be reflecting on all that we are thankful for. We will be kicking off our annual pajama and book drive on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Please help by donating new pajamas and books for children in need. Our classroom feasts will be November 15<sup>th</sup>. Parma Center is closed November 22<sup>nd</sup>, Thanksgiving Day. We will be open Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, but please sign up if your child will be attending.

### Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Ms. Deliana for being chosen as Employee of the Month for November. Ms. Deliana has been with the company since April 2017, and is one of our Toddler Teachers. She is always planning fun activities and is willing to help out in any way she can. Thank you Ms. Deliana for your continued hard work and dedication to the children and families!

**Solon ~ Kathleen Milliken**

Happy Thanksgiving! This month we celebrate families and being thankful. We are excited to bring our annual pajama drive on November 9<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is "Being Super is the Best Power Around". A reminder that our center is closed on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and November 23<sup>rd</sup> for Thanksgiving break. This month many of our children are also preparing for our Winter Programs, more information to be posted. *Please remember to drive slowly, 5 MPH in the parking lot, especially as the winter weather approaches.*

**Employee of the Month**

This month we are grateful for Ann Bertelone, who has worked at our center since July 2009!! Ann is always willing to lend an extra hand. She is compassionate and always remembers special occasions for parents, staff and children. Ann has one of the biggest hearts in our building. Ann enjoys planning parties and spending her free time with her children and extended family. THANK YOU ANN!

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**Strongsville ~ Stephanie Annes**

It's hard to believe the holiday season is right around the corner! Pre-K and Kindergarten will have conferences this month. Please see your child's teacher to schedule a time that will work for you. Reminder, we are closed on Thanksgiving Day and the Day After Thanksgiving.

**Employee of the Month**

Congratulations to Mrs. Kemp, our Kindergarten Teacher! Mrs. Kemp has been with us for 30 years and teaching Kindergarten for 16 years. She loves the first week of school and seeing the excitement on their faces for being a big "Kindergartner". Mrs. Kemp also enjoys getting ready for her Winter, Spring, and Graduation Programs with the children. Thank you Mrs. Kemp for all that you do!

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**Westlake ~ Antoinette Regula**

November marks the official beginning of the Holidays. It's a time to celebrate, share and give back. We will begin with our Pajama Drive on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten, Montessori, and PreK will begin to prepare for our Holiday Program. In honor of Thanksgiving we will be having our Thanksgiving Feast on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The center will be closed on Thanksgiving day AND the day after Thanksgiving. I want to make sure to give our teachers a huge THANK YOU for all they do on a daily basis.

**Employee of the Month**

Congratulations to Susie Ference!! Miss Susie is one of our Montessori teachers and she does an amazing job preparing her lessons and the classroom for the students. She is always researching new ideas, sharing new lessons, and creating an environment where the children enjoy learning. Thank you Miss Susie for your positive attitude, radiant smile, and willingness to be an amazing team player.

# November Curriculum Ideas & Classroom Themes

## Infant Info

**Sensory:** Touch Fluffy; Shape Basket; Kaleidoscope; Finger Paint  
**Gross Motor:** Rocking Horse; Parachute; Riding Toys; Play in the Leaves  
**Fine Motor:** Peg Puzzles; Color the Turkey; Shape Basket; Puzzles  
**Audio/Visual:** Silly Songs; Flannel Board; Xylophone; Bang the Drum



## Jr. Toddler Tidbits - Themes: Letter "C", Apples and Leaves, Letter "D", Thanksgiving



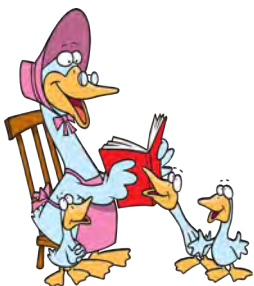
**Practical Life:** Dress Up; Set the Table; Rake the Leaves; Wash Dishes  
**Gross Motor:** Pumpkin Twister; Musical Leaves; Pass the Pumpkin; Ring Toss  
**Science:** Hot/Cold; Magnets; Parts of Leaf; Parts of Apple  
**Language & Art:** Caterpillar; Number Book; Lego Stamp; Indian Corn; Leaf Sun Catcher

## Sr. Toddlers - Themes: Letter "C", Apples and Leaves, Letter "D", Thanksgiving

**Practical Life:** Wash Dishes; Rake Leaves; Sweep the Floor; Dust the Furniture  
**Gross Motor:** Ring Toss; Pumpkin Twister; Bean Bag Toss; Pass the Turkey  
**Science:** Sink/Float; Magnets; Hot/Cold; Sensory Sticks  
**Art:** Turkey Paper Plate; Leaf Sun Catcher; Leaf Rubbing; Apple Tree



## Pre-K/Preschool - Themes: Trees



**Language Arts:** Letters J, K, L, M; Numbers 10, 11, 12, 13  
**Music & Movement:** Musical Pillows; Jack Be Nimble; 10 Little Turkeys  
**Gross Motor:** Dribble kick, Balance on a Beam, Moving Through the Forest  
**Art:** Fall Trees, Turkeys, Placements for the Feast  
**Songs:** The Green Grass Grows, I'm a Sturdy Oak, Riddle Dee Dee, Strolling thru the Park

## After School

**Recreational Activity:** The \$1 Word Search, 5 Healthy Habits, Read My Mind  
**Crafty Creations:** Pumpkins Stuffing, Stain Glass Turkey, Mayflower Ships, Placemats  
**Group Activities:** Charades, Shipwrecked, Statues, The Doctor Is In



# MONTESSORI MATTERS

## Independence Center

**Themes:** Thanksgiving, North America & Native Americans, Holiday Program Practice

This month we will be focusing on North America and the Native Americans and the first Thanksgiving. Don't be surprised if your child starts to sing Christmas songs; we're practicing for our program. No date has been set yet, but you will be told as soon as it is scheduled. **PLEASE** remember to label your child's belongings. Too many items get tossed in the lost and found. We all hope you and your family have a Happy Thanksgiving!

<b>Sensorial:</b>	Brown Steps, Pink Tower
<b>Geography:</b>	North America, Native Americans
<b>Language:</b>	Letters of the Week
<b>Math:</b>	Continue Addition and Subtraction
<b>Practical Life:</b>	Sorting and Pouring
<b>Science:</b>	Changing Weather
<b>Art:</b>	Thanksgiving, Cornucopias, and Fall Decorations



## Parma Center

**Themes:** Hibernation, Thanksgiving, Native Americans, Early America

November is a time to give thanks for all that we have. This month our class will be learning about Pilgrims, Thanksgiving, Outer Space, the Rainforest, and Reptiles. We will be making feather headbands to wear during our class feast. Parent/teacher conferences will be held the week of November 13<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure to sign up for your conference.



<b>Sensorial:</b>	Tasting Jars
<b>Geography:</b>	Native American Culture, Early America
<b>Language:</b>	Beginning Sounds
<b>Math:</b>	Ten Board
<b>Practical Life:</b>	Corn Tweezing
<b>Science:</b>	Planet Earth
<b>Art:</b>	Handprint Turkeys, Cornucopias, Turkey Feather Hats

# MONTESSORI MATTERS

## Solon Center

**Themes:** Be Forgiving, Be Friendly, Be Joyful, Be Honest, Be Trustworthy

This month will be bringing us many activities and new things to learn in the Montessori classrooms. Table settings and sweeping are the forefront of our practical life this month. We will be focusing on "I" and "U" sounds in Language, while also introducing Spanish foods and seasons.



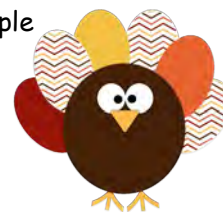
<b>Sensorial:</b>	Knobless Cylinders, Sound Cylinders
<b>Geography:</b>	Land/Water Form, North America, South America
<b>Language:</b>	3-Letter Words, i and u Sound, Spanish Foods & Seasons
<b>Math:</b>	Beads Frame 1-20; Short Chains, Teen Board, Ten Board
<b>Practical Life:</b>	Setting a Table, Sweep the Floor, Wash Dishes
<b>Art:</b>	Etching, A Cactus, Pencil Rubbing

## Strongsville Center

**Themes:** Veterans Day, Voting, Thanksgiving, Grace & Courtesy, How Do I Feel? Friendship Soup

The fall is passing by so quickly and the students are busy, busy, busy! We are excited to celebrate the coming holidays, but will pause for Veteran's Day and Election Day. Please remember to bring extra clothes suitable for the colder weather, as we go outside daily. Conferences will be held mid-month. Watch for a notice to bring in a vegetable or a little something for our friendship soup. We will also prepare a special dessert for our Thanksgiving feast on November 15th. A safe and happy Thanksgiving to all!

<b>Sensorial:</b>	Texture, Emotions, Geometric Solids
<b>Geography:</b>	North America to Europe, Festivals of Lights, Migration of People
<b>Language:</b>	"Thank You" and Good Manners in Many Languages, F, D, E, B
<b>Math:</b>	Measuring, Fractions, Sets, 6, 7, 8, 9
<b>Practical Life:</b>	Measuring, Cooking, Portioning, Pouring, Ladling
<b>Science:</b>	Making Soup, Migration, North American Animals
<b>Art:</b>	Thanksgiving Art, What Am I Thankful For? Fall, Patriotic Art



## Westlake Center

**Themes:** Rainforest, Outer Space, Thanksgiving, Weather

This month the Montessori class will give thanks for all they have. We will be creating beautiful Thanksgiving art pieces. Our class will explore the rainforest habitat and our solar system. Parent/teacher conferences will be held the week of November 13-17<sup>th</sup>. Our Thanksgiving feast will be on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Happy Thanksgiving!



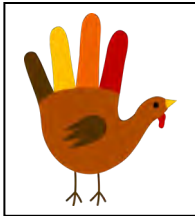
<b>Sensorial:</b>	Fruit veggie dominos, Constructive Triangles
<b>Geography:</b>	South America puzzle, color map
<b>Language:</b>	Letters J, K, L, M, new sight words
<b>Math:</b>	1-15, feather count, teen #s with beads
<b>Practical Life:</b>	Table setting, pine cone transfer
<b>Science:</b>	Animals of the Rainforest, Writing, Planets
<b>Art:</b>	Turkeys, Outer Space Mobile, Placemats

# KINDERGARTEN KORNER

**Parma Center ~ Samantha Hager**

**Themes:** Thankful for Thanksgiving, Fall

This month we will be discussing everything we are thankful for and learning about leading healthy lives. We will also be learning about Native Americans and the meaning of Thanksgiving. Our classroom feasts will be on November 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.



**Math:** Review 2D Shapes and Money  
**Language:** "I am Thankful for" Journals  
**Science:** The Food Pyramid  
**Social Studies:** Native Americans  
**Art:** Feather Headbands, 3D Playdoh Shapes, Design a Turkey



**Solon Center Vickie Schroeder**

November brings family, friends, and Thanksgiving! In our classroom, we will be enjoying time with our grandparents or our special visitor on November 16<sup>th</sup>. All of the children were able to invite a grandparent or special visitor to enjoy a snack, a craft and to look around our classroom and school. The children are also learning a special song that they will sing to the special visitor. This month our first report card will go home. Conferences will be held to review the report card and answer parent questions or concerns. To end the month we will be having our Thanksgiving Feast! Our class will also be doing many activities with apples and pumpkins that include graphing how many seeds we find, the size and weight, and finding out which type is everyone's favorite. We will also continue to learn new sight words and keep practicing rhyming words.

Thanksgiving break - the center is closed November 22<sup>nd</sup> and November 23<sup>rd</sup>.



# KINDERGARTEN KORNER

## Strongsville Center ~ Mrs. Sue Kemp

**Themes:** Shapes, My Five Senses, Turkeys, I am Thankful

This is a time to be thankful for all that we have. Take some time to build new memories together as the Holidays approach. Look for a field trip to the Library in mid-November. Please check the Parent Board for conference and report card sign-up to meet with me. Our Thanksgiving feast will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> during lunch. November 13-17<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Conferences. November 22<sup>nd</sup> and November 23<sup>rd</sup> the center is closed.

**Math:** Numbers to 10, Review What We Have Learned  
**Language:** Letters J, K, L, M, Beginning & Ending Sounds; Sight Words  
**Social Studies:** Thanksgiving Long Ago  
**Science:** Our Five Senses, Harvest Time  
**Art:** Shape Art



## Westlake Center ~ Mrs. Diane Runner

**Themes:** Shapes, Five Senses, Turkeys/Thanksgiving, Ohio History

As we count down to our Thanksgiving break, we have a lot of curriculum to get through! Along with beginning practice for our Christmas program, we will be doing a report (with the help from home) on a famous Ohioan. Students will present projects at school. Dates TBA. Report cards will be out the week of November 13<sup>th</sup> and you will receive them at conferences. Sign up for conferences will be in classroom around November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Math:** Shape Sorting, Number 11-20, addition to 5  
**Language:** J,K,L, Sight Words, Practice for Show  
**Social Studies:** Thanksgiving  
**Science:** Five senses sort; label a turkey, tasting sweet/sour, salty  
**Art:** Feather Turkeys, Shape Collages, cutting practice

## Pool News

**Parma:** this month we will start learning how to float on our back and jump in the pool. As always, we will go over water safety and guiding the children how to dress independently.

**Solon:** We will be learning how to use kickboards to flutter kick. We'll also learn how to do kicking alternating our legs.







~~HAPPY BIRTHDAY~~

MAY TODAY BE AS EXTRAORDINARY AS YOU!



~~HAPPY ANNIVERSARY~~



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# November

## BIRTHDAYS

## ANNIVERSARIES

### CORPORATE

NONE

NONE

### INDEPENDENCE

NONE

NONE

### MAPLE HEIGHTS

Samya Spence 11/20

Jill Moliff 15 Yrs.  
Myesha Parker 2 Yrs.

### PARMA

Justine Brzoska 11/19

Katheryn Wheelis 9 Yrs.

### SOLON

NONE

NONE

### STRONGSVILLE

Suzette Alli 11/02  
Richard Martinek 11/17

NONE

### WESTLAKE

NONE

NONE