



Welcome to the... Montessori Academy of Windsor

OCTOBER 2011

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Students working on science projects in November
- Last day of school before Holiday break will be December 22nd.
- Feature Story: Sasha Vukashovich

Fall Festival Fun

Our fall festival was a great hit! All of the students did an amazing job of preparing a homemade lunch for everyone. They made chicken noodle soup, Russian Salad and the yummy desserts! There were also some great performances! The performances included, Elementary I on recorders, Luke on piano, and some great poems from Sasha, Charlotte, Bashar, Luke and Nathan.

Thank you so much to all the family members who were able to make it to the Fall Festival. The students are so proud of their accomplishments.



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Welcome to Emily!

We are so pleased to welcome a new student, Emily Yang to the M.A.W. Family. On behalf of the staff and students here at M.A.W welcome to our school Emily! We are so excited to meet you and get to know you!

School News.....

Science Projects...



"We especially need imagination in science. It is not all mathematics, nor all logic, but it is somewhat beauty and poetry." maria montessori

Both classes are preparing science projects on an animal of their choice. These projects are due during the week of November 21-25. There will be a sheet for each student to sign up for which day they would like to present their project. We look forward to seeing the projects when they are complete! Parents are welcome to come and watch their child present their project to the class. If you have any questions about the science projects, please ask Miss. Vera or Miss. Dusanka.

**"No winter
lasts forever;
no spring
skips its
turn."**

Really...the cold weather's coming....

As we get closer to the end of autumn, you can rest assured the mild weather is leaving us again. We will still continue to go outside each day (as dry weather permits), so please be sure your child(ren) are dressed appropriately for the weather. The students will be excited, as soon as there is snow on the ground for sledding in the park, so be sure to dig out the hats, mitts and snow pants, so everyone can join in the fun!

You may be contacted at home if your child needs more appropriate clothing for our walk to the park.



Field Trips....



Hopefully you were all able to take some time to review the list of great field trips we have planned for the 2011-2012 school year! We have some great events coming up! For those parents who have missed the deadline, please remember to submit your payment for the trips as soon as possible.

Arabic and Mandarin classes are going very well. The students are truly enjoying their time with Ms. Duha and Ms. Sherry.

Ms. Alice came to have an art lesson on making pottery! This was a very exciting and creative class!



We still haven't heard from any parents interested in helping out with our Friday lunches... Please let Ms. Vera or Ms. Dusanka know if you'd like to prepare a special lunch for our students.



Our first visit to the library was Wednesday, October 26. The next visit is coming up on November 16. If you child has a Windsor Public Library card, please send it with them for this visit, so they can bring some books home.

Getting your child a library card is a simple as going to your local Windsor Library and getting them registered!

Please see the [website](#) for more branch locations and hours.

**Healthy Snack Tip:
Yogurt Popsicles...**

Keep your yogurt tubes in the freezer! Put them beside a freezer pack in your child's lunch bag, and at snack time they can enjoy a healthy frozen treat!

What's coming up?

Important Dates

- November 21-25 - Science Projects Due
- November 16 - Library Visit
- November 28 - Report Cards Go Home
- December 1 - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- December 2 - P.A. Day
- December 22 - Last Day of School- Winter Gala/International Day of Food

Our last day of school before the Holiday Break will be December 22. Stay tuned for more information regarding out Winter Gala and International Day of Food!

Sasha Alexander Vukasovich



Birthday - Friday, February 5, 1999 Age - 12

On this day : The discovery of 53157 Akaishidake (1999 CP), the main belt asteroid discovered on February 5, 1999 by Japanese astronomer M. Akiyama at Mishima, and named after Mount Akaishi in Japan

Sasha is named after his mom's brother.

What do you love about school? "I like the way that we get free time to draw and read if you finish your checklist. My favourite subjects are geography and science."

Do you play a sport or an instrument? "Yes, I play cello and do ballroom (dancing)."

Sasha even plays the cello in the Windsor Youth Orchestra!

Do you have a favourite book and what is it? "I have a favourite book series and it is the Warriors series."

What do you like to do after school? "I like to read."

Here is the website for the Warrior book series! Wow! What an interesting series of books! <http://www.warriorcats.com/warriorshell.html>



Babysitting Night with Costumes...

Our 2nd babysitting night was held on October 28th. Everyone had such a great time. Everyone looked wonderful in their Halloween costumes. It was so nice to see so many of our M.A.W. family participate in this event.



Lessons learned in many ways...

“Education is a natural process carried out by the human individual, and is acquired not by listening to words, but by experiences in the environment.” *maria montessori*

On a beautiful autumn day at the beginning of October all the students went on a beautiful nature hike. The children walked from school to a park where they enjoyed art in the park under the fall sunshine. On the way back to the school the children came across a Rat Snake. The students decided that they would adopt the snake and named him Stevie. The students have a wonderful opportunity to learn so many things through their interactions with our Montessori Family pets.

The students spent so much time caring for Stevie, and they really grew attached to this tiny reptile. Unfortunately, last week Stevie found his way out of his cozy home and sadly lost his way.

We held a nice ceremony to say goodbye to Stevie at the park and it was amazing how attached the children and staff were to him. He will be truly missed.

