

# Monthly News

*“The essence of independence is to be able to do something for one’s self.” – Maria Montessori*

## CURRICULUM

**Cultural:** Thanksgiving stories about pilgrims and Native American Indians. We will reenact the Black Elk story.

**Science:** Density

**Geography:** Europe, where and why pilgrims came to America. Revolutionary War.

**Other topics:** Food groups, hibernation, migration. Cooking – the kinders will prepare the pumpkin pies for our Thanksgiving celebration. The class will make butter for November food prep.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- **1 Nov: No School!** All Saints Day
- **7 Nov: Election Day!** Classes will vote for our school mascot name, either the Squirrel or the Fish (shh don’t tell)!
- **13 Nov:** Schoolhouse Symphony visits. Deadline for placing poinsettia orders
- **14 Nov:** T-shirt painting
- **16 Nov:** Miss Soo’s group visits the manor for the intergenerational program.
- **20 Nov:** The reenactment story of Black Elk, a Native American with a vision of peace. Kinders to the Academy for reading buddy program.
- **21 Nov: No School.** Parent /teacher conference (call the office)
- **22-24 Nov: No School** for Thanksgiving break!

## Additional Messages:

- **Painting T-shirts:** The children will be painting our class mascot on t-shirts, on Nov. 14. We need a couple volunteers from about 9:15-11:30 a.m. Call the office to sign up if you can help.
- **Black Elk:** The reenactment of the Native American who had a vision of peace – starring the oldest boy in our school (TBA). Our Thanksgiving celebration will follow.
- **Parent/teacher conferences:** Parent/teacher conferences for all students on Nov. 21. School will be closed and there is no **BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER CARE OF ANY KIND.** *Please do not bring children to the conference,* but find alternate care. **Call the office to sign up for a time.**
- **Poinsettia fundraiser:** This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We are looking for volunteers to help with distribution. Order deadline is Nov. 13. Order forms will go home Nov. 2. Delivery date is Dec. 1 (at VMM). Please call to sign up if you can help.
- **Maggie the bunny:** As always, please check your schedules and see if there is a time where she can come to your home for the weekend. E-mail or Facebook us today to schedule her in!

May peace prevail on Earth

*The Montessori Staff*

