



Arbor Montessori School~Founded 1970

Monday, September 28

The Arbor Update '09

*Scenes from Monday's
International Day of*

Peace



Note: School Closing Information

We follow DeKalb County's schedule for closings due to inclement weather. Please remember to check the news to see if DeKalb County has closed school; if they have, then Arbor will be closed as well. You can read p.87 in our Parent Handbook for more details about communication of school closings.

Happenings

**Tuesday,
September 29**
Planning Committee
7pm

**Thursday,
October 1**
*Sign Up for
Observation on
Schoolicity
*Coffee House and
Market

**Friday,
October 2**
Survey Closes
Don't forget to answer
our survey questions
about "Across the
Levels!"

**Monday,
October 5**
Pizza Forms Due

**Monday,
October 12**
Teacher Workday
No Classes
Holiday Camp Available

**Wednesday,
October 14**
ONLINE!
Conference Sign- Up

**Thursday,
October 15**
Pizza Day

Wednesday,

Planning Committee Meeting

The Board of Trustees has charged the Planning Committee with guiding the implementation of Arbor's Strategic Plan. The committee will meet on **Tuesday, September 29** at 7:00 pm at the Lavista Campus. All interested members of the Arbor Community are welcome to attend.

Observation Sign-Up October 1 on Schoolicity

Observing classrooms is encouraged at Arbor! On October 1 you can begin signing up for observations via **Schoolicity**. Please see page 89 in the Parent Handbook for information on Observations and "Observation Tips" on page 119.

The First Arbor Community Council (ACC) Meeting of the Year

Wednesday, October 21, 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School.

All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend!

To slate the ACC agenda, we need to hear your comments, ideas, suggestions and concerns by **October 2**.

The purpose of the ACC is to discuss and share information about issues that affect the Arbor community as a whole. It is a forum where parents, teachers, and members of the administration work together to make the Arbor community a better place for our children by way of your ideas, suggestions and constructive comments. We also schedule talks from experts on topics of interest to the Arbor community (we are working on our October speaker now - we'll let you know soon!)

There is one parent Co-Chair representing each level in the school. These four Co-Chairs, along with the AMI team, are responsible for setting the agenda of each ACC meeting.

So, what is on your mind? We want your input!

Please contact one of the Co-Chairs listed below by **October 2**, preferably by email, to let us know if you have any questions or suggestions to discuss. Feel free to contact your class PICs with issues to forward onto us, if that is easier for you. If you have specific issues or questions regarding your child, the classroom, or Montessori philosophy in general, you should communicate with your teacher directly. While all items brought up may not make it onto the meeting agenda due to time constraints, all input will receive a response by the appropriate person.

Sincerely,

Your ACC Co-Chairs:

Vivian Cook, Primary: vivianandgreg@hotmail.com

Julie Gazmararian, Lower Elementary: jagazma@sph.emory.edu

Robyn Roberts, Upper Elementary: robyn_kevin@yahoo.com

October 21
ACC Meeting
7pm

See the
[Events Calendar](#)
for more
"Happenings!"

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**Moore Farms Orders
are taken every
Monday and
shipments are
delivered each
Wednesday to the
"Arbor" in our
LaVista parking lot.
Orders are ready for
pickup from 12:30 -
6:00pm. Important:
online orders close
every Monday @ 8pm**

Darlene Mashman, Middle School: dlmashman@aol.com

Attention! Coffee and Pizza on the Way!

The first Middle School Coffee House is on **Thursday, October 1!** Also, the first Pizza Day is Thursday, October 15, and the forms are due Monday, October 5. Please see the [Middle School Website](#) for details.

Arbor Montessori School Debate News

by Mike Cooper

Arbor had the top two teams at the first tournament of the 2009-2010 debate season, which was held on September 12 at Emory University.

Arbor had the only undefeated Varsity teams and the top Novice team at the Atlanta Urban Debate League Middle School Tournament, organized by Emory's Barkley Forum. All six of Arbor's teams won at least half of their rounds.

Arbor had four of the Top 10 speakers in the Varsity division and two of the Top 5 speakers in the Novice division.

This year, students are debating what the federal government should do about poverty. The topic was selected by directors and coaches of high school speech, debate and theatre across the country.

The next tournament will take place on Saturday, **October 10**, at Renfro Middle School in Decatur.

Parents of Infants and Toddlers (birth-3)

~Please Save the Date~

Tuesday, October 27th

for a special presentation by AMI Trainer and Consultant

Lillian Bryan

on

the Montessori Philosophy of Child Development from Birth to Three

Join Us for refreshments at 6:30 PM - the presentation will begin at 7 PM

More details will follow

Fundraising Matters at Arbor from Martha's Desk

Don't forget Arbor Spirit Night Fundraiser! On Tuesday, September 29 from 5:00pm until closing, Fellini's on LaVista Road will give 10% of pre-tax sales to Arbor. Dine at your convenience anytime after 5:00pm and 10% of your purchase will go to Arbor!

It's easy to help! Did you know that last year shoppers earned \$1,310 for Arbor through purchases from [Sally Foster](#) and [QSP](#). Click here for a complete list of current of our [Giving Partners](#) and remember that family and friends can help with these programs!

It's time to update the school mailing list. We would like to include on our mail list people special to your family (e.g. grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends). These individuals will receive news about our school and requests to support our fundraising campaigns. The Mail List Form is on the [School Forms](#) page of the website. Please complete it and return it to the office by Tuesday, October 13 so that your family and friends can receive *The Montessori Observer*.

Thank you for your support! We look forward to seeing you at **Fellini's!**

If you have any questions about our fundraising programs or Parent Involvement, please contact [Martha Addison](#) in the Development Office.

Still accepting applications for Afterschool Classes!

Ten weeks of "**COACH and PLAY**" classes for lower elementary students are every Wednesday. The class will consist of 2 weeks of soccer, 2 weeks of basketball, 2 weeks of baseball, 2 weeks of tennis, and 2 weeks of volleyball. The class will run from 3:15-4:15 and will be taught by coach Robert Holmes. Classes begin **October 7**.

On **October 29**, we will offer a 7week **DRAMA CLASS** for upper elementary students every Thursday. The class will run from 3:15-4:15 and will be taught by Julie Still, a 20 -year veteran of the Atlanta film and television community.

Conference Sign-Up Day October 14

New This Year! We are initiating our new online sign-up capability with Schoolicity starting with our Fall Conferences. Look for more more information in the coming weeks.

**Needed:
Upper Elementary Photographs!!**

If you have taken photos during your visits to the school, please email them to me at leslier@arbormontessori.org. I am always looking for new faces for the **Update** and other publications. Thank you!

Leslie Richardson
Director of Communications

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