

METHODIST DAY SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2020

HAPPY FALL Y'ALL

Pumpkins, prevention, and parties are a part of the positively pleasurable plans we have proposed for October. The weather is perfect for a visit from the Portland Fire Department and a trip to the pumpkin patch with a special story time for each class. Each teacher will have a calendar of events to keep you informed. Fall is a fabulous time of year to experience with preschoolers. The fun concludes with our Fall Festival at the end of the month; of course children may wear their costumes, but please make sure that they are friendly. Teacher friendly if your child is still in diapers & potty friendly for those who wait too long! Let's avoid scary masks; we don't want to scare anyone. Happy Fall Y'all!!!

Jamie

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WELCOME MARSHA & TIA!

Marsha Coulter joins us this year as a Teacher Aide in the Orange & Green MWF classes. She has worked with children her entire life. She started babysitting at a young age; taught preschool in college; and was a 1st & 2nd grade Teacher before becoming the Executive Director of a learning center for children with autism. For the past 10 years, she has been a Substitute and Caregiver. She is excited to now be at MDS!

Tia Dang is new to MDS as well, as the Teacher Aide in the Red & Yellow Rooms. This is her first experience in an early childhood setting and she is thrilled to learn from our Teachers. Tia hopes to get involved in the field of Early Childhood and help parents and children as best as she can!



UPCOMING EVENTS

10/5-6: Visit from Fire Dept.

10/8: Noon Dismissal

10/9 & 12: No School

10/17: Book-a-Palooza, 9-2pm
Drive Thru event for infants – 2nd grade kids.
Pick up FREE books at GP Middle School

10/14-15: Pumpkin Patch Visit
Send \$1.00 to school and we will have Chapel time in the Pumpkin Patch.
Each child will pick their own pumpkin.

10/29-30: Fall Festival at MDS



Connecting to Community... Special Events



Saturday, October 3rd

1st Saturday of Every Month
9:00AM—1:00PM
Joe Burke Pavilion

We are partnering with GP's Clothing Closet to provide their most valuable commodities: Socks & Underwear! People usually donate their used clothing/shoes, but socks & underwear are not usually given. For #SOCKTOBER this year, we will collect as many socks (and underwear!) as we can and at the end of October, we will be able to bless an organization in our town.

Monday, October 5th is National **“Do Something Nice Day”** and it's also “World Teacher's Day! Make sure to talk to your littles about showing love, being kind and make it a point to do something nice for someone!!!



G-P CLOTHING CLOSET



FREE SCHOOL CLOTHES FOR G-P STUDENTS!

OPEN HOURS - SHOP @ 1100 Lang Road (Old WCA):

- Only 2 shoppers will be allowed in closet at a time
- ALL shoppers will be required to wear a mask when entering the building

Enter on left side of building Door #2!

Clothing Closet Dates:

- Wednesday, October 14th: 3:30-5:30 pm
- Wednesday, October 21st: 3:30-5:30 pm
- Wednesday, October 28th: 3:30-5:30 pm

Questions? Contact Jessica Rombs at 361-502-1071

Can make appointment upon request

Thank you to the following sponsors:
 Bell/Whittington Public Library, Gregory Portland ISD,
 Cheniere, H-E-B & Portland Kiwanis.

EVENTS HAPPENING AT FUMC PORTLAND IN THE PUMPKIN PATCH!

Oct. 17th

Movie Night in the Patch,

7pm

&

8pm



Oct. 24th

Pet Pictures, bring your leashed pet to the Patch and take a picture, 9-11am

Pumpkin decorating/ carving at the Patch, 6pm

Oct. 31st

Trunk R Treat

5-7 pm



The Portland Fire Department will be visiting MDS on Monday, October 5th and Tuesday, October 6th to introduce the big FIRE TRUCK, what they look like in their full gear and to talk to the children about fire safety. Every year around daylight savings time, it's a good reminder to change out batteries on your home smoke/CO2 detector. If you don't have one, go buy one asap! It could be the difference between life and death in a fire or carbon monoxide emergency.

Here is the Home Safety Checklist from First Alert you can use to ensure your home is safe. You can include your child in making & practicing an 'escape plan' and letting them help change out batteries. Then cut out the "Jr. Fire Marshall" badge to give to them for their help!

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

WHOLE HOME SAFETY CHECKLIST

- Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on every level, in every bedroom.
- Test alarms regularly.
- Change alarm batteries every 6 months or upgrade to 10-year sealed battery alarms.
- Replace alarms at least every 10 years.
- Plan and practice your emergency escape plan at least twice a year.





FOR PARENTS



Hey, parents! Here's a look at what we're covering with your kids this month so you can help your kids continue growing at home during the week.

GROW AT HOME THIS MONTH

WEEK 1

This week, kids discover that the **very first humans** God created messed up big time, but God would show that all is not lost.

- **THE BIBLE:** Genesis 1:26-30, 3:1-15
- **THE BIG IDEA:** God promised to fix what was broken.

WEEK 2

This week, kids discover that even though a huge flood covered the earth, God protected **Noah, his family, and the animals!**

- **THE BIBLE:** Genesis 8:15-22, 9:8-17
- **THE BIG IDEA:** God promised us mercy.

WEEK 3

This week, kids discover that God had great things in store for **Abram, his family, and future generations.**

- **THE BIBLE:** Genesis 12:1-3, 15:1-6
- **THE BIG IDEA:** God's promises are for now and for later.

WEEK 4

This week, kids discover that **Joseph had big, important dreams from God**, but he would have to wait a while before they came true.

- **THE BIBLE:** Genesis 37:1-28
- **THE BIG IDEA:** God's promises might take time.

WEEK 5

This week, kids discover that all that waiting paid off – **Joseph becomes a ruler in Egypt** and is reunited with his brothers.

- **THE BIBLE:** Genesis 40:1-41:40, 45:1-8
- **THE BIG IDEA:** God keeps promises.

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH:

Joshua 21:45 (NIV)

Not one of all the Lord's good promises to Israel failed; everyone was fulfilled.

Go to growcurriculum.org/Joshua21-45 for memory verse sign language to try together!