

Dear Friends and Families,

Our class has been abuzz with more explorations of the leaf, including older students learning about the inner working of the chloroplasts. We have also been learning to be more accurate in our science experiments.

Students are practicing their writing skills using their most known topic: their own true stories. Children of all ages have written and then read their stories to the class, which is great fun. We are all enjoying getting to know a bit more about each others lives.

Percentage has been a recent topic, with students learning to take a common fraction, turn it into a decimal fraction, and then into a percentage. Younger students are experiencing multiplication concretely through checkerboard, flat bead frame, and the bead bars.

This Friday is Grandparents and Special Friends Day at MLMS. Your child is welcome to bring a grandparent or a special friend to the classroom beginning at 10am. Children will have the chance to show their favorite classroom materials and introduce their friends to their special guest. It is ok if your child does not have a guest with them that day. Your child can stay for their normal school hours, or leave with their special guest at lunchtime or to join Fall Festival festivities. Please be sure to remind your special guest to make contact with a teacher before departing with your child that day.

The Junior High students will be hosting their annual Fall Festival for all to enjoy. You or your special guest can enjoy the festivities with your child from 11:00 - 2:00. They can purchase a lunch, as well as purchase tickets to play games. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Jr. High's Model UN trip to New York City in March.

That evening is also Movie Night! The younger children can enjoy a double feature of *Room on the Broom* and *Spookley the Square Pumpkin*. Older children can look forward to watching *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* starting at 6:30. Pizza and snacks will be available for purchase. An adult must be present with children during movie night. Friends from outside of MLMS are welcome too!

Finally, please mark your calendar for Parent-Teacher conferences on Monday, November 12. I will also have times available two afternoons the week before, Monday, November 5th, and Friday, November 9th, from 11 to 3. There is **NO SCHOOL** on the 12th but there is school on the 5th and 9th. You can sign up for your Parent-Teacher via the link below. Laurel Club will be open on the 12th if you need childcare during your conference. If none of these times work for you, please let me know.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4EACAB29A5FF2-elementary>

Sincerely,  
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