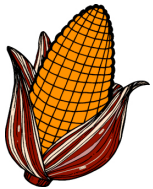
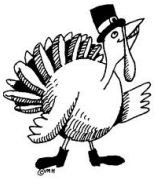


Family Update November 1 , 2011



Costume parties and trips to the pumpkin patch have ended until autumn comes around again next year. Lower Elementary families are probably relieved to know they are a year away from the possibility of standing in the pouring rain in a complex corn maze, as they did last week. However, preschool students and their families enjoyed sunny skies on their trip to the Halls Fruit and Berry Patch for pumpkins. There are sure to be some fun photos on the classroom newsletters this month. Costume parties and treats galore brought us right up to November where we will pause to prepare for the season of gratitude. We have many things to be grateful for here at Garden, including several gifted art teachers. Last week our Elementary art teachers, Ms. Ellen and Ms. Denaë, led the Upper students in candle making, as the class prepares for Medieval Day. Students patiently dipped their candles over and over in the wax to make lovely candles which will be a part of their festivities this week. And in Preschool Extended Day Art, Ms. Amelia gave the children the opportunity to create string art based on the book, *THE SQUIGGLE*. The book's story and illustrations were inspired by Asian brush-stroke painting and our children's interpretations can be seen on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Upcoming Events:

<u>Friday, November 4:</u>	Upper Elementary Medieval Faire
<u>Thursday, November 10:</u>	Middle School visits Sequoyah Museum
<u>Wednesday, November 23:</u>	Upper visits Fountain City Food Ministry
<u>Wednesday, November 23:</u>	School-Wide Friends' Thanksgiving
<u>Wednesday, November 23:</u>	1/2 Day of School
<u>Thursday, November 24:</u>	No School
<u>Friday, November 25:</u>	No School
<u>Monday, November 28:</u>	Read to Feed week begins
<u>Wednesday, November 30:</u>	Conclusion of Montessori 101



This week we will begin our annual fundraiser for Heifer International. From the smallest to the tallest, the whole school participates in this opportunity to provide sustainability to impoverished families throughout the world. We collect our spare change and pledge our time as we read aloud to others in exchange for contributions. More information about how your family can contribute will be sent out this week. Upper Elementary families are invited to join us on Friday from 12:00-3:00 as we enjoy the jousting, archery, fashions, food, and craftsmanship of the Medieval Faire. Parent volunteers are not just welcome, they are a necessity. Please sign up on the stairway door if you can help.

