Week 9 - October 8, 2026

PROVIDENCE MONTESSORI SCHOOL - TEXACO ROAD CAMPUS

THURSDAY NEWS



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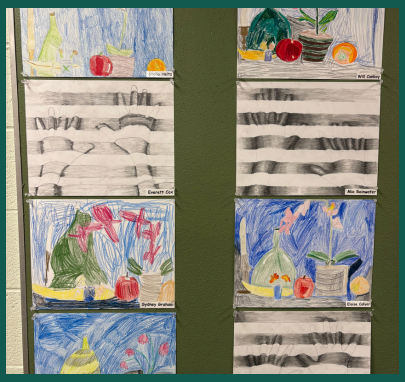
Artwork on Display

Our students are learning to really see, drawing what's actually in front of them rather than what they think an object "should" look like. Our upper elementary students are also exploring Op Art, the 1960s style that uses optical illusions to create movement and depth on a flat page.

Two different lessons teaching the idea that art is about training your eyes as much as your hands.

STUDENT ART DISPLAYS









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Reminder

Mornings are cooler than afternoons, and every class spends lots of time outside throughout the day.





Please dress your child(ren) in layers so they are prepared for the changing weather.

Upcoming Dates

Thursday, Oct. 15th
Screenagers
3:30 - 5:15 PM
Middle School Campus
(please note that if you sign your child up for childcare, they will join After School for the duration of the screening, free of charge)

Thursday, Oct. 22nd
Screenagers
3:30 - 5:30 PM
Texaco Campus
(please note that if you sign your child up for childcare, they will join After School for the duration of the screening, free of charge)

RSVP for Parent Ed childcare HERE

Friday, Oct. 16th
No School
1st Year Conferences
(Your child's classroom teacher will contact you directly with information about signing up for a meeting time)

Friday, Oct. 30th
Pumpkinpalooza
6 - 7:30 PM
(details on the following pages)

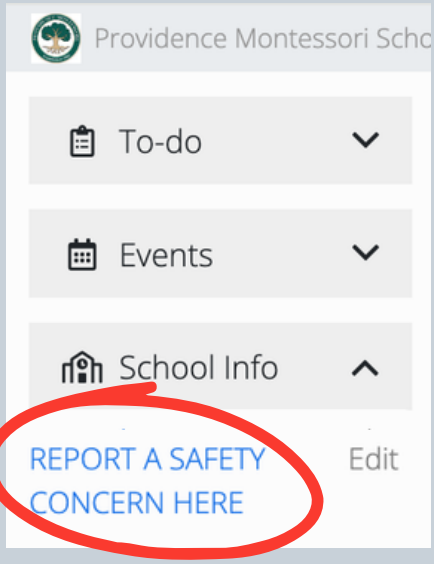
Report a Safety Concern

Providence allows anyone to submit a safety concern regarding either of our campuses. The safety of your children is our top priority. As discussed at our recent General Parent Meeting, a link has been added to both our website and Transparent Classroom where concerns can be reported anonymously if desired. There is also a screen on our app for reporting a safety concern.



Current Parent/Student Resources

SCHOOL CALENDARS
TRANSPARENT CLASSROOM
GOOGLE CLASSROOMS
REPORT SAFETY CONCERN HERE
PROVIDENCE SPIRIT WEAR



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Grandparents' Day!

Sunday, October 11th

1 - 3 PM

Texaco Campus Grounds

Join us for our annual Grandparents' Day at Providence Montessori. This is a wonderful way to welcome grandparents, friends, and other loved ones to campus so they can experience what makes our social community so special. Children are always excited to guide their guests into the classroom, show off a few of their favorite work choices, and introduce them to their teachers. We hope you will stop by that afternoon and join the fun.



Stay up to date with event information through the app!



New This Year: Family Photos at Grandparents' Day!

Bring your grandparents, aunts, uncles, or any extended family joining you, we're offering free family photos at the Olmec Head during Grandparents' Day! Whether this is their first visit or their fifth, it's a great chance to capture the moment together. Just fill out the card you'll receive at the event and hand it to our photographer, we'll email your photo afterward.

Volunteers needed

Our volunteer sign-up is still looking sparse. We would love your help! Volunteers can bring a food item or lend a hand with event support, including setup, greeting guests, helping with activities, and cleanup. Even if you cannot attend, bringing a food item is a big help. Every slot makes the day smoother and more special for our grandparents and special guests. CLICK HERE to sign up!

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PUMPKINPALOOZA

Friday, October 30th at 6 PM

We are excited to continue our newest tradition, Pumpkinpalooza, a fun-filled autumn celebration that has quickly become a favorite!

Starting Monday, October 26th, students are invited to bring a carved or decorated pumpkin to school. These jack-o'-lanterns will line the campus sidewalks for everyone to enjoy when students and families return on Friday evening for trick-or-treating. Families and students are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes, and our classroom teachers are planning festive decorations for their patios. Be sure to spot your pumpkin among the display, and at the end of the evening, you are welcome to take it home to enjoy on Halloween night. We can't wait to celebrate with you and your family!

Looking to extend the fun after Pumpkinpalooza? Many Providence families head over to McConnell Springs (just off Old Frankfort Pike) for the Jack-o'-Lanterns Trail, which runs from 6:30 to 10:00 pm. This event coincides perfectly with our celebration and makes for an even more festive evening.

For full details on the Jack-'-Lantern Trail, please **CLICK HERE**.



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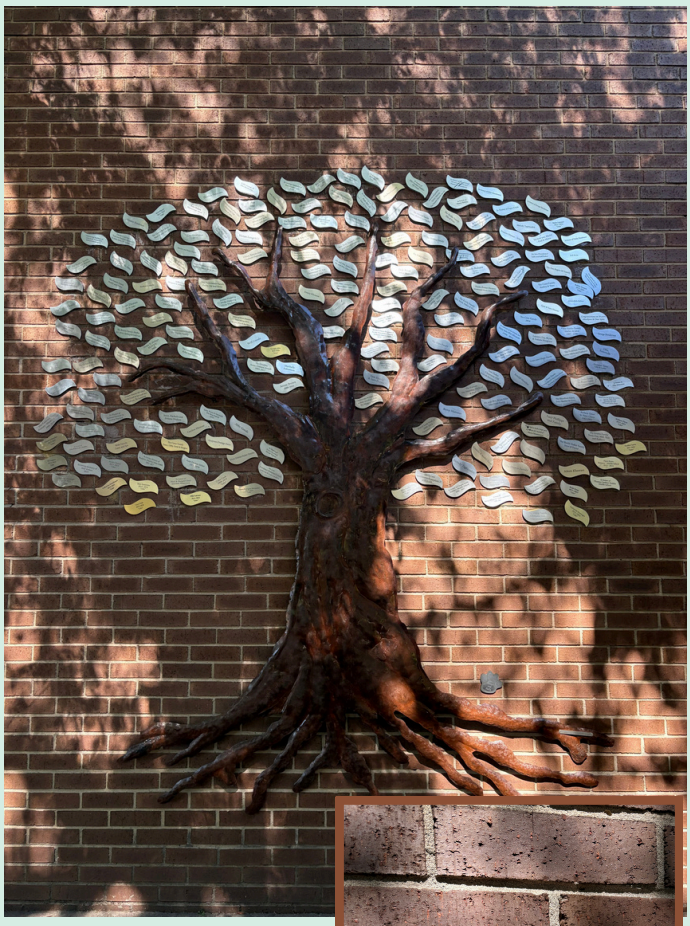
Pumpkin Palooza costume reminder: This is a family-friendly event with many young students, so we ask our older students to wear costumes that are fun and friendly rather than frightening. Thank you for helping keep it joyful for our littles!

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Leave Your Paw Print!

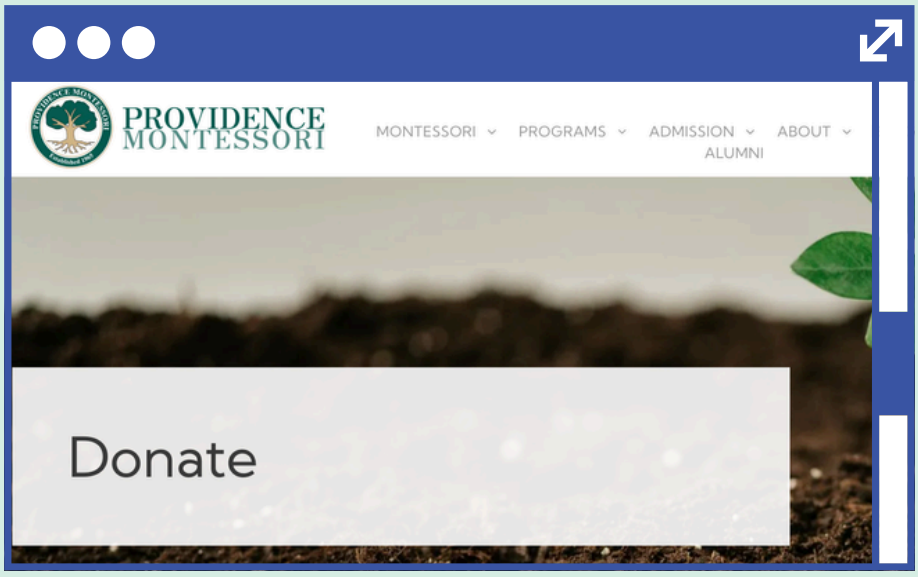
Introducing the Dog Paw Donation!

There's a new way to give back to Providence, and it comes with a wagging tail. For $50, families and friends can now make a gift in the shape of a paw print, which will be added to the Legacy Tree display at school. Each paw carries your name or a name of your choosing, so it's a sweet way to honor a family, a student, or a beloved pet while supporting our community. Visit our website to add your paw today!





Our First Dog Paw!



Other Ways to Support Us!

Support Providence through your everyday shopping! Under the "GIVE" tab on our school website, you'll find several simple ways to give back while making routine purchases. Our most popular option is the Kroger Community Rewards Program - just link your Kroger Shopper's Card, and Providence receives a percentage of your purchases at no extra cost to you.

Thank you for helping Providence!

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Pine Mountain

Our Upper Elementary students recently travelled to Pine Mountain for an overnight stay. They enjoyed a full schedule of Appalachian-inspired activities including weaving, hiking, stream study, and making corn husk dolls. Students even cooked cast iron skillet cornbread as part of their Appalachian cooking lesson. The fun continued with an evening of folk dancing and square dancing. This trip is an annual tradition that offers educational enrichment and community bonding. We are grateful to the teachers and parents who made it possible.

Cedar Ridge

Children and parent chaperones from all three lower elementary classes recently travelled to Cedar Ridge Day Camp, located just east of Louisville. They enjoyed a full day of activities including bug study, fishing, American Indian lore, team building games, canoeing and archery. The fun concluded with a large group sing-along and a catered taco bar. Thankfully, the weather cooperated and we couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day! The lower elementary enjoys an annual Fall trip for both educational enrichment and community bonding - we are grateful to all the parents who took this time to interact with the Providence community.





Storyteller Antonio Rocha

Storyteller Antonio Rocha (pronounced haw-sha) visited our K-6 students and filled the room with tales of the rainforest, giants, and a magical spring. Born in Brazil, Mr. Rocha blends mime, vivid voices, and sound effects into performances that have taken him to 20 countries and 44 states, from The Kennedy Center to The National Storytelling Festival. He is also a two-time TEDx speaker and a recipient of the National Storytelling Network's Circle of Excellence Award. We are so grateful he shared his gift with our children and brought such wonderful storytelling to our school!

Providence Montessori School

ADRIAAN KESSLER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

October 7, 2026

Dear Providence Community,

Providence Montessori established the Adriaan Kessler Fund in 2009 to create a student need-based financial aid fund to ensure the Providence Montessori experience is shared with as many children as possible. This fund was made possible through a past parent's financial donation. It provides the opportunity for current families experiencing temporary financial hardship to continue their children's education at Providence. Funds are available for partial scholarships making it possible to fulfill the mission of the fund. We can grant one-year, need-based, and partial scholarships to families within the Providence community who have shown a commitment to their child/children's education through parent participation at Providence.

A scholarship committee consisting of past parents will review applications and financial information to determine eligibility and award partial scholarship amounts. The process is confidential, with the points of contact being Joan Young, Head of School, and Shelley Denton, Associate Head of School. Following is an outline of the timeline and requirements for applying for scholarship funds:

1. Submit a request letter that includes pertinent details (reason for temporary financial need, student's classroom, parental involvement, the reason you want your student to continue at Providence, and other relevant information) to Joan Young at joan.young@provmont.org or Shelley Denton at shelley.denton@provmont.org by **Wednesday, October 28, 2026.**

2. Complete the Blackbaud Financial Aid Management Form which is available at https://aid.blackbaud.school by **Tuesday, November 17, 2026.**

3. Families will be notified regarding scholarship awards by mail in early January 2027. If you are not selected, Providence will refund your scholarship application fee.

Thank you for your interest in the scholarship program. Please contact Joan Young or Shelley Denton at 859-255-7330 with any questions.

Sincerely,

The Adriaan Kessler Scholarship Committee

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Parent Observations

As the school year continues, students are settling comfortably into their daily classroom routines. Parents are now welcome to begin scheduling classroom observations, which started this past Monday!

Primary Level Observations:

Please call the office at (859) 255-7330 or email meli.lamb@provmont.org to schedule a day and time. Typically, observations begin around 8:45 AM after students have had a chance to settle in for the day. The observation rooms are small so there's only room for one set of parents at a time. For a more accurate picture of a typical day for your child, it's best if he/she is NOT aware that you are observing.

Toddler Level Observations:

Please contact your child's teacher to schedule a day/time. Unfortunately, neither of our Toddler classes have observation rooms but you are still encouraged to observe.

Elementary Observations:

These also are scheduled by calling the front office. Our Lower Elementary classrooms each have observation windows; parents of Upper Elementary students enter the classroom to observe.

If possible, we suggest taking the time to observe prior to parent / teacher conferences.

Welcome!

Eryn Clayton



"I have been a parent at Providence since 2023, and in September of 2026 became the Advancement Manager. I graduated from Transylvania University in 2013, and have consistently followed passions and good people in my career. Along the way I have gathered knowledge in various industries and roles from incredible individuals that have been willing to share their expertise. I have worked in local food and beverage hospitality, business management and operations, healthcare, higher education, retention, and investment management to name a few. As a curious person, I find myself wearing many hats and being deeply involved in my work and intentional with the people I work for and with. I could not be more thrilled to work for Providence. I see all the people involved as an extension of my family, and supporting the seemingly indescribable feeling or magic of this school that has been crafted diligently, with deep care for so long, brings me the greatest joy. I hope as time goes by this year and beyond, that I will know each of you and your families. If anyone would like to meet to learn more about my role, I would love the opportunity to meet with you! You can email me at eryn.clayton@provmont.org."

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American Red Cross

Carve out time to give blood



Providence Montessori School Blood Drive

Catholic Charities Diocese of Lexington

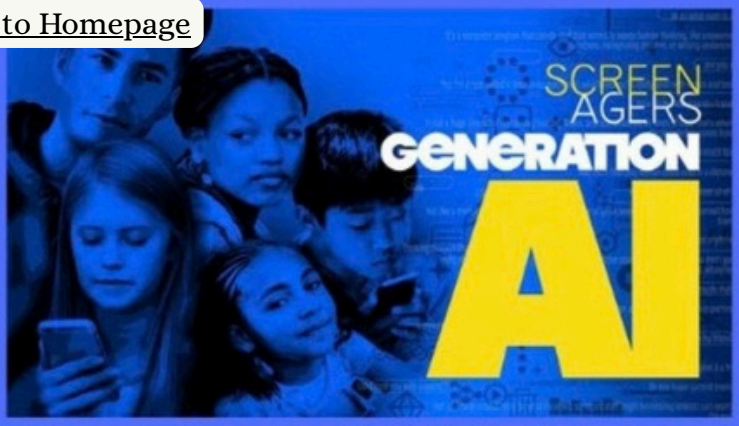
American Red Cross Bus
1310 W Main St
Lexington, KY 40508

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SIGN UP HERE TO DONATE BLOOD

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SCREENAGERS: GENERATION AI IS OUT NOW!



- The film explores what we can do to mitigate the risks artificial intelligence poses to young people's learning, relationships, and mental health.
- Through the stories shared in the film, cutting-edge science, and deeply honest insights from adults and youth, Screenagers: Generation AI provides an emotional look at the risks and what we can do right now in kids' and teens' social and academic lives to promote wellbeing.

Providence will be hosting two free screenings!

- October 15th (at the Middle School)
- October 22nd (at the Lower School)

OPEN TO CURRENT STUDENTS AND PARENTS



Providence Screenings:

- Thursday 10/15 at the Middle School from 3:30-5:30pm
- Thursday 10/22 on Texaco Rd from 3:30-5:30 pm

RSVP for Parent Ed childcare HERE

Please RSVP by 10/9 to let us know which screening you will be attending and indicate whether you need childcare. Childcare will be offered at the Lower School on both dates. If you are attending the session at the Middle School, please note the event should end around 5-5:15 pm to allow you to drive to Texaco Rd and pick up your child on time by 5:30 pm.

Please note that both Upper Elementary and Middle School students will be viewing the documentary in school as part of their curriculum in Technology (Upper Elementary) and in Social Emotional Learning (Middle School).

Please join us to explore this important topic as part of our proactive, informed, and connected community!