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- If you need early drop-off at either location, please email admin@thelearninghabitat.com to see your options.

October News

We have had the best week! Its been so fun to see all our students truly excited about learning!

As a reminder, Fall Picture Days are this week:

- Indian Trail: This Wednesday October 14th
- Monroe: Thursday October 15th(Make-up pictures available Wednesday at Monroe after 1:00 PM)

All students will have their pictures taken on these days. Please see the following pages for more information on how to sign up for pictures.

important dates and details regarding our upcoming Fall Break, and all of our exciting Halloween events—including our festive Spirit Week and our Halloween Hullabaloo at our Monroe location!

Take a look to see what our Drama Classes will be up to in the coming weeks!

This week, we are excited to feature our Science Classes! Be sure to check out the following pages to see all the engaging activities and problem-solving our students have been up to!

A Few Quick Reminders:

- Field Trips & Clubs: Registration for field trips is officially open, and sign-ups are ongoing for our new clubs—including Let Me Run and Martial Arts
- Coaching Opportunity: We are still actively searching for a Let Me Run Boys Coach (season starts October 5). If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out!

FALL BREAK! OCTOBER 19TH-23RD



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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 14TH: PICTURE DAY AT INDIAN TRAIL/MAKE UP DAY AT MONROE AFTER 1:00PM

OCTOBER 15TH :PICTURE DAY AT MONROE

OCTOBER 19TH-23RD: FALL BREAK

OCTOBER 26TH-30TH: SPIRIT WEEK

OCTOBER 30TH : 4-6 PM HALLOWEEEN HULLABALOO AT OUR MONROE LOCATION

FRIENDS

REMINDER



Doors open at 8:55 am.
Please feel welcome to walk your child to class until they are able to do it themselves!

Please pick up students by 3:00 pm.
There will be a babysitting fee of $5/minute assessed after 3:10.



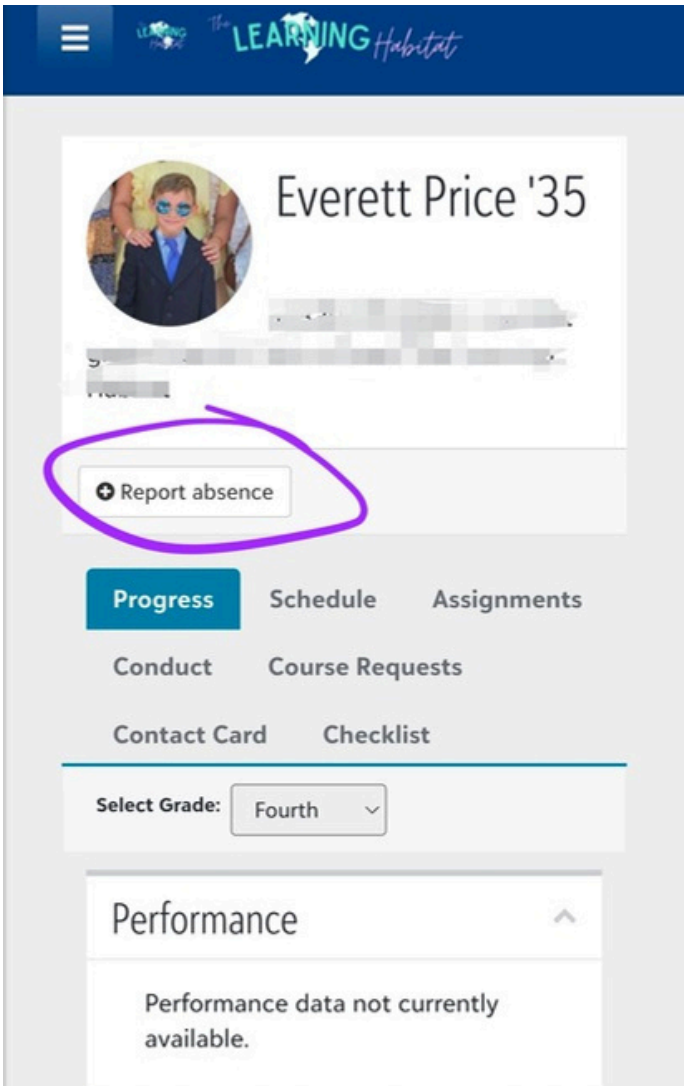


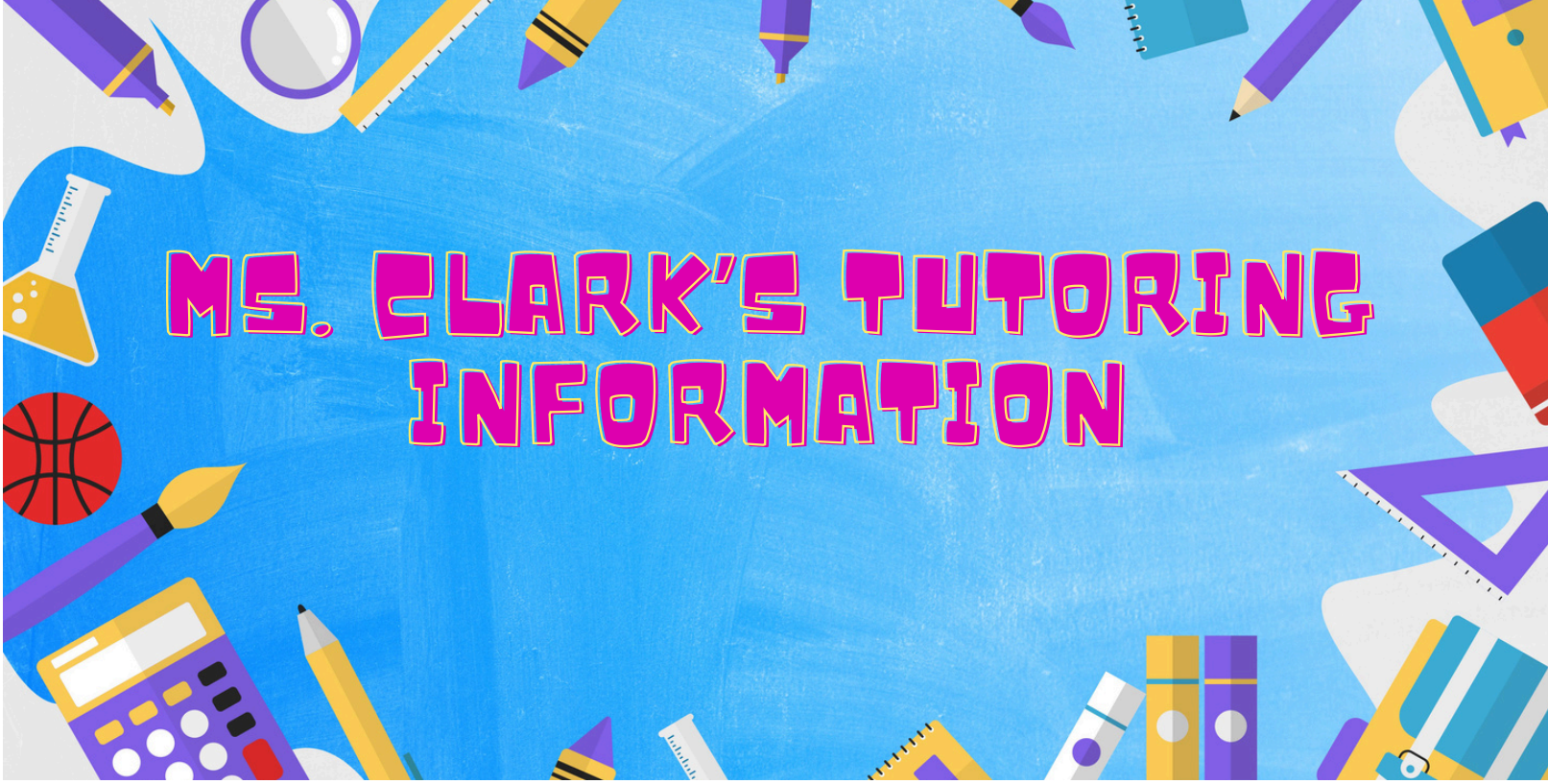
REMINDER CHECKLIST

- **MICROWAVES ARE LIMITED. PLEASE PACK ACCORDINGLY.**
- **Utensils and plates/bowls are NOT provided.**
- **Please send a water bottle and snacks!**
- **Pack extra clothes/shoes for rainy days or accidents. WE GO OUTSIDE IN THE RAIN.**
- **Doors open at 8:55 am! (early drop-off is available...email HERE)**
- **Drop off all medications with instructions to Trista (Monroe) or Jereline (Indian Trail).**
- **If your child did not receive their shirt, please let Trista or Jereline know via email.**
- **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER SEES YOU AT PICK-UP BEFORE LEAVING (BELOW 8TH GRADE).**

ABSENT

Please report absences via Blackbaud through the NEW "Report Absence" function.





SAT and ACT (all subjects) $65

Middle school science, math, and English
50$/ hour

High school math
$65 (all)

To scheldule a time for tutoring please email her at
chelseaclark002@gmail.com

More Than a Memory
PHOTOGRAPHY

FALL Picture Day

at The Learning Habitat



Monroe

OCTOBER 14TH(MAKE UP DAY AFTER 1:00)

(WEDNESDAY)

OCTOBER 15TH

(THURSDAY)

SIGN UP!

Click here to sign up to order pictures!



Indian Trail

OCTOBER 14TH

(WEDNESDAY)

SIGN UP!

Click here to sign up to order pictures!



Email samantha@mtamphotography with any questions!

UPCOMING PARENT PACK EVENT

We have our Halloween Hullaballo on Oct 30th at our Monroe location!



Please sign up to volunteer for this event or any of other exciting events we have planned this year!



Fill out the info form here **or scan the QR code**

PARENT Pack

OCTOBER SPIRIT WEEK

Dress up and join the fun!

MONDAY
PJ DAY OR COZY SWEATER DAY
Wear your favorite pajamas or a cozy sweater!



TUESDAY
SUPER HERO OR VILLAIN DAY
Dress like a hero or your favorite villain!



WEDNESDAY
TEAM JERSEY OR COSTUME DAY
Show your team spirit or wear a fun costume!



THURSDAY
DECADES DAY OR COSTUME DAY
Dress from your favorite decade or wear a costume!



FRIDAY
FAVORITE CHARACTER FROM A BOOK OR MOVIE DAY / COSTUME DAY
Come dressed as your favorite book or movie character, or wear a costume!



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Halloween Hullabaloo

October 30, 2026

4–6 PM

Monroe Location



Hay Ride & Fun Stations for All Ages!

Presented by our very own Parent Pack!


Fall in Love with Theater
Friday November 13
1pm - 2pm
Monroe TLH
Come see what we are up to
in theater this year!
BOO!
FALL


PLEASE DONATE!
THANK YOU
We Need..
•fabric
•sheets
•pillow cases
•Any fabric!
• beads
•buttons
•bows
•Thread/needles
•Fake Flowers/vines
•head bans
•old jewlery
•hangers
•old shoes
Sunglass
Gem
WE Need THIS for... THE PLAY, ALOT of People IN THE PLAY! SO WE Need THIS Stuff! PLEASE
FASHION DESIGN NEEDS YOU!

Ms. Busbee's Class

Our Forest School students at Elon Park have been digging into the wonderful world of plants! We've explored the plant life cycle, discovered the jobs of roots, stems, leaves, and flowers, and learned how plants make their own food through photosynthesis. We've also investigated pollination, plant adaptations, and the many clever ways seeds travel to new places.

Of course, the best learning happens when we get hands-on! We completed the classic celery experiment to observe how water travels up a plant's stem, experimented with "painting" using chlorophyll, and created beautiful clay nature pendants using natural objects collected outdoors. Along the way, we've made countless real-world observations as we've explored the property.

From tiny seeds to towering trees, students have discovered that there is always something new to notice when we slow down and explore nature!















Mrs. Waldo's Class



This year so far, we have learned all about the different spheres of the Earth: the atmosphere, hydrosphere, biosphere, and geoshere.

We learned about the different lanforms and bodies of water. We are currently learning about the water cycle. We have done some fun hands on experiments with water such as making the atmosphere in a bag!

We went on a scavenger hunt and used our imagination to find some landforms in our world!







Mrs. Hunter's Class



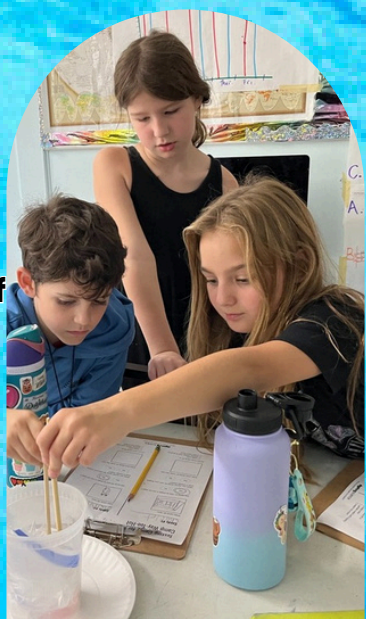
In 4-5 Science we have been learning about water filtration and the matter found within water samples and water in our community, as well as cybersecurity. We examined and classified four different water samples and then we spent time designing and creating filters to make our water healthy. We found out that a filter is only one part of many steps that water treatment plants use to ensure water is healthy for our households and drinking.

We have also been learning about healthy and unhealthy online activity, such as strong passwords with characters, numbers and letters are "healthy", while weak passwords with our name and birthday are "unhealthy." During our filtering project we had a "hack attack" and experienced what would happen if our water data was hacked and changed. Our water treatment plants not only go through a lot of steps to produce healthy water for us to drink, but they also have a lot of online systems in place for securing our water data and water processing.





In 3-4 Science we have been learning about the states of matter. We have done lots of fun activities and experiments showing the different states of matter. We melted different candies to see which one had a higher melting point than the others. We have been noticing which changes are physical changes (states of matter) and which are chemical changes. We compared heating up crayons with clay and butter with eggs. We then did a chemical change with lemon juice and baking soda. We will continue into more chemical changes and fun experiments!



Mrs. Porch's Class

Our Book of the Week was Lentil; which is about a boy in Ohio learning to play the harmonica and saving the town's parade. We learned about the five senses and how our body/brain processes them. We also learned about sound and how we make and hear sound vibrations.

We played bingo to practice processing information. We watched sprinkles dance because of sound vibrations from a speaker. We made kazoos, and we journaled about what we could see, hear, smell, touch and taste outside.

Tasting was optional, but we did pick some persimmons that they could lick if they wanted. We also cut open some seeds and found a knife and some spoons inside, which supposedly means a harsh and snowy winter. (We're hoping for snow!)









MS. CLARK'S CLASS



4TH/5TH & 6TH GRADE SCIENCE — FORCES & MOTION

OUR SCIENTISTS HAVE BEEN EXPLORING THE EXCITING WORLD OF FORCES AND MOTION, INCLUDING NEWTON'S LAWS OF MOTION! WE TOOK OUR LEARNING OUTSIDE TO TEST THE EFFECTS OF GRAVITY USING DIFFERENT CLASSROOM OBJECTS ON THE PLAYGROUND. NOW, STUDENTS ARE PUTTING THEIR KNOWLEDGE TO THE TEST AS THEY DESIGN AND BUILD CONTRAPTIONS TO PROTECT A RAW EGG DURING OUR EGG DROP CHALLENGE NEXT WEDNESDAY. WE'RE EXCITED TO SEE THEIR CREATIVITY, PROBLEM-SOLVING, AND ENGINEERING SKILLS IN ACTION!



🧬 ANATOMY — CELLS & TISSUES

IN ANATOMY, WE ARE CONTINUING OUR EXPLORATION OF CELLS AND TISSUES IN THE HUMAN BODY AND HOW THESE MICROSCOPIC BUILDING BLOCKS WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE COMPLEX BODY SYSTEMS. NEXT WEEK, STUDENTS WILL GET HANDS-ON WITH A GUMMY BEAR OSMOSIS LAB, USING GUMMY BEARS TO MODEL HOW WATER MOVES ACROSS A CELL MEMBRANE. IT'S A FUN AND MEMORABLE WAY TO MAKE A MICROSCOPIC PROCESS A LITTLE MORE TANGIBLE!



🔎 FORENSICS — CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION

OUR FORENSIC SCIENTISTS HAVE BEEN DIVING DEEPER INTO THE SEVEN STEPS OF CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION AND LEARNING HOW CAREFUL INVESTIGATORS COLLECT AND DOCUMENT EVIDENCE. STUDENTS HAVE PRACTICED PHOTOGRAPHING EVIDENCE, COLLECTING TRACE EVIDENCE, AND ANALYZING CLUES THAT COULD HELP SOLVE A CRIME. THEY'RE LEARNING THAT EVEN THE SMALLEST DETAIL CAN BECOME AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF THE PUZZLE!

🧪 BIOLOGY — MACROMOLECULES & ENZYMES

BIOLOGY STUDENTS HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATING THE FOUR MAJOR BIOLOGICAL MACROMOLECULES— CARBOHYDRATES, LIPIDS, PROTEINS, AND NUCLEIC ACIDS— AND EXPLORING HOW EACH PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE HUMAN BODY. NEXT, WE'LL DIVE INTO ENZYMES AND HOW THEY HELP CHEMICAL REACTIONS HAPPEN IN LIVING ORGANISMS. STUDENTS WILL PUT THEIR LEARNING INTO ACTION WITH A HANDS-ON LAB DEMONSTRATING DIFFERENT CHEMICAL REACTIONS!



Mr. Brandon's Class

Earth and Environmental Science:

Sept. 21-25

This week in Earth and Environmental Science we covered experimental design and data graphing. We learned to identify independent and dependent variables, form a hypothesis, and establish constants for an experiment. We also learned to differentiate between qualitative and quantitative data, and how to visually represent that data through graphing. Our class performed the Candy Graphing activity, getting hands on to collect data on the distribution of flavors of candy in a single bag. Next week we will review what we covered in our first unit and take our end of unit exam!

Sept. 28 - Oct. 2

This week in Earth and Environmental Science we wrapped up unit 1, Foundations of Science. On Tuesday we reviewed what we covered and students had the opportunity to work on their study guides. Thursday our students took the exam, using their study guides to help them while their notebooks were graded on completeness and organization. Grades for the exam will be posted on Blackbaud soon!

Oct. 5 - 9

This week in Earth and Environmental Science our students got to have a fun Lab day. Six stations were set up around the classroom, each with a challenge for students to use some lab equipment and make observations. Some of the activities we performed as a class include exploring viscosity, observing oxidation in action, and magnetic breakfast cereal! On Thursday, our class began our next unit, Earth's Place in the Universe! We discovered what kind of objects can be found in our solar system, and how big of a role the Sun plays in it.

Mr. Brandon's Class

Physics





Sept. 21-25

This week in Physics we covered experimental design and graphing data. The Candy Graphing activity had our class get hands on to collect data on the distribution of candy flavors inside a bag of candy. Our class also began our first lab, Bottle Boats. We read through the experiment procedures, identified our independent and dependent variables, and got to building our boats. Next week we will set sail with our bottle boats in the lab!

Sept. 28 - Oct. 3

This week in Physics our students were turned loose in the lab to put their bottle boats to the test! They identified the challenges with their designs, the constraints of the testing area, and the best options for fuel mixtures. During class, each student was expected to keep their own notes and make their own modifications to their boats to exercise their organization and creativity. Check out the pictures!

Oct. 5 - 9

This week in Physics class we wrapped up Unit 1! We finished our Bottle Boat experiment by reviewing our Analysis and Conclusion questions, reviewing our data and performance during the lab. We finished Concept 3 by discussing the nature of science and how the scientific method is used in the real world. We discussed engineering solutions to problems and what constraints we are required to work within. Then on Thursday we held a review. Students had time during class to work on their study guides together and ask questions about anything they may still struggle with in Unit 1. Students take the end of unit exam on Tuesday next week, so be sure to have those study guides complete!







Mr. Brandon's Class

Chemistry

Sept. 21-25

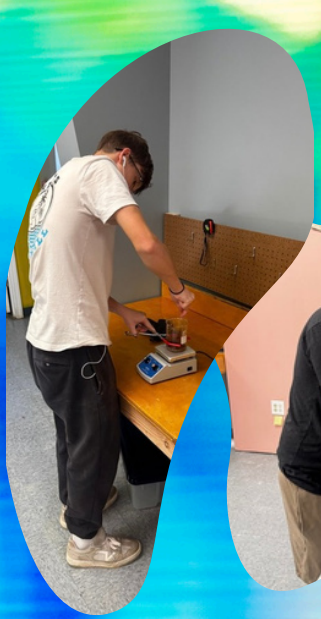
This week in Chemistry class we tackled our first lab, Investigating Study Environments Effects on Knowledge Retention. Our students tested studying with or without music, and studying in a group or individually. We also learned about scientific notation and spent time understanding dimensional analysis better. Next week we put our unit conversion skills to the test again in the Fun With Fudge Lab!

Sept. 28 - Oct. 2

This week in Chemistry our class began their last concept for unit 1, Classification of Matter. We learned about the essential properties of matter, what we consider the basic building blocks of matter as chemists, and how to tell between elements and compounds, substances and mixtures, and between homogenous and heterogenous. On Wednesday, our class performed the Fun With Fudge lab, aimed to reinforce the use of lab equipment, following lab procedures, and making proper measurements, all while observing matter changing states. Check out the pictures!

Oct. 5 - 9

This week in Chemistry we wrapped up the Fun With Fudge Lab by answering the Analysis and Conclusion questions, evaluating our work and results. We wrapped up Concept 3, covering the properties of matter, learning to distinguish between compounds and mixtures, what it means to be an element, and the difference between homogenous and heterogenous. On Wednesday we held a review session where students had free time to work on their study guides together and ask questions about what they were still unsure of in Unit 1. Monday will be the end of unit exam, so make sure to study over the weekend!











Mr. Brandon's Class

Rising Scientists (7-8th Science)

Sept. 21-25

This week in Rising Scientists our class learned about graphing data. We saw how synoptic weather charts work, then practiced making our own bar graphs and pie charts. To cap off the week, our class performed our first lab, Identifying Acids and Bases. Students were presented with five mystery liquids and had to use liquid pH indicators to find whether they were an acid, a base, or neutral. Next week we are wrapping up our first unit and taking our unit exam!

Sept. 28- Oct. 2

This week in Rising Scientists we wrapped up Unit 1: Foundations of Science. We reviewed the topics covered this unit on Monday and then our students took their first exam on Wednesday. Grades for the exam have been posted on Blackbaud.

Oct. 5-9

This week in Rising Scientists we took an exciting leap into our next unit, Matter and Its Interactions! To keep things interesting, this unit applies the concepts we learn to the large scale, SPACE! We learned what matter is made of and its two basic properties, mass and volume. On Wednesday, we took a deeper dive into mass, exploring its relationship with weight and gravity in a mathematic formula. Through math, we saw how an object with the same mass can weight differently on Earth than on the Moon. Afterward, we began a papier mâché project to build the planets of the solar system. Check out the pictures to see if they had fun...



AFTER-SCHOOL

SOCCER CLUB













Our first Soccer Club meet was a BLAST! We are looking for more students to join our team next Wednesday! Our club is entirely beginner friendly and fun focused!

WEDNESDAYS OCT-NOV

3:30-5:00 at TLH Indian Trail

JOIN OUR CLUB GROUPME FOR MORE INFO

Led by Coach Cesar and Ms Bug

Only 5 sessions left this season!