

# Montessori School of Lemont

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## Save the Date!

- August 1<sup>st</sup>  
Fees & Health Forms Due
- August 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>  
Teacher Institute Days
- August 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30<sup>pm</sup>  
Elementary Parent Meeting
- August 27<sup>st</sup>, 6:30<sup>pm</sup>  
Primary Parent Meeting
- August 29<sup>rd</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>  
Half Days for K & Elementary
- August 31<sup>st</sup>, 11:30<sup>am</sup>  
Back to School Picnic
- September 4<sup>th</sup>  
First Day of Regular Schedule  
for All Students and PA Court-  
yard Meet and Greet, 8:30 am

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## Back to School Meetings

We are looking forward to a great year and to kick it off we are counting on seeing all parents at the Back to School Meetings!

Parent Meetings provide an important opportunity for parents and staff to establish and strengthen relationships for working together throughout the year.

Staff will overview procedures for new families, update returning parents on any changes in the environment and share plans for the year.

Board Members, Parents' Association Reps and Specialists will be on hand to introduce themselves and answer your questions.

Please bring school supplies, including your child's inside shoes, to the meetings so that the teachers can prepare the environment before the students arrive on Tuesday, September 4.

This meeting is for parents and family who will be participating in the day-to-day school routine.



**Elementary Parents**  
**Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 - 8:00<sup>PM</sup>**

**Primary Parents**  
**Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 - 8:00<sup>PM</sup>**

## Parents' Association

We are excited to be entering another great year and our goal is to build a lively community of MSOL parents, administration and staff working together! The Parents' Association plans community events and sets fundraising goals to help enhance the learning environment for our children.

As a parent at MSOL you are automatically a member of our PA! Not a meeting person? Not a problem. You can still be involved. While we'd love

to get together every month in person, many committee chairs need help after hours or only on the day of their event so let us know how you would like to be involved or simply sign up here:

[Click here to find out how you can help this year.](#)

I'm Jenna Treanor and I am excited to be returning as your PA President this school year. I'd like to start by thanking all of you who volunteered last year to help make your

children's school events a success! A huge thank you to those who volunteered and attended our annual fundraiser auction. It was a lovely evening and we were successful because of YOU!

It was so nice to meet those who came out to Movie Night! I look forward to meeting more families, returning and new, at our Back to School Picnic, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:30<sup>am</sup>.

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Danielle using the natural light to trace a picture.

## How I Spent My Summer Vacation

-Therese Colby

This summer I worked with two new instructors on developing our music and PE programs at the elementary levels. I am thrilled with how these programs are evolving and excited to introduce the new teachers at our Back to School Meetings.

teaching PE using a three pillar approach aligned with Illinois State Standards for physical education:

1. Physical Fitness/Movement
2. Team Building, Communication and Sportsmanship
3. Health/Body Systems and Nutrition.

The exciting part is that she will do it all using yoga! A cer-

tified yoga instructor at The Center in Palos Park, she teaches students of all ages the skills to be "better equipped at handling difficult situations." Celeste says that "the poses practiced in yoga facilitate all the possible physical endurance, stamina, and strength goals we have for our children and ourselves.

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Celeste Santiago will be

## Parents' Association

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Please join your PA officers Jenna Treanor, President Lori MacDonald, Vice President, Debbie Moreno, Secretary and Jeanine Tschudy, Treasurer for a Courtyard Meet and Greet after drop off on the first full day of school, September 4<sup>th</sup>. This will simply be a chance for

parents to get to know each other and hear about upcoming events for the year, while our kids are back in their routine. If you use a digital calendar, I will be updating PA events and meetings on Google calendar.

[Click here for a direct link to the calendar.](#) To add this calendar to ical, use this [link.](#)

Planning for our first PA sponsored event, Walk, Jog, Run, will begin soon! This event is our annual 5K fundraiser for the Natural Playground Fund.

Parents, students, teachers, friends and members of the community raise funds through race registrations, pledges, donations, and sponsorships.

**This event takes place Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at Bambrick Park.**

I would really like to amp up this run so were making it a Color Fun Run! Anyone willing to lead this event, or help with this event? Any new ideas to make this a success and include the surrounding communities?

Please email me if you can help and don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of any help.

-Jenna Treanor  
MSOL PA President  
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### Get involved and stay connected!

#### Family Events

- Back to School Picnic
- Fall Fest
- Grandparents' Day
- Movie Night

#### Fundraising

- Walk, Jog, Run
- Book Fair
- Auction
- Grant Writing

#### Hospitality

- Coffees
- Parent Meetings
- Graduation
- Teacher Appreciation
- Room Parents/Mentors

#### Philanthropy

- Pajama Day
- Care and Carol
- Operation Care Package
- Feed My Starving Children

- Facebook
- Instagram
- Twitter
- Pinterest
- Website

- Weekly Emails
- Monthly Newsletters



- Material Making
- Mystery Readers
- Classroom Volunteer
- Reading Volunteer
- Conferences
- Parent Meetings
- Field Trips
- Parent-Student Nights
- Winter/Spring Performances
- Science Fair
- Move Up Day



Malia building big numbers with the 45 layout.

## Illinois State Board of Education

MSOL is registered with the Illinois State Board of Education which requires the following of students in public and nonpublic schools. All forms and fees are due by August 1st.

- **Dental Forms** for students entering **K, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade.**
- **Vision Exam Forms** for all current Kindergarten students and all transfer students in **K- 8<sup>th</sup> grade.**
- **Health Exam Forms** for all new and current students **3 & 4 years old, K; 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades.**
- All students entering **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade** must show proof of receipt of one dose of Tdap vaccine (containing tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis).

Students who have already received their required vaccines only need to provide documentation from their health care provider.

Parents exercising their legal right to not immunize their children may submit a signed and dated letter in lieu of immunization records.

If health forms and/or letters are not received by **August 29th** your child may not be allowed to start school.



Alec practicing penmanship.

## Readiness Checklist

*"Any child who is self-sufficient, who can tie his shoes, dress or undress himself, reflects in his joy and sense of achievement the image of human dignity, which is derived from a sense of independence."*

- Maria Montessori

- Choosing clothing and dressing self
- Putting on/taking off coat and hanging it up
- Changing shoes
- Going to the bathroom independently and washing hands.
- Blowing nose and washing hands afterwards
- Waiting for help; becoming accustomed to needs not being met immediately
- Following directions with more than one step
- Putting away toys and clothes
- Feeding self and sitting at a table while eating
- Helping with meal preparation and clean up.

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Flexibility, gentle strengthening, concentration/focus, balance, and body awareness are just a few of the physical and mental benefits of yoga. We will also touch on the other facets closely related to using movement through yoga coupled with promoting better health through certain foods for the body. It's my true belief we will not only feel better through movement but also by incorporating healthier options to keep our body systems healthy!"

I am also excited to announce that Ryan Fitzgerald will be leading our music program this year! Ryan is an undergraduate student in Management at Columbia College where he was heavily financially awarded for his past academic achievements including being named an Illinois State Scholar. Fitzgerald is the Co-founder and CEO of Radioactive Entertainment™, a premier booking agency based in Chicago and operating over 20 cities across the U.S. A professional musician, Fitzgerald is lead vocalist, lead guitarist, head writer, tour manager and leader of The Radiomen. Following the success of their debut album, they toured nationally, made several radio appearances, and opened for some of today's most successful artists. Ryan is an industry professional with a passion for music and an alumnus of MSOL.

Come meet Celeste and Ryan at our Back to School Meetings!

"All I want to do is be nice to my friends."  
-S.L. , Age 4



Zoya strengthens her fine motor skills while concentrating on perforating.

## For all the little reasons

The Montessori School of Lemont is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that has been educating children ages 3 through 8th grade for over 40 years based on the methods and philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori. The school was established in 1972 by teachers dedicated to offering families an individualized educational approach for their children. The school relocated to Lemont in 1990. In 2001, the school moved to its permanent location after the construction of a new campus on 7.5 acres of donated land. In 2010, a third building was completed to accommodate the growing enrollment and in 2011, a “natural” playground and an organic community garden were created. Funds are currently being raised to improve and grow our campus.

*MSOL does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sexual orientation or national or ethnic origin.*

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## Coffee, Anyone?

Are you interested in learning more about Montessori? Join us for our next monthly “Coffee.” Prospective parents will tour the campus, observe classes, and speak with current parents, students, and staff. Please call or email if you would like to attend.

[info@lemontmontessori.com](mailto:info@lemontmontessori.com).

- \* Philosophy & Curriculum
- \* Classroom Observation
- \* Parent Mentors
- \* Student Ambassadors
- \* Admissions Process



**Join us for coffee and  
stay for a few years!**

## Back to School Picnic



All school families are invited to join us for the back to school picnic hosted on Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup> from 11:30<sup>am</sup>-1:30<sup>pm</sup>. Please bring a dish to pass and any extra seating or portable shade that you have! On August 31<sup>st</sup>, Kindergarten and Elementary students will be dismissed to their parents at 11:30<sup>am</sup>. If you can help with set up, please arrive by 11:00<sup>am</sup>. **Please remember, no nuts!**

### Last Name

### Begins With :

A-H

I-M

N-S

T-Z

### Please Bring:

Beverages

Side dish

Main Dish

Dessert



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