

Montessori School of Lemont

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Save the Date!

- July 4
Independence Day,
No School
- July 13, 10-11:00^{am}
Parents' Association
Meeting
- July 18
7³⁰ pm New Family Play
Date
8³⁰ pm Movie Night

2016-2017



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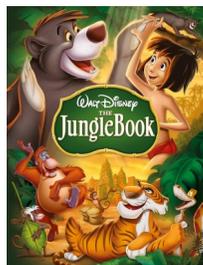
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Movie Night!



Join us for our 3rd annual movie night on July 18th at 8:30^{pm}. Invite family and friends to see the animated classic, Walt Disney's, The Jungle Book. Arrive early to welcome our new Montessori families at 7:30^{pm} for a party hosted by the Mentor committee.

Bring your chairs and blankets to watch Mowgli's brave adventure on our inflatable movie screen at the amphitheater in our backyard with all you can eat popcorn.

What a wonderful way to reconnect over summer!



Johanna (and Spot) enjoying Summer School!

Philanthropy

Thanks to the generosity of our school community, this year we were able to support local charities and raise over \$30,000 for our classroom and building funds.

Students collected pajamas for *The Guardian Angel Home* and donated hundreds of pounds of their own Halloween candy to *Operation Care Package*. Older students volunteered their time at *Feed My Starving Children* and *Nativity House*. Parents, staff and students visited residents

of the *Lemont Community Center* during our annual Care & Carol holiday event.

Support of our student-run business generated funds for the Adolescent class to plan special field trips and projects. \$5,850 was raised from Classroom Projects & Teacher Features at this year's auction for teachers to purchase classroom materials. The remaining proceeds were allocated to the Building Fund for the improvement of our campus.

-Therese Colby

Annual Auction	\$26,419.00
Adolescent Biz	2,756.00
Box Tops	113.70
Donations	2,945.56
Book Fair	1,986.04
Walk, Jog Run	4,000.00
Total	\$38,220.30

The cost-free fundraiser, Box Tops plus proceeds from the Scholastic Book Fairs and our annual 5k, *Walk, Jog, Run* benefit the Playground Fund.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

2017-18 Parents' Association

**"I like to sit in the grass in the sunshine. It makes me happy."
G.S., Age 6**

Please welcome our new Parents' Association President, Jenna Treanor! Jenna is a returning MSOL parent of alumni from the Green, Yellow AND Blue rooms! This year she returns to the Green Room with her youngest daughter, Juliette.

Jenna is looking forward to leading the PA but needs your help! Please sign up to volunteer online at <https://goo.gl/forms/e6opq17YpIKrZQ013>

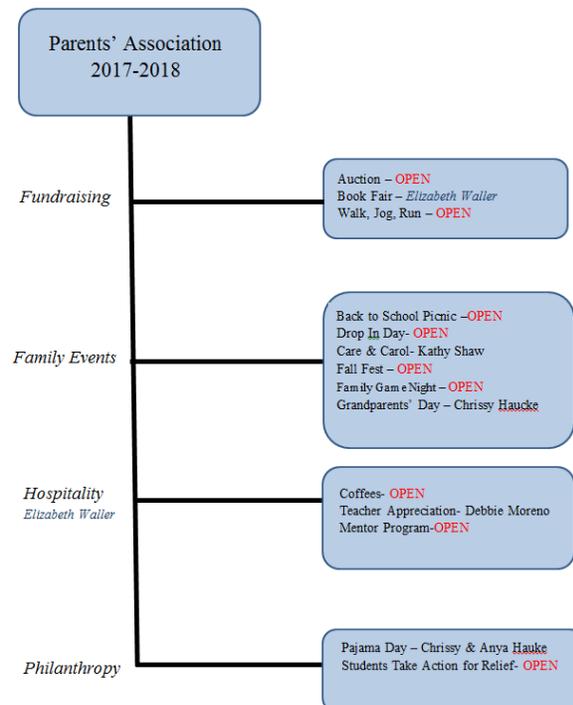
Our kickoff meeting will be on July 13th at 10^{am} in the meeting room and childcare will be provided for children ages three years old and up. Please rsvp to pa@lemontmontessori.com if you can attend the meeting and let us know how many children will need childcare.



Vinn observing a caterpillar.

We will be planning upcoming events including the New Family Meet 'n Greet followed by Movie Night on July 18th, Drop in Day and the Back to School Picnic on August 25th.

Thanks in advance for helping to make this a great year!



The Parents' Association was established to support the school's philosophy, programs, and activities for the benefit of all students, staff and families.

School 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

- Dressing self and choosing clothing
- Putting on/taking off coat and hanging it up
- Changing shoes
- Going to the bathroom: Lifting seat, wiping, 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



‘Outdoor Mornings’ with the Lower El

“No matter what, you are still beautiful.”
M.M., Age 5

Practical Life for All Ages

Toddler Tasks	Age 3-6 Tasks
Help prepare snacks Help with dishes Help set the table Help feed the pets Pick up toys Put books on bookshelf or in a basket Throw away trash Help with laundry: Sorting, loading/unloading washer and dryer, hanging clothes, folding washcloths Sweep small areas Pick out clothing	Sweep Help Vacuum Help prepare meals and snacks Set and clear table Help wash dishes Feed pets Clean mirrors and windows Make bed Help with laundry Tend garden Tidy their room Polishing silver Wiping table before and after meals
Age 7-10 Tasks	Age 11 & Up Tasks
Take out the trash and recycling Wipe down bathroom sinks and tub Prepare small family meals (with parent supervision) Mop and vacuum more thoroughly Dust thoroughly Help with lawn care	Do the laundry Help build and fix things Mow the lawn Help write out a weekly meal plan Help prepare and cook larger meals



Yellow Room siblings,, Madilyn and Thomas on Move Up Day.

...for all the small 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 almost 40 years based on the methods and philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori. The school was established in 1979 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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In Memory

August Deadline

Due August 1st:

- ⇒ \$400 Development Fee
Per Family
- ⇒ \$15 Primary Supply Fee
Preschool & Kindergarten
- ⇒ \$175 Elementary Field Trip
& Book Fee
1st–8th Grade
- ⇒ Health Forms
3-6 year olds, 1st & 6th Grade
- ⇒ Dental Forms
Kindergarten, 2nd & 6th Grade
- ⇒ Vision Forms
Kindergarten & all NEW
Elementary students

Joseph J. Bonfitto

August 29, 1961– June 15, 2017

In 1998, Joey Bonfitto changed the course of Montessori School of Lemont history when he donated almost eight of his 60 acre Narnia Estate to our small school. After decades of renting from a variety of locations, we finally had a home of our own thanks to Joey. A new Montessori parent at the time, he was enamored of the philosophy and impressed with the academic strides his child was making at a very young age. Joey shared that a teacher had changed the course of his life and he wanted to provide an environment for children to have the same opportunity.

Joey's legacy is not only his own four children, it is the hundreds of children whose lives have been changed by his gift. And his life.



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