

Montessori School of Lemont

Since 1972

Save the Date!

- November 1st
Tuition Due
Last Day Soccer Shots
for Primary
- November 2nd
Prospective Parent
Informational Coffee
- November 12nd
Veterans' Day
Operation Care Package
Donations Due
- November 19th-20th
No School, Parent-
Teacher Conferences
- November 21st-23rd
No School, Thanksgiving

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Parent-Teacher Conferences

On November 19th and 20th teachers will meet with parents for a semi-annual formal conference. Registration for conferences will take place at carpool or online. Teachers will try to schedule parents of multiple students first. There will be no regular classes for students on these days.

Primary and Lower Elementary students do not participate in conferences and childcare will



be provided from 9:00^{am}–3:00^{pm} on Monday and Tuesday, November 19th and 20th in the Primary lunch room. Child Care is complimentary during formal and informal conferences and when parents volunteer after school.

Upper Elementary students are encouraged to participate in their conferences in preparation for the Adolescent program when students will lead their own self evaluations with their parents and teachers.



The Zamora family at Parent-Student Night in the Green Room

As Thanksgiving approaches we are reminded to appreciate all that we have. At MSOL we are grateful for all the members of our school community.



As a token of our appreciation for our staff, the PA is celebrating with **“Thanks-For-Giving.”** During conferences on Monday, November 19th, we will provide meals and treats for teachers. If you would like to help with this event please contact Debbie Moreno at dmoreno@supremescrewinc.com

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Fall Fest Fun

It was a beautiful Fall day full of tricks and treats and fun and games. Parents, staff and students dressed in costume and decorated their cars for Trunk-or-Treat. The Upper Elementary's haunted trail was spook-tacular as usual and the Adolescent class' "Doll Factory" haunted house was a great scare.

Thank you to the dedicated PA team, Jenna Treanor, Debbie Moreno, Lori MacDonald and

Jeanine Tschudy, and to all the staff, students, parents and volunteers who made Fall Fest a great day for our MSOL community. A special thank you to our donors for their generous contributions that helped fund this year's event.

Congratulations to the Gedvilas Family, winners of the Bulls tickets raffle!



Fall Fest 2018



Juliette searching for living and non-living things in the garden

Musical Notes

The music program is progressing wonderfully. In Lower El, students are learning the key elements of music: melody, harmony, timbre, rhythm, dynamics, tempo, and form through singing and listening to mu-

sic. Early exposure to music is critical for developing a musical mind. We have been working with Beatles' songs *Love Me Do* and *Yellow Submarine* as well as the students' favorite, *Believer*. I have planted the seeds for beginning

-Ryan Fitzgerald

music theory, teaching note durations and the musical alphabet.

In the Upper Elementary and Adolescent classes, we have done much the same

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PA Report

October 4, 2018

Officers Present: Jenna Treanor: President
Lori MacDonald: Vice President
Debbie Moreno: Secretary
Jeanine Tschudy: Treasurer
Therese Colby: Executive Director

In attendance: Kelsey Brickl, Karen Damato, Heather Hoffman
Meeting called to order at 8:30^{am} by Jenna Treanor
Meeting adjourned at 10:00^{am} by Jenna Treanor

Old Business: Walk Jog Run

Big success, largest participation to date with over 100 runners
Funds raised \$4,340. Annual budget for this event is \$650
Jenna requested photos to share with families

*Do not request granola bars unless made in a peanut free facility

New Business: Fall Fest

I. Food/Beverage

Debbie to book taco truck, Elizabeth to donate wine cups
Debbie to procure coffee, hot chocolate and spirits
Jeanine to procure ice cream donation from Plush Horse
Jenna to procure donations of water and juice boxes

II. Entertainment

Face Painting by alumna, Josie M, budget \$50

Pumpkin Painting: Lori to handle all aspects

Games: Seeking parent volunteers to make games pending feedback. Karen Damato will help.

Trunk or Treat: Jenna to make flyers to hand out in carpool, Kelsey to lead costume parade to Trunk or Treat at 2:45pm

Lori getting bags, plus leftovers from Fire Safety Day

Debbie to donate bounce house and obstacle course, parent volunteers needed to monitor in shifts.

Photo Frame: Debbie working with Audrey Tunis

Raffle tickets: Debbie donating Bulls tickets, seeking other ticket donations

III. Publicity - Deadline October 15th:

Jenna to create flyers for posting and carpool

Jenna to create Sign Up Genius for donations and volunteers

Debbie and Lori to decorate grounds, post yard signs and banner

Kelsey to post on social media

Jeanine to contact NHS for volunteers

**“The American
flag does not
mean one thing.
It means many
different things to
many different
people...To me it
means together.”**

-C.W., age 12



Upper El students on Fire Safety Day

Operation Care Package

Santa's helpers are busy filling stockings and wrapping gifts for over 10,000 deployed U.S. Military and they need our help!

Please donate items from the following list for those deployed far from home. Collection boxes will be located around campus until Veteran's Day, November 12. Let's help OCP make this a great holiday season for our heroes in uniform!

"Let No Hero Be Forgotten"
www.operationcarepackages.org

**Protein Bars, Jerky,
 Coffee (ground) any size,
 Kool-Aid, Gatorade
 Ziplock Bags, any size,
 Hot chocolate or cider packets,
 Canned or Dried Fruit, Fruit Snacks
 Canned Hearty Soup, Ravioli, Stew
 Cup A Soup, Ramen,
 Sunflower Seeds,
 Instant Oatmeal, Boxed Cereal,
 Easy Mac & Cheese, Microwave
 Popcorn, Halloween Candy,
 Canned Tuna or Chicken,
 Individual Packages of Crackers**



The Adolescent class roasting marshmallows at council circle

'Tis the Season

As the weather changes, please remember:

- * Students go outside daily for recess unless the wind chill factor is below 20°. Send scarves, mittens, hats, boots, and snow pants to school every day this winter.
- * For the health and safety of our staff, when it is raining or the wind chill is 10° or lower, parents are asked to walk children to and from their cars at arrival and dismissal.
- * Staff and students must be fever free for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medication) before returning to school after an illness.

***"I honor the flag
 because it reminds
 me of an eagle fly-
 ing free in the sky
 without a care in
 the world. In this
 country we can do
 what we please
 (within the limits
 of the law)."***

C.K., age 13

Music

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only with a deeper focus. We have discussed the business of music, delved deeper into music theory, and widened exposure to music by analyzing many genres. Students use the xylophones to test their knowledge of rhythm and matching pitch to an instrument.

In our after school Rock Band club, students are learning to play *TNT* by AC/DC on guitar, bass, and drums. They are progressing and becoming more comfortable with their instruments. In the coming weeks, they will begin recording the finished product. Next semester, we will focus on writing and recording their own original song.



On the road to Kampsville

...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" on November 2nd. 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.

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



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

Care & Carol



December 1st is Care & Carol, our annual tradition of bringing joy to members of our Lemont community. We will meet at school at noon for practice and head to Lemont Nursing and Rehabilitation Center to sing at 1:00^{pm}.

Friends and family are welcome to join us, the more the merrier! Or you can spread cheer by sending in holiday cards for our carolers to share with residents. This is an all ages family event chaired by MSOL parent and staff member, Kathy Shaw. Dress festively!



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