

Montessori School of Lemont

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Save the Date!

- October 1
Tuition Due
- October 4-6
Kampsville Trip
4th-8th grade
- October 9
Columbus Day, No School
- October 12-13
Book Fair
- October 12
Adolescent Parent-Student
Meeting, 3:30^{pm}
Elementary Parent-Student
Evening, 3:30-6:30^{pm}
- October 13, 4:00-6:00^{pm}
Primary Parent-Student
Evening
- October 27, 9:00^{am}-2:00^{pm}
Family Field Trip to
Brookfield Zoo
- October 28, Noon-3:00^{pm}
Fall Fest

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Parent-Student Evenings

Twice a year, we invite parents to visit their child's classroom for a hands on Montessori experience led by the students.

On Thursday, October 12 from 3:30^{pm}-6:30^{pm} Lower and Upper Elementary parents are invited to visit their child's classroom. At 3:30^{pm}, parents and Adolescent students will meet as a community. On Friday, October 13 from 4:00^{pm} – 6:00^{pm} parents of 3-6 year olds will have the opportunity to visit the primary classes.

Come experience a slice of school life and see your child's confidence grow as they

demonstrate new skills and serve as your teachers for the evening. Take this opportunity to see the classroom through your child's eyes and share their pride as they show off their classroom, teachers and most importantly, their new BFFs!

While this bonding time with your child is wonderfully informative, it is not a conference. Informal Parent-Teacher conferences will held in October for parents of new students and students who are in a new classroom. Formal conferences for all parents are held in November and May.



World Peace Day

On September 21st we celebrated World Peace Day, coming together as a community to join students around the world to simultaneously sing a song of peace.

Students joined hands under the sun with staff and fellow students of different grades, backgrounds, races, and religions. At exactly 10^{am} CST, to coordinate with others around the world, we sang "[Light a Candle for Peace](#)" (click link for video). A primary student from Mrs. Fry's class was later overheard saying, "I want to be a candle." (M.K., age 3)

Instilling the principles of peace is the foundation of the Montessori method. Montessori believed that "Establishing lasting peace is the work of education."





Green Room playing a game of Duck, Duck, Goose at recess

Helping Hands

We have recently seen the damage and devastation of Hurricane Harvey and Irma. Countless residents have been displaced. Some of us have even been personally affected, worrying about family members and friends. However, during this dark time, bits of light and hope have been shining through.

Our Adolescent class took it upon themselves to help by holding a sock drive in hopes of bringing comfort to those who have been so struck by this natural disaster. Thank you to all who gave so generously! Hundreds of items came in and sent to help those in need.

-Timmy Dustin

Our Upper Elementary class ran their own food drive. However, they not only collected for the people affected but also for the pets who have gone hungry.

Compassion and love for others is what Montessori is all about. It is rewarding to

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Parents' Association Report

Jenna Treanor, President
Lori MacDonald, Vice President
Debbie Moreno, Secretary
Therese Colby, Executive Director

The PA held an executive committee meeting to discuss Walk, Jog, Run proceed allocation and Fall Fest planning. In attendance were:

Jenna Treanor-PA President
Lori MacDonald-Vice President
Debbie Moreno-Secretary
Therese Colby-Executive Director

Walk Jog Run

Thank you sponsors: Fast Signs, Olsick Insurance, Homer Companies, D&A Assc. and the Shervino, Waller and Peterson families.

- \$2,349 proceeds:
\$2,000 (est.) 5 trees for playground
\$960 cross country team uniforms

Fall Fest

- Adolescent-run fun house
- Upper El-run haunted trail
- Taco truck
- Ice cream cart
- Face painting
- Pumpkin painting
- Photo booth
- Trunk or treating
- Beer garden
- Raffle(4) Bulls tickets and premium parking passes
- Music
- Games and prizes



Lower Elementary enjoying their music lesson

[During food prep...]

"No one's respecting the bananas!"

-H.N., age 7

Fall Fest!

Our annual Fall Fest is just around the corner! Join us for this popular community event on Saturday, October 28th from Noon-3:00^{pm}. Sponsored by the Parents' Association, there will be a lot of fun activities for kids and grown ups alike! Costumes are encouraged, so be creative!

See the PA Report for a list of planned events!



"Trunk-or-Treating!"

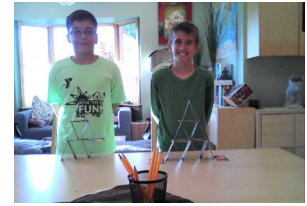
If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, contact Lori MacDonald lorimac97@gmail.com or Debbie Moreno at dmoreno@supremescrewinc.com



Our annual book fair will be held from 3:30-7:30^{pm} on October 12 and 13 in conjunction with Parent-Student Evening. Parents and students are invited to shop before and after school for their home library! There will be lists of recommended reading, but of course children are en-

couraged to choose books that will not only complement their reading level, but are interesting to them!

Thank you to Upper Elementary parent, Elizabeth Waller, for chairing the event again this year and providing pizza for all book fair shoppers!



Alp and Ryan showing off their houses of cards

Family Field Trip to Brookfield Zoo!



Thank you to the Kaspar family for the generous donation of picnic tables!

On October 27, we will take our annual family field trip to Brookfield Zoo. This community event brings families together to share experiences that will provide lasting memories.

Buses will pick us up from the MSOL parking lot at 9:00^{am}. For those who would prefer to drive and meet us there can meet us by the statue at the end of

the tunnel by the North entrance at 10:00^{am} Parking is \$12 and admission is free for the field trip if we enter as a group.

Primary students are required to have a chaperone for this field trip. Can't take off work? No problem! Send a friend or relative or talk to your child's teacher about pairing up your child with a classmate.

"I love school. I didn't used to, but now I do. Because I love learning. At school, it's like my family but everybody comes from different parents"
-S.R., age 9

Helping Hands

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 see young members of our community reaching out and rising up.

"If help and salvation are to come, they can only come from the children, for the children are the makers of men."
 —Maria Montessori

Fire Safety Visits

On the 10th of this month, our primary classrooms will meet our local fire fighters to learn about fire safety and experience the always popular fire truck tour.

1st-8th grade visits are scheduled for October 16th and will cover evacuation plans, safety trailer and a roundtable discussion with firefighters.



Adolescents running their MSOL Fresh Market during carpool.

...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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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.

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



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

Making History!

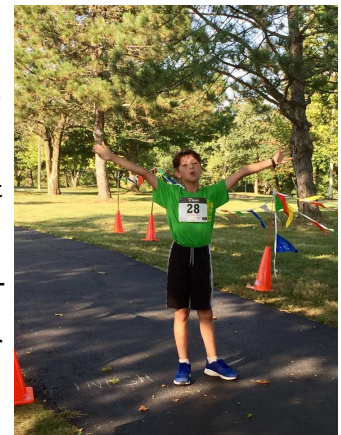
We are proud to introduce our new Cross Country team, MSOL’s first interscholastic sports team! Coach Jerry Kohn is a seasoned veteran when it comes to cross country. Jerry ran cross country in high school and college and also coached for many years at the high school level. One of his runners even took second place at state finals.

Jerry says, “It’s a sport that builds both fitness and character. It’s challenging, but can be satisfying and fun as well.”

Although this is our first cross country season many students have signed up. Practices consist of stretching, calisthenics, and runs on our own 8 acre campus, as well as jogs through Monte Bello Estate

thanks to our neighbor, Michael Oremus.

We will add track and field in the spring and look forward to growing our interscholastic program!



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