

# Montessori School of Lemont

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## Save the Date!

- October 1  
Tuition Due
- October 3-5  
Kampsville Trip  
4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade
- October 8  
Columbus Day, No School
- October 11-12  
Book Fair
- October 11  
Adolescent Parent-Student Meeting, 3:30<sup>pm</sup>  
Elementary Parent-Student Evening, 3:30-6:30<sup>pm</sup>
- October 12, 4:00-6:00<sup>pm</sup>  
Primary Parent-Student Evening
- October 19, 10:00<sup>am</sup>  
Primary Family Field Trip to Bengston's Pumpkin Farm
- October 27, Noon-3:00<sup>pm</sup>  
Fall Fest
- October 31, 9:00<sup>am</sup>-2:00<sup>pm</sup>  
Elementary Field Trip to Brookfield Zoo



Our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Walk, Jog, Run! was the biggest and most successful ever! PA President, Jenna Treanor, proposed a color-run for this year's event and WJR Chair Jeanine Tschudy took the idea and ran with it.

Special thanks to our donors and families who procured donations from GoGo Squeeze, Kra, Canon, Lemont Paving, Marquette Bank, Hauptman Jewelers, D&A Ltd, Lemont Park District, Olsick Insurance, Supreme Screw, Inc., the Mark Miller



Family and Monte Bello Estate and helped us raise almost \$4,000 for our PE programs! Thanks also to the vendors who participated in our first Wellness Fair at the event: Advocate Health Care, American Alliance for Healthy Sleep, Athletico, Chiro-One, Plexus and Allergy Easy Living.

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## 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 with staff and fellow students of different grades, backgrounds, races, and religions. At exactly 10<sup>am</sup> CST, to coordinate with others around the world, we sang "[Light a Candle for Peace](#)" (click link for video).

## Parent-Student Evenings

Parents are invited to join us this month for the first of our semi annual Parent Student Evenings. Parents Visit the classroom for a hands-on Montessori experience led by your child!

On Thursday, October 11 from 3:30<sup>pm</sup>-6:30<sup>pm</sup> Lower and Upper Elementary parents will be the guests of honor in your child's classroom.

At 3:30<sup>pm</sup> Adolescents and their parents will come togeth-

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Lower El students (and staff!) practicing yoga during PE.

## Philanthropy

In keeping with Montessori's peace curriculum, philanthropy is integrated into all levels at MSOL from our youngest students to our young adults. At the Adolescent level, the service commitment is formalized in a three part written agreement entered into by the students and witnessed by their teacher and parents. The contract includes service to family, school and community. Their community service has been focused locally on the John Lane Farm, an historic landmark and museum

## -Therese Colby

in Lockport, however in response to the recent devastation caused by Hurricane Florence and the humanitarian crisis in Syria, they have expanded their service to include the national and global communities.

Our students hope to bring

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**“Establishing  
lasting peace is  
the work of  
education.”**

**Maria Montessori**

## Parents' Association Report

September 11, 2018, 8:45-10:30am

Officers Present:

Jenna Treanor, President

Lori MacDonald, Vice President

Debbie Moreno, Secretary

Jeanine Tschudy, Treasurer

Therese Colby, Executive Director

Also in attendance: Kelsey Brickl and Karen Damato

Meeting called to order at 8:30am by Jenna Treanor

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am by Jenna Treanor

Walk, Jog, Run!

### I. Logistics

Jenna reviewed map of Bambrick Park and locations of six sprayers with three volunteers each. TC to ask staff to spray runners. Jenna to assign stations. Jim to be crossing guard. Discussion of items needed, sponsors and signage.

### II. Registration (Lori/Debbie)

Vote held on bag to be procured by Jeff MacDonald from Marquette Bank. All agreed on duffel bag. Marquette to supply logo materials, school to provide logo pencils. Debbie to supply sunglasses. T-Shirts orders due by September 20th. Kelsey to handle social media schedule. Jenna reviewed pricing of logo shirts.

### III. Color

Jeanine and TC to order color gel and confetti, Debbie to donate. Jeanine to test sprayers and bring to the event. Product choices and logistics discussed.

### IV. Wellness Fair

Jenna proposed Wellness Fair. Advocate, Chiro One and Athletico expressed interest. Additional vendors to be invited. Room Parents to recruit participation and attendance.



A Primary parent receiving the Checkerboard presentation at our Fall Curriculum Crawl.



Fall Fest is right around the corner! Join us for this annual community event on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from Noon-3:00<sup>pm</sup>. Sponsored by the Parents' Association, there will fun activities for the kids and grown ups alike! Costumes are encouraged and don't forget to decorate the trunk of your car for Trunk-or-Treating!

If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, come to our next PA meeting on October 3 at 8:45<sup>am</sup> or contact Jenna at [jenna.treanor@gmail.com](mailto:jenna.treanor@gmail.com)



## Scholastic Book Fair

Our annual Fall Book Fair will be held on October 11 and 12 in the Elementary building in conjunction with our Primary and Elementary Parent-Student Evenings.

The theme this year is the Enchanted Forest and parents are invited to shop

before, during or after school.

Thank you to Upper Elementary parent, Elizabeth Waller, for chairing the event again this year and providing pizza for all book fair shoppers! Elizabeth is also planning a special gift for her first ten customers!



Nirmel identifying the countries and their capitals on the pin map of South America.

## Primary Family Field Trip

All Primary families are invited to join us for a day at Bengston's Pumpkin Farm on October 19! Primary students are required to have a chaperone however we realize that not all parents will be able to attend. Please let your teacher know if you would like her help finding a chaperone.

There will be no classes for Primary students on October 19th.



Kindergarteners on top of the world!

***“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

### ***Philanthropy***

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some comfort to the victims by sending socks to families displaced by Hurricane Florence and coats to the orphans in Syria. Please send in your donations by October 2nd. Thank you!

October is Fire Safety month so don't be alarmed if you see fire engines on campus!

Primary students will learn about fire safety and take the always popular "Touch a Truck" tour. Lower El students will run simulations in the mobile classroom trailer. Upper El and

Adolescents will discuss evacuation plans and have a roundtable discussion with firefighters on home alone safety and big brother/sister responsibilities.

The fire and police departments will be on campus again later in the month to observe and time our state required intruder and fire drills.



Upper and Lower El siblings, Kenaan and Najah, sharing their Gifts & Challenges exercise.

*...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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## *Parent-Student Evenings*

### **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!**

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er for a community meeting to discuss and plan the current cycle (trimester), Pedagogy of Place.

On Friday, October 12th from 4:00<sup>pm</sup>–6:00<sup>pm</sup> parents of 3-6 year olds will visit the Primary classes for this special experience.

Watch your child’s confidence grow as they demonstrate new skills and serve as your teachers for the evening. Seeing the classroom through your child’s eyes offers you a perspective that will change and grow along with your child.

Informal Parent -Teacher conferences will held separately for parents of new students and students who are in a new classroom. Formal conferences for all parents are held in November and May.



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