

# Montessori School of Lemont

Since 1972

## Save the Date!

- March 1<sup>st</sup>  
Tuition Due
- March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Casimir Pulaski Day, No School
- March 7<sup>th</sup>  
Adolescent Student-Run Conferences
- March 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>  
Iowa Testing
- March 17<sup>th</sup>  
PA Meeting, 8:45<sup>am</sup>
- March 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>  
Spring Break, No School  
Classes resume March 31<sup>st</sup>

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On April 25<sup>th</sup>, the MSOL Parents' Association is hosting Casino Night at Maggiano's in Naperville! Supporters can [sponsor](#) the event, [bid online](#) or [buy tickets](#) and join us for a casino themed gaming night, see the PA report on page two for more details.

The annual auction is the major fundraiser for our building fund that provides for the continued growth and improvement of our campus.

The goal for the 2025 Casino Night is \$50,000!

Past improvement projects include the Farmessori Chicken Coop and Environmental Ed Workshop, patio hardscaping, remodeling of the Adolescent classroom, replacing flooring in the Elementary building, a campus wide video surveillance system, solar speed limit signs on 135<sup>th</sup> Street, remodeling the lower level of the Adolescent building for Fitness & Fine Arts, pergolas and furniture for the Elementary outdoor classrooms, parking lot expansion, striping, and half basketball court, HVAC and air purification systems, enhancing the playground, and much more.

Thanks in advance for your continued support of our school!

### \$5,000 Platinum Sponsorship

(8) Complimentary Tickets at a reserved table  
Recognition on social media, event page, emails & website

### \$2,500 Gold Sponsorship

(4) Complimentary Tickets  
Recognition on social media, event page, emails & website

### \$1,000 Silver Sponsorship

(2) Complimentary Tickets  
Recognition on social media, event page, emails & website

### \$500 Bronze Sponsorship

(1) Complimentary Ticket  
Recognition on social media, event page, emails & website

## Thank you, Silver & Bronze Sponsor: Fifth Third Bank!



**\$150 Individual Business Table Sponsorships** – Your company logo and QR code will be displayed on one of the dining tables, giving your brand great exposure as guests enjoy their meals.



**\$300 Casino Game Table Sponsorships** – Choose your preferred table (Poker, Blackjack, Roulette, or Craps) and have your company logo and QR code displayed prominently at the game.



**\$600 Hors d'Oeuvres Sponsorship** – Be the exclusive sponsor of our hors d'oeuvres at the Casino Night Auction! Your company logo and QR code will be displayed at the food table, giving your brand prime visibility as guests enjoy delicious bites throughout the evening.



**\$650 Exclusive Bar Sponsorship** – Take your brand to the next level by sponsoring the bar at our Casino Night Auction! Your company logo and QR code will be prominently featured at the bar, offering prime visibility as guests mingle and enjoy drinks all evening long.



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Meda loves checking  
on the chickens!

“Does anyone  
know where  
the country of  
Wales is  
located?”

C.Z., Parent &  
Special Guest

...

“In the  
aquarium?”

C.F., age 3

## Parents' Association News

-Kristin Wade  
PA Communications Coordinator

### ANNUAL AUCTION

The MSOL Parents' Association would like to invite you to a night of excitement at Maggiano's Little Italy in Naperville. We will be entertaining you with a thrilling **Casino Night** full of games, appetizers, and drinks. Please come join us—dress in your best Vegas-inspired attire (sparkles, glam, and suits!).

**HOW IT WORKS:** Upon arrival, purchase your casino game chips and play poker, roulette, blackjack, or craps. You can also purchase tokens for the slot machines. At the end of the night, trade in your chips and tokens for raffle tickets, giving you a chance to win one of our amazing baskets! If you don't gamble or if you lose all your chips/tokens, don't worry! You can purchase raffle tickets directly and still have a chance at winning big!

We have a [procurement letter](#), [sponsorship form](#), and [event letter](#) describing the fundraiser. Reach out if you would like a copy to hand out to any individuals or businesses that are willing to donate. Donation forms can be turned into Annie in the office. Any questions or comments can be addressed to the PA at [msolpa50@gmail.com](mailto:msolpa50@gmail.com)

\*Casino Night games are for entertainment purposes only

### GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL PERSON DAY

Come celebrate and honor grandparents or your special person and strengthen the bond between generations. Be on the lookout for more details about this event, hosted on April 11<sup>th</sup> during the school day.

Information about classroom times and details will follow.



### Consider sharing your **Time, Talent, Treasure** with your MSOL family

- We understand **TIME** is precious. If you're able to give some of your time to help cultivate the MSOL experience for our kids we value your **TIME!**
- As the world keeps growing and evolving the MSOL family is interested in your **TALENTS** that you would be willing to share with the school.
- Lastly, in this fast paced world you may not have the resources to share your time or talent, though would be interested in sharing (donating) your **TREASURE** to assist with MSOL reaching its highest potential.

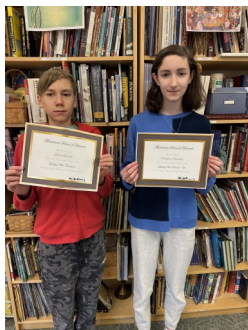
## Spelling Bee

The Scripps National Spelling Bee began in 1925, making it the U.S.'s largest and longest-running educational program. MSOL proudly participates in this great program and our students continue to prove their place in the competition.

The Will County Regional Office of Education “continues to sponsor the spelling bee event to encourage the exploration of words, lifelong curiosity, beneficial study habits, and to give students experience with public speaking.”

Congratulations to 7<sup>th</sup> grader, Lukas Branski who will represent MSOL at the Will County Regional Spelling Bee on March 18<sup>th</sup> against other students from around the region. Kudos to runner up, 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Persephone Haberkern.

Good luck, Lukas!



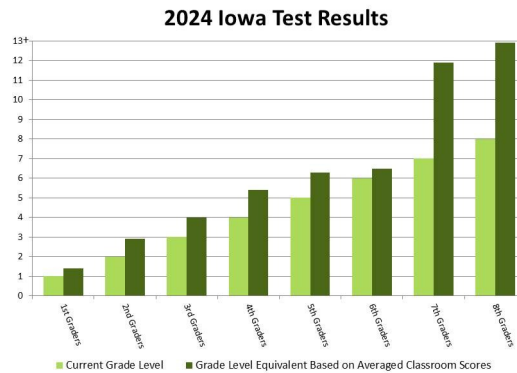
Lukas is heading to the  
Spelling Bee Regionals!

## IOWA Testing

IOWA testing will take place the week of March 10<sup>th</sup> for students in grades 1<sup>st</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>.

Our staff administers the IOWA Test of Basic Skills each year to gather benchmarking data and to introduce students to standardized testing in a no-stakes setting. Since Maria Montessori's goal was 'Education for Life,' test taking is a practical skill we can offer to prepare students for life after Montessori. By introducing the IOWAs in a our environment, students' first impression is stress-free and even fun for some children.

Standardized tests do not measure social-emotional intelligence and in some subjects, do not track with the scope or sequence of our curriculum however they can still provide useful data for measuring learner outcomes and program efficacy. The tests are scored on a scale from 1<sup>st</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> grade and our students typically perform above grade



level, even without test prep commonly used in conventional programs.

In order for your child to perform their best, please be sure he or she gets a good night's sleep and begins their day with a healthy breakfast! Parents who prefer for their children not to participate may opt out.



Snack prep and a fashion statement!

## Nature's Classroom Institute

Throughout the school year, students in the Upper Elementary & Adolescent classrooms are given the opportunities to participate in overnight field trips with their classmates. In February, the Upper Elementary students spent a week visiting [Nature's Classroom](#), an outdoor learning center located in Hartland, Wisconsin. NCI offers environmental education on their extensive property that includes approximately 300 acres of wonderful woods and the lake to explore as well as amazing prairies, meadows and gardens.

Students engage in team building activities, historical simulations and environmental awareness with students, often from other Montessori schools. It is a cherished educational experience that students look forward to year after year.

The Adolescent students will head to NCI later this spring.

**"When walking the trails, you can catch glimpses of brightly colored coats and hear the sound of happy children."**  
**-Ms. Hayevsky,**  
**Orange Room Teacher**



*...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 9<sup>th</sup> grade for 50 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 with two custom designed buildings on 7.5 acres of donated land. In 2010, a third building was constructed to accommodate the growing enrollment and in 2011, a natural playground and an organic community garden were created. Funds are currently being raised to continue to improve and grow our campus.

*Montessori School of Lemont does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, pregnancy, national origin, age, socio-economic level, physical ability, genetic information, and learning style in the administration of its educational policies, admissions, hiring, scholarships or other school programs.*

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## Student Spotlight

Each year, MSOL proudly participates in the Patriot's Pen contest sponsored by Lockport VFW Post 5788. Last month, the Lockport VFW recognized three of our Adolescent students for earning 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in their annual Patriot's Pen essay contest. We're so proud of our students for standing out among all the entries! Each student had the opportunity to read their essay at the regular meeting, followed by a pizza party with their families. A big congratulations to Lukas, Meryk, and Emma (and a special shout-out to Mrs. McClenning, too!)



Interested in learning more about Montessori?  
Join us for Coffee on April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Philosophy • Curriculum • Campus Tour  
Admissions Process • Q & A

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



To register, call or email us at  
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