

# Montessori School of Lemont

Since 1972

## Save the Date!

- April 1<sup>st</sup>  
Tuition Due
- April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Informational Coffee
- April 4<sup>th</sup>  
Parent Appreciation Day
- April 11<sup>th</sup>  
Grandparents' Day
- April 18<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>  
No School
- April 24<sup>th</sup>  
[Online Auction Bidding Closes](#)
- April 25<sup>th</sup>  
2025 Annual Auction  
Casino Night
- April 28<sup>th</sup>  
Teacher In-Service, No  
Classes

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Dear Students:

Thank you for your participation in our Valentine Day Cards for Veterans Drive. Your support, along with that of many others in our community, helped us collect over 500 Valentine Day cards, each filled with care and appreciation for our veterans.

Seeing the smiles on the veterans' faces as they received your Valentine's Day cards was a beautiful reminder of the power of community and kindness. Your involvement truly made a difference and demonstrated our collective commitment to honoring those who have served our country.

Thank you once again for your support in this amazing community project. I look forward to continuing our work together to make our community an even better place.

With sincere thanks,

Nicole La Ha  
State Representative  
82<sup>nd</sup> District



Chicken Checkers reporting for duty!

**“I have a joke  
in my head.  
That’s why  
I’m always  
laughing!”  
-H.G., age 5**



Adolescents making pie for Pi Day

## Parents’ Association News

**-Kristin Wade  
PA Communications Coordinator**

### ANNUAL AUCTION, Friday, April 25

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!).



#### Available Now!

Check out the [Auction Website](#) to purchase or bid on some incredible experiences for your child. Some items have already sold out, so secure your spot while you can! Bid on opportunities to **"Name a Chicken,"** choose a theme for **"Classroom Spirit Day,"** be the **"Teacher Assistant for the Day"** and many more. These unique experiences are a great way to support the school while creating unforgettable memories for your child. [Purchase tickets](#) for the auction

## PLEASE JOIN US!

The MSOL Parents' Association would like to invite you to a night of excitement at Maggiano's Little Italy in Naperville. This year the auction will benefit projects to further enhance our campus. Past campus improvement projects include the installation of a video surveillance system, basement remodel, amenities for our outdoor classrooms, parking lot expansion and striping, new HVAC units with air purification systems, Farmessori Chicken Coop, continued additions to the landscaping, maintenance of the outdoor playground areas, classroom supplies, and much more.

In line with this year's theme, we will be entertaining you with a thrilling Casino Night. Please come join us for an evening filled with fun and games—think poker, blackjack, roulette, and more. Dress in your best Vegas-inspired attire (sparkles, glam, and suits!).

The evening's entertainment will feature appetizers, refreshing drinks, a live auction, and exciting casino games! We would appreciate any monetary donations or donations of items or services to support our auction. 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). We will look forward to celebrating with you!!

Sincerely,

*Sheila Strutz*

Sheila Strutz, Fundraising Coordinator  
Email: [pa@lemontmontessori.com](mailto:pa@lemontmontessori.com)

and don't miss out on the \$25 raffle tickets for a chance to win a FREE month of tuition for one student! This is an opportunity you won't want to miss!

Share this [procurement letter](#), [sponsorship form](#), and [event letter](#) to individuals and businesses that might be willing to donate. Sponsors will be featured on our website and all donations are

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## Live Auction Classroom Projects

It's that time of year when each class creates a project to be auctioned off to the highest bidder at our annual gala! The staff also volunteers their time to provide an after school Teacher Feature experience that parents can ['buy now' online](#) or at the event... If they are still available! Online bidding for projects is open and will continue in person at the Live Auction. Not attending the event in person? Be sure to come in strong with your online bid!

Silver Room



Stained Glass Window

Orange Room



Bottle Art

Blue Room



Finger Prints on Canvas

Green Room



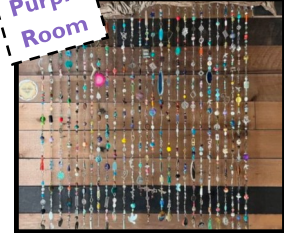
Nature Inspired Lamp

Yellow Room



Photo Throw

Purple Room



Sunbeam Catcher

## Silent Auction Teacher Features

- Mrs. Scapellato & Mrs. Pasharikoff: **Picnic & Playdate**
- Mrs. Rodey & Mrs. Wilkerson: **Mosaic Flower Pots**
- Mrs. Fry & Ms. Uribe: **Montessori Nature Walk**
- Ms. Medina & Ms. Ocampo: **Pizza & a Movie **\*\*SOLD OUT****
- Ms. Hayevsky & Mrs. Robinson : **Pizza & a Movie **\*\*SOLD OUT****
- Mrs. McClenning: **Pasta Cooking Class & Dinner**
- Mr. Ruddick: **Nature Catcher Making Class**

All School



Blossoming Wings

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tax deductible. Forms can be turned into Annie in the office. Reach out to the PA at [msolpa50@gmail.com](mailto:msolpa50@gmail.com) with any questions or suggestions!

### GRANDPARENTS'/SPECIAL SOMEONES' DAY

Come celebrate and honor grandparents/your special person. The PA will be hosting a fun activity during this special day and your child will personalize their very own rock to create "Rocky" a painted rock snake. The PA will be offering two different keepsake photo projects for pre-order by Friday, April 4.



#### Consider sharing your **Time, Talent, and Treasure!**

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. -The MSOL PA Coordinators

...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 almost 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 after the construction of a new campus on 7.5 acres of donated land. In 2010, a third 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.

*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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It is the mission of the  
Montessori School  
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to provide for the  
physical,  
intellectual,  
emotional, and

spiritual  
education of children ages  
3-15 years

following the methods and  
philosophy of  
Dr. Maria Montessori.

## Student Highlight



The Scripps National Spelling Bee has been running since 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."

Last month, Montessori 7<sup>th</sup> grader, Lukas Branski competed against 30 other students in the Will County Regional Spelling Bee and placed 6<sup>th</sup> going out on the word "Pfishing". Great job, Lukas!



## Coffee Anyone?



Are you interested in learning more about Montessori?  
Join us for one of our monthly "Coffees!"

Prospective parents will tour the school, learn about the Montessori philosophy, observe a class in progress and meet with current parents, faculty and students.

For details, call or email us at [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!**



**MONTESSORI**  
School of Lemont