

Montessori School of Lemont

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Save the Date!

- August 1st
Fees & Health Forms Due
- August 14th, 6:30^{pm}
Movie Night
- August 21st
Elementary Back-to-School Parent Meetings
- August 25th
Primary Back-to-School Parent Meetings
- August 25th, 10-11^{am}
New Student Orientation for 1st-6th Grade
- August 27-29th
Half Days for K-9th Grade
- August 29th, 11^{am}
Adolescent Back-to-School Parent Meeting
- September 2nd
First Day of Regular Schedule for All Students
Courtyard Coffee, 8:45^{am}

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A New School Year Begins!



Purple Room Parents
August 21, 6 - 7^{pm}

Orange Room Parents
August 21, 7 - 8^{pm}

Blue & Green Room Parents
August 25, 6 - 7^{pm}

Yellow Room Parents
August 25, 7 - 8^{pm}

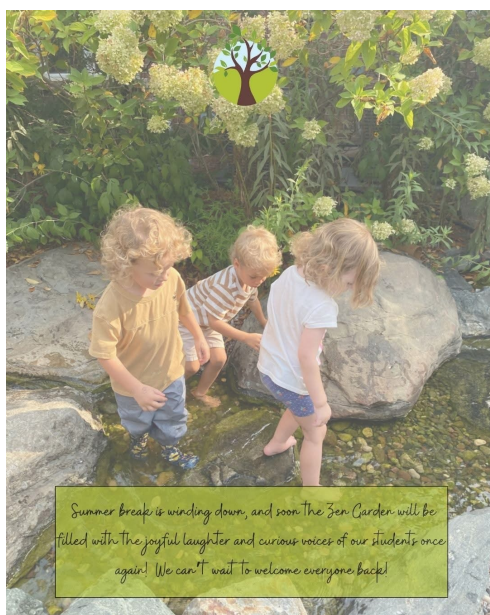
Silver Room Parents
August 29, 11-11:45^{am}

The new school year is here, and we're ready for it! Whether you're brand new to MSOL or a returning family, we've got a full lineup of ways to connect, get involved, and ease into the school year together.

We're starting off strong with *Movie Night* (yes, popcorn included), followed by *Back to School Parent Meetings*, *Student Orientations*, our laid-back *Back to School Picnic*, and everyone's favorite drop-off hangout, *Coffee in the Courtyard*. Parent Meetings will cover what's new, what's the same, and what to expect for the year ahead. Feel free to bring school supplies to any of these events, one less thing on your list!

Coming in September: our *Parent Ed Night* (because Montessori isn't just for kids) and the always fun *Walk, Jog, Run* family event. Then in October, it's time for the big one—our *Family & Friends Golf Outing & Fall Fest!* It's a day full of laughter, food, and community, and our amazing Parents Association is already planning something special.

We're so glad you're here. Let's make this year unforgettable together.



Summer break is winding down, and soon The Zen Garden will be filled with the joyful laughter and curious voices of our students once again! We can't wait to welcome everyone back!



**New Elementary
Students**

August 25, 10-11^{am}
Purple & Orange Rooms

**New Primary
Students**

August 14
Green Room

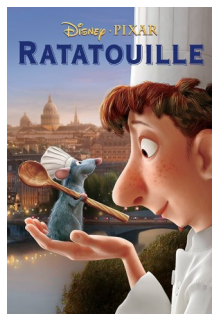
August 22
Blue & Yellow Rooms
*Teachers will contact
parents to schedule*



Mr. Ruddick brought an exciting guest to Summer Specials

[Overheard during Bug Week:]

"I'll trade you two golden rod beetles for a boxelder bug."



Movie Night! Coming soon to an amphitheater near you!

Campus Ready! A Summer Full of Progress at MSOL

While our classrooms were quieter over summer break, our campus was buzzing with energy! From sealing and striping the parking lot to upgrading our computer network and setting up new Chromebooks, our facilities and technology got a serious refresh. Behind the scenes, a full attic purge cleared out decades of storage, and we updated cabinets, toilets, and sinks as needed, complete with fresh paint to brighten the spaces. Our outdoor spaces got plenty of love too. The Purple and Orange Room gardens were transformed into vibrant, student-friendly oases, and the Zen Garden received a peaceful refresh. A scenic overlook is in the works, thanks to a thoughtful collaboration with our Eagle Scouts. Installation coming soon! We also upgraded our road signage to be remotely programmable, making our

community even safer. And, despite a sweltering heat wave, we worked diligently to keep our flora and fauna healthy and thriving. Summer wasn't all hammer and nails—we also enjoyed seven amazing weeks of Summer Specials that kept students active, creative, and connected. Meanwhile, staff and volunteers were hard at work planning events for the coming year, including some returning favorites and exciting new ideas on the calendar.

As we open our doors for a new school year, we're deeply grateful to the team of staff, volunteers, and partners who made this summer so productive. We can't wait to welcome you back and share everything we've been building, literally and figuratively, all summer long!

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Parents' Association News

-Kristin Wade

The new school year is almost here. Remember to print the annual [calendar](#). The PA has exciting events, philanthropy and fundraising opportunities planned. We look forward to seeing you at Movie Night and the Back-to-School meetings and events!

SAVE THE DATE! OCTOBER 3

FORE! THE LOVE OF MSOL ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
[FRIENDS & FAMILY EVENT TICKETS](#)
[GOLF OUTING TICKETS](#)

Our annual fundraiser is a fun way to support our school and connect as a community. Learn what it is all about — and why your involvement matters. We hope every family can find a way to join in, give back, and enjoy the day!



WANT TO CONNECT WITH YOUR CLASS?

Room Parents are here to provide classroom-related information and foster engagement. You will meet your Room Parent at the Back-to-School Meetings. As a reminder, Room Parents will not be collecting money for classroom or teacher needs.

BLUE: Dylon Ciapas

GREEN: Marina Bello

YELLOW: Kristin Wade

PURPLE: Sylvia Helegda

ORANGE: Jackie Claxton

SILVER: Lori MacDonald

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 14: [MOVIE NIGHT!](#)

Join us for Ratatouille at dusk (around 8 PM). Come early for fun activities and (cash-only) snacks sold by the Silver Room and their student-run business, The MSOL Fresh Market. Come for the games and stay for as much of the movie as you can!

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August 29: **BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC!**

BYO! Hang out after the 11:30^{AM} dismissal. All families welcome—even if your child hasn't started school yet!

September 2: **COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD**

Stop by outside the office after drop-off (8:45 AM) in September for coffee, light refreshments. Come to ask questions or a casual hello with PA and room parents.

October 3, 2025: **FRIENDS & FAMILY FUNDRAISER**

GIVEAWAYS AT EVERY EVENT!!

The Parents' Association unites families to share their Time, Talent, & Treasure in support of MSOL's community.



School Supply Lists are available on Transparent Classroom!

First Semester 2025-26
AFTER SCHOOL SPECIALS

- Yoga Fun (PreK-K)
- Soccer (PreK-3rd grade)
- Bookmaking (3rd grade & up)
- Crochet (3rd grade & up)
- Chess Scholars (1st grade & up)
- Sewing (1st grade & up)
- MSOL Children's Choir (1st grade & up)
- Jewelry Making (1st grade & up)
- Farmessori (1st-6th grade)

...AND MORE!!

Registration Due by: 8/26

After School Specials

Registration for Fall After School Specials will be open soon and we're very excited to offer fun new classes along with our long standing favorites. Take advantage of these wonderful opportunities for your children.

Registration is due August 26th and enrollment is limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis. Forms will be available on Transparent Classroom soon!!

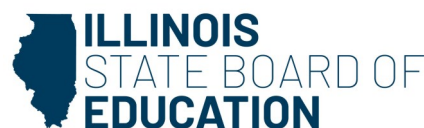
Illinois State Board of Education

MSOL is recognized with the Illinois State Board of Education which requires the following of students in public and non-public schools. All forms are due by August 1st

- **Dental Forms Due** for all students entering K, 2nd, 6th, and 9th grade.
- **Vision Exam Forms Due** for all current Kindergarten students and all transfer students in K– 9th grade.
- **Health Exam Forms Due** for all new students who are 3 & 4 years old, or entering Kindergarten, 6th, & 9th grade
- All students entering 6th–9th grade must show proof of receipt of one dose of Tdap vaccine (containing tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis).

Parents exercising their legal right to not immunize their children must submit a Religious Exemption Certificate in lieu of immunization records. A health exam form signed by your child's pediatrician is due regardless of exemption status.

Forms and/or exemption letters are required before your child may start school.



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to provide for the
physical,
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education of children ages 3-15
years
following the methods and
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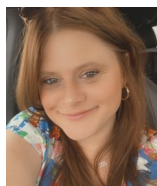
For all the little reasons

The Montessori School of Lemont, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization recognized by the State of Illinois and accredited by the American Montessori Society, has been educating children ages 3 through 9th grade for over 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 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.

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Welcoming a New Face to the Yellow Room



Please join us in welcoming Jamie Conn to the staff at MSOL! She will be assisting Mrs. Fry in the Yellow Room as we prepare to say goodbye to Ms. Uribe who is relocating. While we are truly sad to see her go, we are deeply grateful for the care, dedication, and joy she brought to our community.

Jamie brings over a decade of Montessori experience at both the 0-3 and 3-6 levels and holds her 3-6 Montessori certification from the American Montessori Society. With a deep commitment to Montessori principles and nature-based education, her work is grounded in respect, curiosity, and a passion for nurturing a lifelong love of learning. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Ms. Uribe and wish her all the best in her next chapter. Please join us in giving a warm welcome to Jamie, we are thrilled to have her join the MSOL community!

Coffee Anyone?

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

Tour the school, learn about Montessori, observe a class in progress
and talk to current parents, faculty and students.
For upcoming dates & details, call or email us at
info@lemontmontessori.com

* Curriculum * Classroom Observation * Student Ambassadors *
Parent Mentors * Q & A * Admissions Process

Join us for coffee and stay for a few years!

