

Montessori School of Lemont

Since 1972

Save the Date!

- November 1st
Tuition Due
- November 6th
Informational Coffee
- November 6th-7th
Parent-Student Events
- November 8th
Family Field Trip/Trim-A
-Tree at Brookfield Zoo
- November 11th
Veterans' Day,
Observed in School
- November 24th-25th
Conferences,
No School
- November 26th-28th
Thanksgiving Holiday,
No School

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Parent-Student Evenings

Parent-Student Evening is a special opportunity to step into your child's Montessori world and see learning through their eyes. Held twice each year, this event invites parents to experience the classroom as students while the children take the lead! They'll be guiding you through their daily

routines, demonstrating lessons, and sharing their favorite works and discoveries. It's a chance to witness their growing confidence, independence, joy in learning firsthand and, of course, to meet their closest friends who make each day at school so meaningful!



Elementary Parent-Student Evening
Thursday, November 6th at 3:30-6:30^{pm}

Primary Green Room Parent-Student Evening
Thursday, November 6th at 3:30-5:30^{pm}

Adolescent Parent-Student Meetings
Friday, November 7th at 3:30^{pm}

Primary Blue/Yellow Room Parent-Student Evening
Friday, November 7st at 3:30-5:30^{pm}



Environmental Education

During Environmental Education, Mr. Ruddick sparked curiosity with a simple question: "How can we find out how tall a tree is?" Lower Elementary students eagerly offered creative ideas "We could climb to the top with a tape measure!" or "Use a really tall ladder!" Mr. Ruddick replied, "Those are great solutions! But how can we do it safely and without leaving the ground?" That's when he introduced an old lumberjack trick for measuring tree height using nothing more than a stick and a long tape measure.

Here's how it works: Find a stick about the length of your arm and hold it straight out in front of you, vertically. Then, walk backward or forward until the bottom of the stick lines up with the base of the tree and the top of the stick aligns with the top of the tree. Measure the distance from where you're standing to the base of the tree, and that's the tree's approximate height!

Students were amazed to discover that with just a bit of observation and simple tools, they could uncover the measurements of nature's tallest landmarks. Lessons like this remind us that learning outdoors not only deepens our understanding of science, it also nurtures curiosity, problem-solving, and a lifelong appreciation for the natural world.





Lower El students at the
Morton Arboretum

[During a field trip to
the Morton Arboretum]

**"We are digging
for science!"**

-S.S., 8 yrs.



Nora helping out on
Campus Care Day

Parents' Association News

-Kristin Wade
PA President

MSOL engages in philanthropy projects as part of our commitment to nurturing compassionate and responsible individuals. These projects teach children the importance of giving back to their communities and help them develop empathy, leadership skills, and a sense of global citizenship. Parental involvement plays an important role in supporting these efforts. When parents contribute their time, resources, or donations, they not only enhance the success of the projects but also set an example of generosity and community spirit.

We want to thank all the parents who have generously given their time and donations this school year. Your support has made a tremendous impact on our philanthropic efforts and the learning experiences of our students. For those who are still planning to contribute, we look forward to working together to continue making a difference in our community.

VETERAN'S CARE PACKAGE CAMPAIGN

We are uniting with [Guardian Corps of America](#) again to assemble 200 hygiene kit backpacks for homeless vets. Check out the Sign-up Genius link to view needed supplies. [SIGN UP TO DONATE](#)
ITEMS MUST BE DROPPED OFF BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14th!



CARE & CAROL

Families will continue our annual tradition called **Care & Carol**, for residents of the [Lemont Nursing and Rehabilitation Center](#). The MSOL choir, led by Mrs. McClenning and Ms. Hayevsky, will perform holiday music for the residents. All families are welcomed to meet at the nursing home to sing along, song sheets will be provided.

Place: 12450 Walker Road, Lemont

Date: Thursday, December 11 at 3:30pm



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 4	VETERAN'S CARE PACKAGE CAMPAIGN
December 12	CARE & CAROL

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.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

It's hard to believe that we're already approaching the end of first semester! On November 24th and 25th teachers will meet with parents for a semi-annual formal conference. Teachers will be reaching out to parents to schedule conferences.



Primary and Lower Elementary students do not participate in conferences. There will be no classes for students.

Upper Elementary students (4th-6th grade) participate in their conferences. Adolescent students (7th-8th grade) lead their own self evaluations and report out to their parents and teachers.



Primary students getting their hands dirty

Fall Fest Recap

Fall Fest was an absolute blast once again! Huge thanks to PA Vice President, Brooke Sipes, and her squad of alumni and PA volunteers, for making it all happen. Shout out to the MSOL students, staff and parents who helped with the choir performance, haunted trail, haunted basement and Tunk or Treat! It was a day packed with fun, food, and festivities for everyone!



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It is the mission of the
Montessori School
of Lemont
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.



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School of Lemont

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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Cold Weather Ahead!

As the weather changes, please remember:

- * Students go outside for recess daily unless the wind chill factor is below 20°. Send scarves, mittens, hats, boots, and snow pants to school every day.
- * For the health and safety of our staff, when it is raining or the wind chill is 10° or lower, parents are asked to walk children to and from their cars at arrival and dismissal.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

Call: 1-900-407-SNOW

<http://www.emergencyclosingcenter.com/>

Montessori Elementary/Preschool of Lemont



Coffee, Anyone?

Are you interested in learning more about Montessori? Join us for one of our monthly "Coffees". Prospective parents will take a tour of the campus, learn about Montessori philosophy and MSOL. Call or email if you would like to attend. info@lemontmontessori.com

Philosophy & Curriculum • Tour • Parent Mentors • Programs • Admissions Process



Join us for coffee and stay for a few years!