

Montessori School of Lemont

Since 1972

Save the Date!

- October 1
Tuition Due
- October 3
Early Dismissal 11:30^{am}
Golf Outing & Auction
- October 10
Teacher In-Service
No classes for students
- October 13
Indigenous People's Day/
Columbus Day. No School
- October 17
Campus Care Day
- October 18, Noon-3:00^{pm}
Fall Fest
- October 31
Early Dismissal 11:30^{am}

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Walk, Jog, Color Run!

Our annual Walk, Jog, (Color) Run was a blast! MSOL students, staff, families & friends came together to raise \$1,200 for indoor PE and recess gear. WJR started in 2008 thanks to a parent volunteer with a love for running and fitness, and it's grown into one of our favorite events! Over the years, it's helped fund our natural playground, outdoor classrooms, Gaga Ball Pit, PE program, and more. One of the highlights? Our staff had a blast spraying runners with eco-friendly colors and setting off biodegradable confetti cannons to dye those event t-shirts!

A huge thanks to Jeanine Galetti and Jackie Claxton for organizing WJR, and to all the families and staff for supporting the growth of our programs!





The Adolescent Fresh Market pop-up in carpool!



“So, what kinda vacuums do YOU

like?” N.Q., Age 3

“...Uhhh, Number 6!” M.M., Age 3



Lower Elementary students working their classroom auction project

Parents' Association News

-Kristin Wade
PA President

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 3: GOLF OUTING & AUCTION
October 17: CAMPUS CARE DAY
October 18: FALL FEST
October 14: CARE PACKAGE CAMPAIGN



This MSOL tradition focuses on caring for our school grounds while building a strong sense of community and ownership. Led by Facilities Manager and Environmental Ed teacher, Devin Ruddick, alongside MSOL's resident horticulturalist and alumni parent, Tina Stahmann (Adam, '25). This is a wonderful opportunity to share your time and talents with our community. We can't wait to work together and make our campus shine.

The staff have thoughtfully selected projects for their outdoor learning environments, and will be there to guide volunteers and students. We're seeking up to ten volunteers per room. Students will be able to participate regardless of parent participation and have regular arrival and dismissal times. The school will provide the necessary materials and supplies. If you have power tools, handcards, or other helpful items, bringing them would be a fantastic contribution. If you have leftover materials or supplies that can be reused or recycled, we'd love to hear from you! You never know—your hidden gem might be the perfect fit for a project.

PHILANTHROPY, GUARDIAN CORPS OF AMERICA

MSOL is uniting with [Guardian Corps of America](#) again this year to assemble 120 hygiene kit backpacks for homeless vets. More information on the collection drive will be shared in our app and items will be due Friday, November 14.



OCTOBER AGENDA

FORE! The Love of MSOL! It's almost here! The PA, staff, students, and families have been working overtime to prepare for the 2025-26 Golf Outing & Auction. This event is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community, celebrate our school, and support MSOL's mission. We look forward to sharing this special event with you!



FALL FEST

Get ready for an unforgettable Fall Fest on Saturday October 18th! Enjoy Halloween themed games, brave the Adolescents' Haunted House, and test your courage on the Upper Elementary Class' Haunted Trail. Food available for purchase from Johnny Red Hots Food Truck. Stay till the end and join the fun at our Trunk or Treat in the parking lot! Families can sign up to decorate their car and pass out nut-free Halloween goodies!



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

Alumni Spotlight

One of the hallmarks of becoming an Eagle Scout is the commitment to service. Each Scout who earns this rank takes on a project that not only challenges their leadership skills but also leaves a meaningful mark on their community.

These projects often benefit schools, parks, nonprofits, and neighborhoods, creating spaces and resources that continue to serve others for years to come. But the true value goes beyond the project itself. In guiding volunteers, planning details, and seeing their vision through, Eagle Scouts learn the joy of leadership rooted in service.

We are proud to celebrate MSOL alumni, Alp '22, who recently returned to campus to complete his Eagle Scout project. His dedication, leadership, and hard work are reflected in every detail, leaving a lasting impact on the place where his journey first began.

As his father shared, "Alp and Truman '22, along with several other students, first discovered their passion for building forts at the school. That's why it feels especially meaningful that this project has brought his journey full circle - from those early days, to his Eagle Project, to MSOL, and Troop 149."



We are grateful for Alp's contribution and inspired by the way our alumni continue to give back, making MSOL an even better place for generations to come.



Montessori School of Lemont is proud to be the Charter Organization for Lemont Troop 149

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It is the mission of the
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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

...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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Coffee, Anyone?

Are you interested in learning more about Montessori? Join us for our next monthly "Coffee" on November 6. Prospective parents will take a virtual tour of the campus, learn about Montessori philosophy and MSOL. Call or email if you would like to attend.
info@lemontmontessori.com

- * Philosophy & Curriculum
- * Virtual Tour
- * Parent Mentors
- * Programs
- * Admissions Process



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

Safety Drills & Visits

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 EI students will experience a simulation with the department's mobile fire safety house. Upper EI and Adolescents will meet with firefighters to discuss evacuation plans, home alone safety and big brother/sister responsibilities.



The fire and police departments will also observe and time our required intruder and fire drills this month. As a non-public school recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education, we must perform three fire drills and one police lockdown drill each year. School bus safety drills and tornado drills are also mandated and will be held throughout the year.