

# Montessori School of Lemont

*Since 1972*

## Save the Date!

- January 1<sup>st</sup>  
Tuition Due
- January 6<sup>th</sup>  
Classes Resume
- January 7<sup>th</sup>  
Parents' Association Mtg
- January 8<sup>th</sup>  
Informational Coffee
- January 8<sup>th</sup>  
Alumni Panel
- January 15<sup>th</sup>  
Current Parent Coffee
- January 19<sup>th</sup>  
MLK, Jr. Day, No School
- January 30<sup>th</sup>  
Pajama Day

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## Winter Traditions



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Dorothy and the Cowardly Lion taking a break during rehearsals

**"Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education."**

-Martin Luther King, Jr.



Lower Elementary students are all smiles!

## Parents' Association News

**-Kristin Wade  
PA President**

### CURRENT PARENT COFFEE

**Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:45<sup>am</sup>**

We are excited to invite our current parents to join us for coffee and treats at our upcoming Current Parent Coffee event! This is a wonderful opportunity for parents whose children are nearing the end of their current classroom cycle (K, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>) to learn more about the Montessori classroom transition process. You'll also have the chance to meet your child's future teacher and ask any questions you may have.

We look forward to connecting with you and sharing in both your excitement and nerves as your child embarks on this next step of their journey at MSOL. We hope to see you!

### PAJAMA DAY

**Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**

Supporting Guardian Angels to Make a Difference

We are excited to announce our annual Pajama Day, when we team up with Guardian Angels in Joliet to support their foster care and domestic violence shelter. This meaningful event is a chance for our community to come together and give back to those in need.

Each year, we invite your children to wear their favorite pajamas to school and ask families to donate a new pair of pajamas (with tags on). **They welcome a variety of sizes, with a particular need for teen sizes.** These donations go directly to children in foster care or staying in the shelter, bringing them comfort and warmth during challenging times.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping us make a positive impact in the lives of others. Together, we can make this Pajama Day truly special!



### ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who participated in last year's annual fundraiser. We have begun plans for our 2026 location, auction items, and activities. If our annual fundraiser interests you, please come to the PA meeting Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:45<sup>am</sup>.

If you have ideas, would like to help run our fundraiser, would like to donate auction items, or interested in providing business sponsorship, please reach out to the PA at [msolpa50@gmail.com](mailto:msolpa50@gmail.com).

### Consider sharing your **Time, Talent, or 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.

-Kristin, Brooke and Jackie

## Theater

In Montessori education, learning is rooted in deep respect for the child through hands-on experience and the belief that children grow best when they are trusted, challenged, and inspired. Theater epitomizes this philosophy. It offers students meaningful work that blends creativity, collaboration, and self-expression, along with the occasional forgotten line, quick recovery, and triumphant bow. It provides a space where those voices can shine whether through acting, movement, music, set design, or the very important backstage work that keeps everything running often invisibly. Every role matters. Every contribution counts. As students discover where their strengths lie, they grow in confidence, self-awareness, and a courage to try something new, sometimes under the bright lights.

Theater creates joy and connection, it builds community, fosters empathy, and reminds us all that learning can be expressive, collaborative, and deeply human. These shared moments, both the polished ones and the imperfect ones, become cherished memories that shape how students see themselves as learners and teammates. By honoring each child's voice, encouraging collaboration, nurturing empathy, and embracing experiential learning, theater enriches the educational journey. When theater is part of a Montessori school, it creates not only performers, but confident, compassionate, and capable individuals, ready for whatever stage life puts them on next.



## One Hundred Scouts



*"Of any one hundred boys who become Scouts, it must be confessed that thirty will drop out in their first year. Perhaps this may be regarded as a failure, but later in life, all of these will remember that they had been in Scouting and will speak well of the program.*

*Four of the one hundred will reach Eagle rank, and at least one will later say that he valued his Eagle above his college degree. Many will find their future vocation through merit badge work and Scouting contacts.*

*Seventeen of the one hundred boys will become adult leaders and will give leadership to thousands of additional boys.*

*One in four boys in America will become Scouts, but it is interesting to know that of the leaders of this nation in business, religion and politics, three out of four were Scouts.*

*This story will never end. Like the 'Golden Pebble' of service dropped into the human sea, it will continue to radiate in ever-widening circles, influencing the characters of men through unending time."*



Truman and Alp, Class of 2022 at The Eagle Court of Honor in December

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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.



**MONTESSORI**  
School of Lemont

### *...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 8<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 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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## 2026-27 Enrollment

As the new calendar year begins, it's time to start thinking about next school year. Applications for the 2026-27 school year are available and due by February 6 along with the application fee of \$100. After February 6<sup>th</sup>, the application fee increases from \$100 to \$200. Please remember that re-enrollment is not guaranteed. While currently enrolled families have priority, room placement is a multifaceted process and retaining current students is based on classroom availability.

We are hosting a special Coffee on January 15<sup>th</sup> for currently enrolled families whose children are in Kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades and have questions about our Lower EI, Upper EI and Adolescent programs.



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Interested in learning more about Montessori? Join us for Coffee!

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



Join us for coffee and stay for a few years!

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