



# Montessori School of Lemont

Since 1972

## Save the Date!

- April 1<sup>st</sup>  
Tuition Due
- March 30<sup>th</sup>-April 6<sup>th</sup>  
Spring Break, No School
- April 7<sup>th</sup>  
Classes Resume
- April 10<sup>th</sup>  
Grandparents/Special  
Someone's Day
- April 27<sup>th</sup>  
Teacher In-Service,  
No Classes

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## We Love Our Families - Parent Appreciation Day!



Adolescents prepared breakfast-to-go for parents and sewed keepsake pillows!



Upper EI student hand painted special gifts for their parents.



Primary students sang songs, shared snacks and made gifts for their families.

Lower EI students hosted afternoon tea for their parents.

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## AMS Family Connection Talking Respectfully to Children

-Jane Jacobs

If you have observed a Montessori class, you may have wondered: How does the teacher manage 20 or more children when I have trouble with just one or two? If only I had her skills and patience!

Fortunately, I found a book that helped me translate Montessori theory into more effective parenting: *How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk*, by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish.

Having taught for several years before I had children, I was astonished to discover that my Montessori classroom experience did not prepare me for parenthood. Though Maria Montessori believed in extensive teacher training, few parents receive useful preparation.

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## Community



Yellow Room Guest of Honor, Carrie Mulderink - Ms. Wheelchair Illinois 2026!

## Coming Up Soon

### GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL PERSON DAY

Come celebrate and honor grandparents/your special person on April 10<sup>th</sup> during the school day. The MSOL PA will be hosting a fun activity during this special day and your child and special person will personalize their very own mini magnetic canvas.

### CAMPFIRE NIGHT

We're excited to introduce a new family event on campus, Campfire Night, taking place Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, time will be announced soon. This special evening will bring MSOL families together for relaxed conversation, connection, and classic campfire treats.

Fire pits will be set up around campus hosted by staff and Room Parents. Families are encouraged to explore each stop, meet fellow parents, and connect with our teachers and staff along the way. We're looking forward to kicking off a new MSOL tradition!



### 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.

## PA Meeting Recap

The PA met last month and discussed the last few events of the 2025/2026 school year.

- The PA will provide a small craft for kids at Grandparent's Day/Special Persons Day and Room Parents will help facilitate during the event.
- The PA will provide a sweet treat for all kids at the End Of Year picnic.
- Details for the 2026 family friendly fundraiser are being finalized and will details will be announced before the end of this school year!

## Scouting

MSOL has been the charter organization for Lemont Boy Scout Troop 149 since 2022 and we are excited to announce that we'll be adding a Co-Ed Cub Scout Pack this year! This pack will be open for both boys and girls, grades K-5. [Please let us know](#) if you're interested in receiving information about this fun new Pack!



## Conservation

### Earth Day

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, our community will come together to celebrate Earth Day. Throughout the afternoon, children will work on sustainability projects that are an ongoing part of their environmental education program. Incorporating environmental education into our

curriculum at all levels reflects our commitment to conservation, stewardship and responsibility for the care of our campus and our planet.

Students will also help prepare for the planting of a memorial labyrinth in honor of our school's founder, Norine Colby. Parents are warmly invited to join us. Together, we will celebrate Earth Day in the spirit of care, gratitude, and community that Norine so deeply valued.

## Nature's Classroom

Throughout the school year, students in the Upper Elementary & Adolescent classrooms are given the opportunities to participate in overnight field trips with their classmates. In March, the Upper Elementary students spent a week visiting [Nature's Classroom](#), an outdoor learning center located in Hartland, Wisconsin. NCI offers environmental education on their extensive property that includes approximately 300 acres of wonderful woods and the lake to explore as well as amazing prairies, meadows and gardens.



Students engage in team building activities, historical simulations and environmental awareness with students, often from other Montessori schools. It is a cherished educational experience that students look forward to year after year.



## Leadership

During this year's online Iowa Assessments, our adolescent students stepped into leadership roles by partnering with first graders to help them navigate the testing process for the very first time. The younger students felt incredibly special spending the day alongside the "big kids," who patiently guided them through logging in, using the headphones, and moving through the test. It was a meaningful experience for both groups. First graders gained confidence and support, while the adolescent students practiced leadership, responsibility, and the joy of helping others succeed.



**"The test was funner than playing on my PS4."**

**-A.H., Age 6**



Labyrinths have long been used as places for quiet reflection and meditation. Unlike a maze, a labyrinth follows a single path that gently winds toward the center and back out again, inviting a slow and thoughtful walk.

We are thoughtfully planning our very own labyrinth here on the campus of MSOL. It will be planted with four heights of native grasses, tapering to the center to create a softly enclosed, peaceful space, offering visitors a place for quiet reflection within nature.



The project will be funded in part through donations made to [Norine Colby's Memorial Fund](#). Help create a lasting tribute that reflects her deep respect for nature, contemplation, and our Montessori community.

We plan to break ground on Earth Day!



...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 9<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 with two custom designed buildings on 7.5 acres of donated land. In 2010, a third building was constructed to accommodate the growing enrollment and in 2011, a natural playground and an organic community garden were created. Funds are currently being raised to continue to improve and grow our campus.

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## Summer Specials

Registration for the Summer Specials program is open!

The 2026 Summer Program is flexible, allowing families to register for select weeks or the entire session. The Summer Program offers an extended day schedule for students entering 1st-8th grade.

Classes meet from 9:00<sup>am</sup> to 3:00<sup>pm</sup> and students can choose from a variety of weekly camps including *Life on the Farm*, *Montessori Mosaic Project*, *All Fun & Games*, *Backyard Biology*, *Puppetry*, *Discovery in Architecture*, *Art through History* and *Farmessori*.

See the Registration paperwork for in-depth descriptions of each class and to sign your child up!

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Fees will be refunded if minimum enrollment requirements are not met and/or if classes are full. Forms can be found [HERE](#) or on our website.

Contact Rebecca McClenning at 815-834-0607 or [rebecca@lemontmontessori.com](mailto:rebecca@lemontmontessori.com) for more information.



## Coffee, Anyone?

Interested in learning more about Montessori?  
Join us for Coffee on April 3<sup>rd</sup>



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

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

To register, call or email us at  
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