



Montessori School of Lemont

Since 1972

Save the Date!

- May 1st
Tuition Due
- May 7th
New Adolescent Student Orientation
- May 14th-15th
Conferences, No School
- May 15th
Adolescent Student Led Conferences
- May 21st
MSOL's Got Talent
- May 22nd
Last Day for Preschool Students
- May 25th
Memorial Day, No School
- May 29th
Last Day of School, K-8th
Move Up Celebrations
All School Picnic
8th Grade Graduation

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Join the Hive: Building a Stronger Community

A thriving Montessori community is built on partnership, and one of the most meaningful ways to strengthen that partnership is through an active Parents' Association (PA). As we look to grow and welcome more families into this important work, we're also excited to introduce a new Parents' Association logo: hosting a bee, symbolizing community, collaboration, and shared purpose.

In a Montessori environment, education extends beyond the classroom. Children benefit most when there is alignment between home and school, when independence, responsibility, and respect are reinforced in both spaces. The PA plays a vital role in fostering that connection. Like a beehive, our school community thrives when each member contributes in their own way, working together toward a common goal.

When parents participate in the PA, the impact is both immediate and lasting. Students see that their families value their education, building confidence and a deeper sense of belonging. Classrooms are enriched through events, resources, and support that wouldn't be possible without parent involvement. Teachers and staff also benefit from this collaboration, creating a more connected and responsive environment for every child.

Importantly, involvement doesn't have to be overwhelming. Just as every bee plays a role, every parent's contribution matters, big or small. Whether it's attending the monthly meetings, being a Room Parent, helping with an event, sharing ideas, or supporting from behind the scenes, each effort strengthens our community.

Montessori education is rooted in the idea that we grow best together. Our new bee logo is a reminder of that shared commitment to our children, to one another, and to the community we are building.

If you've been considering getting more involved, this is the moment. Our community is strongest when more voices, perspectives, and helping hands come together. By participating the PA, you're not just supporting the school, you're helping support the hive where your children can grow.



AMS Family Connection

-Martha Teien, EdD

Ten Reasons Your Child Should Stay for the Third Year of Montessori Early Childhood

The Montessori Early Childhood program is designed as a continuous three-year journey for children ages three to six. Each year builds upon the previous one, culminating in a final year where everything comes together. However, families often leave before that final year, drawn by a new school opportunity or simply unaware of the tremendous, research-backed benefits of the third year. A common practical reason to leave is that a highly sought-after private elementary school may have more openings in

kindergarten than in first grade, making the decision to leave after Year Two feel urgent. It's worth taking a moment to consider the true cost of that choice. The research is clear, and the experience cannot be duplicated. [CLICK HERE TO CONTINUE READING](#)



Community



Ride to School in a Fire Truck!

[As Miss Annie was walking a student to class]

"You're not his mom?

Then where did you get him from?!"

-E.D., Age 4

Coming Up Soon

MSOL's GOT TALENT!

They can sing! They can dance! They can act! They're athletic, they're confident and they are TALENTED! MSOL's Got Talent is coming up on May 21st and we hope to see our families and friends on campus to support our amazingly talented students. MSOL Theater Director, Audrey Tunis, will be coordinating the show this year. We are excited to see what our students come up with this year.

END OF SCHOOL YEAR PICNIC

Kick-off the start of summer with this BYOE (bring your own everything) picnic after early dismissal on May 28th. Let the kids have one last fun afternoon on campus with their school friends, take pictures, and celebrate another amazing 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!



Meeting Agenda

The final PA meeting of the school year is on Wednesday May 6th at 8:45^{am} Check in at the Main Office and drop in on the meeting to hear all about:

- End of Year Picnic - Finalize details for PA provided treats
- Summer Plans - Playdates on campus, Room Parent engagement, and more
- Auction - Theme, menu, volunteers, timeline & procurement

Conservation



Planting willow saplings propagated in Environmental Ed class



Plant identification scavenger hunt

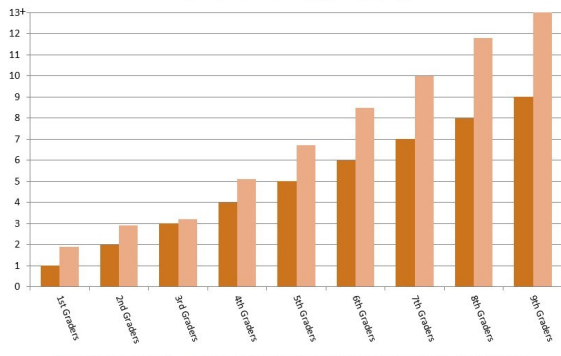


Zen Garden clean up



Primary students gather to sing "I Love the Earth" before an Earth Day scavenger hunt

2026 Iowa Test Results



Historically, our annual Iowa test results show that MSOL students perform above their current grade levels. This year the trend continued as they transitioned seamlessly to an online platform and, once again, demonstrated achievement higher than national norms.



Practical Life

In Montessori education, teaching a young child to use a hammer isn't really about the tool, it's about honoring the child's natural drive to do meaningful, purposeful work. Hammering is a classic Practical Life activity, where children build independence, coordination, and focus through real experiences. At this stage, children are especially attuned to movement and order. Repeated, intentional actions (like driving a nail or peg) help refine hand-eye coordination, strengthen control, and develop concentration.

Just as importantly, these moments build persistence. The child learns to adjust, try again, and see a task through. By offering real tools (with guidance), we send a powerful message: you are capable. This fosters confidence and a deep sense of competence that carries into all areas of learning.

At its heart, this work connects children to reality. They are not pretending, they are contributing, creating, and engaging in work with a clear purpose and visible result. And this foundation doesn't stop in the early years, it grows with the child. What begins as simple, purposeful work in the Primary classroom evolves into increasingly complex, real-world responsibility.



Our adolescent students bring this same spirit of Practical Life into action through our bi-weekly lunch program in partnership with Azteca Catering. Through "Fiesta Fridays," students plan, organize, and manage a lunch service for the community. They begin the year by earning their Food Handler's Certificates and take pride in putting their skills to meaningful use by serving others, managing details, and contributing to the life of the school.

There is one Fiesta Friday left this year on May 8th. Order forms are due Wednesday, May 6th and can be found [HERE](#).

Supporting Our Transition to Online Assessment



As highlighted by the results of the Iowa test results, students transitioned smoothly to the online testing platform and continued to demonstrate strong performance above grade level. Supporting that success was a \$34,758.50 investment in our technology infrastructure. In preparation for online testing, the school upgraded its internal network, student devices, and Wi-Fi access to ensure a reliable and seamless experience. This included \$15,560.50 purchase of 24 new and refurbished Chromebooks, as well as

significant network improvements to fiberoptic cabling and updated access points that cost \$19,198.00. These investments not only supported a smooth testing process this year, but also strengthen our overall learning environment for years to come. Funding for these upgrades came from our building fund, which is supported by annual development fees and our major fundraiser, the annual auction.

...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 9th 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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“We are excited to announce the results of Bill Lipinski’s All American Eagles Program essay contest held on March 16, 2026! The topic this year was “What does the American Flag mean to you?” and we appreciate the creativity shown by all participants. Congratulations to all our winners for their impressive essays! Thank you again to all participants, educators, and parents for making this contest special!”

-William O. Lipinski



1st Place, Nico M.



2nd Place, Meryk M.

Coffee, Anyone?



Interested in learning more about Montessori?
Join us for Coffee on May 7th

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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