



Montessori School of Lemont

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Save the Date!

- July 24th
Summer Meet Up
- August 1st
Annual Fees & Forms Due

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Another Amazing Year

Every year seems to go by a little faster than the last. As we reflect on this school year, we're reminded of just how much can happen in ten short months.

This year brought moments of joy, growth, and celebration, but it also brought challenges and the loss of someone who meant so much to our community. While we continue to remember that loss, we are incredibly grateful for the way our families, staff, and students came together to support one another through both the difficult and the wonderful moments.

One of the things we love most about Montessori is that growth doesn't always happen in obvious ways. Sometimes it's a student mastering a difficult lesson. Sometimes it's finding the confidence to speak up, help a friend, or persevere through a challenge. Throughout this year, we've had the privilege of watching our students grow not only academically, but as people.

When we think back on this year, we won't remember the paperwork, schedules, or emails.



We remember the laughter at community events, the excitement of classroom discoveries, the conversations with families, and the countless moments that remind us why this school is such a special place.

Thank you for sharing your children with us and for being part of this community. The trust you place in us each day is something we do not take for granted. Whether you've been here for many years or this was your first year at MSOL, you've helped shape this chapter of our school's story.



May your summer be filled with adventure, lots of family time, and maybe even a little rest. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in August and beginning the next chapter together!



Summer Meet-Ups

Hello Parents,

The PA held our first summer meet up in June and it was great to see all those that attended! You and your family are invited to our next meet up on campus, happening on July 24th!

Please sign up [HERE](#) and click on the button to attend, if you would like to bring a snack or game to share please write it in the comment section. The school is open during the summer, the restrooms in the office will be accessible. Remember to check the schools app for updates.

Hosted by Marina Bello (Green & Purple Room) and Jackie Claxton (Orange Room). If you have any questions feel free to contact us!

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Movie Night



Movie Night is right around the corner! We are excited to see everyone back on campus August 13th for our first community event of the 2026-27 school year. Bring a blanket or chairs and come enjoy a family fun evening on campus. Starting at 6:30pm with games and activities for the kids, the featured movie will start around DUSK (8:15pm). MSOL's FRESH MARKET, run by our Adolescent Class, will be on site selling Movie Night snacks. ***Cash Only***

Please click on the link [HERE](#) to let us know if you'll be attending. There are volunteer opportunities as well if you'd like to help out. Hope to see you all there!



Click [HERE](#) to view the Procurement Packet!

Procurement Has Begun!

We're gearing up for our annual fundraiser, and you know what that means - it's procurement time!

One of the things that makes our auction and fundraising event so successful is the incredible support we receive from local businesses, organizations, and community partners. We are currently distributing procurement packets and would love your help identifying potential donors and sponsors.

Do you own a business, work for a company, or know someone who might be interested in supporting our school? Donations of products, services, gift certificates, experiences, or sponsorships all help make a meaningful impact on our students and programs.

If you have a connection to a business or corporation that may be interested in participating, please reach out to us. Every contribution, large or small, helps make this event a success.

Thank you for helping us strengthen our school community and create another memorable fundraising event!

Summer Program

Summer at MSOL is filled with hands-on discovery, creativity, and adventure! Led by Adolescent teacher, Rebecca McClenning, the Summer Program gives students the opportunity to continue learning in a relaxed, engaging environment where curiosity leads the way.

Whether children are tending gardens and caring for animals during Farmessori week or investigating plants, insects, and soil during agricultural science and backyard biology week, they



experience science in the best possible classroom... outdoors.

Creativity flourishes during puppetry, architecture and theater weeks as students travel through art history, experiment with painting, sketching, mosaics, and other artistic techniques. Children design and perform original puppet shows, and build confidence on stage. Budding engineers will tackle exciting bridge-building challenges, while those who love active play will develop teamwork, strategy, and sportsmanship through a variety of cooperative activities during games week.

Each week is designed to inspire exploration, encourage creativity, and build lasting friendships, all while making the



Caring For Our Campus

Conservation is more than a lesson, it's a commitment to caring for the natural world and preserving the beautiful campus our students call home. Every improvement we make reflects our dedication to environmental stewardship and creating inspiring outdoor learning spaces.

While students are enjoying their summer break, our staff has been hard at work refreshing the grounds with new soil around our trees and fresh mulch

throughout campus. These enhancements help protect the health of our landscape, conserve moisture, and ensure our outdoor environments remain vibrant and welcoming for years to come.

We are incredibly grateful for the unique property entrusted to our care and take great pride in maintaining it.



...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.

Montessori School of Lemont does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, pregnancy, national origin, age, socio-economic level, physical ability, genetic information, and learning style in the administration of its educational policies, admissions, hiring, scholarships or other school programs.

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August 1st Deadlines

ANNUAL FORMS & FEES

Any and all required forms have been assigned to families in Transparent Classroom. All requested documents are due by August 1, 2026. If medical appointments cannot be completed by that date due to insurance allowances, you must notify the office of the scheduled appointment date via email.

WHO NEEDS WHAT?

STUDENT INFORMATION FORM: ALL Students

HEALTH EXAM & IMMUNIZATION RECORDS: All NEW Primary Students, Kindergarteners, 6th Graders, 9th Graders, and students that are NEW to Illinois

DENTAL EXAM FORM: Kindergarteners, 2nd Graders, 6th Graders

VISION EXAM FORM: Kindergarteners, students that are NEW to Illinois

NEW STUDENTS ONLY A copy of the student's birth certificate must be submitted to the school office. If you have a certified copy, you can drop it off or mail it to the school. If you have an original, please stop by the office so office staff can verify it and make a photocopy for our records.

ANNUAL FEES are due by August 1, 2026

Annual Fees per FAMILY: \$400 (Development Fee)

Annual Fees per STUDENT:

Primary Students - \$50 (Supply Fee)

Elementary Students - \$200 (Field Trip Fee), \$100 (Book Fee)

Adolescent Students - \$200 (Field Trip Fee), \$100 (Book Fee), \$200 (Tech Fee)

NOTE If you have a payment authorization form on file with the school office, these fees will be automatically charged on August 1st.



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