



# Montessori School of Lemont

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## Inspiration from the Class of 2026

**Ryan:** "Take the time to enjoy the little things in life, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things." - Robert Brault

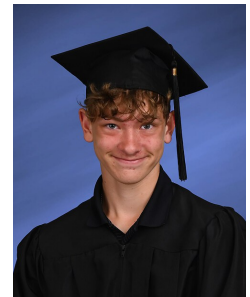
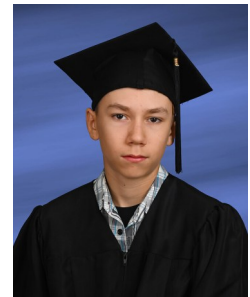
**Lukas:** "I came, I saw, I conquered." - Julius Caesar

**Emma:** "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."  
-"The Great One," Wayne Gretzky

**Meryk:** "When you focus on your past, that's your ego. When you focus on your future, that's your pride. When you focus on the present, that's humility." - Gannis Antetokounmpo

**Henry:** "If you know you're the best, it only makes sense for you to win."  
- Kanye West

**Max:** "Well yeah, I'm sad, but at the same time I'm really happy that something could make me feel that sad. It's like, it makes me feel alive, you know? It makes me feel human." -Butters Scotch, South Park



### Save the Date!

- June 8<sup>th</sup>  
Summer Specials Begin
- June 19<sup>th</sup>  
Summer Meet Up

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## Move-Up Day

On May 29<sup>th</sup>, students, staff and parents came together to celebrate our third year students who completed the Primary, Lower EI, Upper EI and Adolescent cycles.

Our community gathered in the amphitheater to honor the third years as they symbolically leave their current class and joined new classmates in the next level. We ended the memorable day with our annual year-end picnic!





## Summer Meet-Ups

Hello Parents,

The PA would love to invite you and your family to an informal summer meet-up on campus! This is a great opportunity for children of all ages to reconnect, families to visit, and everyone to enjoy some relaxed time together before the next school year begins. So whether your in the Green, Yellow, Blue, Purple, Orange, Silver room or brand new to MSOL we hope to see you there! (Siblings are welcome, too!)

Please know this gathering is completely optional, we simply wanted to offer two different dates of a chance to come together as a community over the summer. We hope to see you there if your schedule allows!

Please review the available slots [HERE](#) and click on the button to sign up 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. Don't forget to check the schools app for updates.

Hosted by Marina Bello and Jackie Claxton  
If you have any questions feel free to contact us!

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## Annual Fundraiser

Mark your calendars for October 2, 2026! Our Parents' Association is excited to invite you to the 2026 annual fundraiser at The Forge in Lemont, featuring lunch, raffles, auctions, and more! All friends of MSOL are invited to join us for an afternoon of friends, family, and fun. Please consider attending, donating goods, services, or a monetary donation. Please feel free to share the [FUNDRAISER PACKET](#) with friends, family, or local businesses who may want to support the cause. All sponsors are promoted on the event website, social media platforms and with event signage. Donations directly impact our students' education and helps our school community grow stronger, together.

### Bee! A Part of Our....



**Bee! The Reason We Thrive!**

## Journeys



As our Adolescent students concluded their third trimester, focusing on the “Journeys” portion of their curriculum, they had the extraordinary opportunity to spend time with Olympic gold medalist and professional hockey player Kendall Coyne Schofield for a conversation about perseverance, identity, teamwork, and staying true to yourself.

Kendall shared that her hockey journey began simply by wanting to do what her older brother was doing. At just three years old, she traded figure skates for hockey skates and quickly fell in love with the sport. Growing up, however, she often noticed there were very few girls playing hockey and even fewer women represented in professional sports. Rather than allowing that to discourage her, she explained how those experiences motivated her to continue pursuing what she loved, even when others questioned if girls belonged in the sport.

One of the stories that resonated most with students was Kendall’s honesty about setbacks. She described being cut from travel hockey teams when she was young and later falling short of making the 2010 Olympic team while still in high school. Instead of giving up, she learned to reflect, work harder, and focus on what she could control. A pivotal moment came after a national team evaluation when “strength” was listed as an area needing improvement. Kendall shared how she transformed that feedback into motivation, committing herself to becoming stronger both physically and mentally.

Students were captivated hearing about her experiences competing around the world, winning Olympic medals, skating alongside NHL players in the NHL All-Star Skills Competition, and helping pave the way for the explosive growth of women’s professional hockey. Kendall also spoke about the importance of education, balancing academics with athletics, and the value of asking for help and building a strong support system.

Perhaps most meaningful for our Montessori community was learning that Kendall herself attended Montessori school as a child. She reflected on how independence, curiosity, communication, and self-motivation became important foundations throughout her life and career.

As students prepare for their own transitions into high school and beyond, Kendall encouraged them to remain grounded in who they are and what excites them, even when faced with peer pressure or challenges. Her message was clear: success is not defined by never failing, but by continuing to grow, work hard, and stay true to your passions.

We are deeply grateful to Kendall for spending time with our students and sharing such an inspiring and authentic glimpse into her journey.



## Preparing for Pollinators



Planning for our beekeeping program and apiary is officially underway! Anamaria, auction winner of “Principal for the Day,” had the opportunity to meet with a local beekeeping expert and incoming MSOL parent to begin exploring what this exciting addition to our campus could look like.

sustainable practices.

We are excited to continue developing this program and look forward to sharing more updates as our vision for the apiary takes shape!

Together, they discussed the important role bees play in our ecosystem and the fundamentals of beekeeping, brainstormed ideas for the program, and surveyed the campus to identify potential locations for an apiary. This hands-on experience gave our young principal a chance to contribute to the planning process while gaining valuable insight into environmental stewardship and



*...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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