



Montessori School of Lemont

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SAVE THE DATE

August 1st

Annual fees & student forms due

August 6th

Movie Night - at dusk

August 20th

Elementary Back-to-School Parent Meetings

August 24th

- New Student Orientation for 1st-6th Graders
- Primary Back-to-School Parent Meetings

August 26-28th

Half Days for K-9th Grade, 11:30^{am} dismissal

August 28th

- Adolescent Back-to-School Parent Meeting, 11:00^{am}
- Back-to-School Picnic, 11:30^{am}

August 31st

- First Day of Regular Schedule for All Students
- Coffee in the Courtyard, 8:45^{am}

A New School Year Begins

The school year is almost in full swing, we have plenty of opportunities for families to reconnect, meet new friends, and kick off another wonderful year at MSOL. Whether this is your first year with us or you've been part of our community for years, we can't wait to welcome you back!

Our school year begins with a family Movie Night (complete with popcorn!), followed by Parent Meetings, Student Orientations, our annual Back-to-School Picnic, and Coffee in the Courtyard during the first days of school. Parent Meetings are a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers, learn about classroom expectations, and hear what exciting experiences are planned for the year ahead. You're also welcome to bring your child's school supplies to any of these events to make the first day a little easier.

September brings even more opportunities to connect, including our Parent Education Night, where families can learn more about important school topics, as well as our annual Walk, Jog, Run event that brings students and families together for a fun day outdoors.

October is packed with two of our favorite traditions! We'll gather for our Annual Fundraiser at The Forge: Lemont Quarries, followed by Fall Fest a couple weeks later, a day filled with food, activities, laughter, and community. Our incredible Parents Association is already hard at work planning these memorable celebration.

We're excited to begin another year of learning, growth, and community with all of you. Here's to a fantastic school year together!





Community

Want to Connect More With Your Class?

Room Parents are here to provide classroom-related information and foster engagement. You will meet your Room Parent at the Back-to-School Meetings.

BLUE: Marija Shurdoski **GREEN:** Liz Shaw **YELLOW:** Kristin Wade
PURPLE: Kate Gory **ORANGE:** Jeanine Galetti **SILVER:** Ashley Haberkern

All Room Parents can be contacted directly via the MSOL App!



UPCOMING EVENTS

August 6: **MOVIE NIGHT!**

Join us for A Bug's Life at dusk (around 8^{PM}). Come early for fun activities and (cash-only) snacks sold by the Silver Room and their student-run business, The MSOL Fresh Market. Come for the games and stay for as much of the movie as you can!

August 28: **BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC!**

BYO! Hang out after the 11:30^{AM} dismissal. All families welcome, even if your child hasn't started school yet! We'll provide light refreshments, and families are welcome to bring along their own picnic favorites.



Capital & Philanthropy



Our Fundraiser & Auction website is officially LIVE!

We're excited to kick off this year's fundraiser, and we need your help to make it our best one yet! We're still collecting donated items for our raffle baskets and live auction.

Do you own a business or know someone who does? We'd love to partner with local businesses through donations of gift cards, experiences, products, services, or unique items. If you'd like to contribute or know of a business that may be interested, please reach out. We'd love to connect! Thank you for helping make this event a success!

Follow the link for more information
 & to purchase tickets!

<https://2026MSOLFundraiser.charityauction.bid>




Curriculum

After School Specials

Registration for Fall After School Specials will be open soon and we're very excited to offer fun new classes along with our long standing favorites. Take advantage of these wonderful opportunities for your children.

Registration is due August 28th and enrollment is limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis. Forms will be available on the app soon!!



First Semester 2026-27
AFTER SCHOOL SPECIALS

- Chess Scholars
- Soccer Shots
- Yoga
- Culinary Science
- Photography
- Farmessori
- Improv & Comedy Club
- Art Class
- ...and more!

Registration Due by: 8/28



Conservation

Planning with Mr. Ruddick

As summer nears its end we begin to think about the upcoming school year and all the possibilities ahead of us. How will we draw the children into thinking about environmental conservation this year? What kinds of exciting and unique learning experiences can we share with them? Sometimes we can have our lesson extensions and corresponding materials all prepared and ready to go ahead of time but often times, just like nature itself, our Environmental Ed curriculum develops organically.

Message from the Director

Dear Montessori School of Lemont Families,

There is a palpable energy that comes with each new school year. The excitement of fresh beginnings, the anticipation of reconnection, and the joy of providing a time and a place for children to grow.

As we prepare for the year ahead, our classrooms and campus are coming alive once again. Teachers are thoughtfully preparing inviting environments, planning meaningful lessons, and creating opportunities for students to explore, discover, and develop independence. Our beautiful campus, with its gardens, outdoor classrooms, and natural spaces, is the foundation of the MSOL learning experience.

This year, we look forward to implementing our Montessori journey together through our four strategic pillars: Curriculum, Community, Conservation, and Capital. Each reflects our commitment to providing an exceptional education while honoring the traditions and vision that have guided our school for more than five decades.

To our returning families, thank you for being part of our community. Your partnership, support, and trust allow our students to thrive. To our new families, welcome! We are excited for you to experience the warmth, curiosity, and sense of belonging that make MSOL such a special place. Together, we will nurture curiosity, foster independence, build community, and help each child discover the joy of learning.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Movie Night and the many other family events throughout the year.

Welcome back!
Warmly,
Therese Colby
Executive Director



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