

Montessori School of Lemont

Since 1972

Save the Date!

- January 1st
Tuition Due
- January 7th
Classes Resume
- January 11th
Prospective Parent Coffee
- January 21st
MLK, Jr. Day, No School
- January 24th, 6:30-8:30^{pm}
Alumni Panel Discussion
- January 31st
Current Family Coffee

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Montessori Alumni Panel Discussion

On January 24th, current and prospective Montessori families are invited to join us for our annual Alumni Panel Discussion. This year the panel will be led by Montessori graduate and Upper El Directress, Katya Hayevsky.

Katya will facilitate a panel

discussion with MSOL alumni on life after Montessori and the most popular Montessori-parent question: How is the transition from Montessori into a conventional education setting?

This is a great opportunity for parents to 'fast forward'

and see a glimpse of post-Montessori life. Join us as we welcome back some old friends and hear their great insights.

Childcare will be available. Email info@lemontmontessori.com or call 815-834-0607 to reserve a space for your child.

"Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole staircase."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.



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After School Specials

In addition to our returning programs, we're excited to be adding Crochet Club with Upper Elementary Teacher, Katya Hayevsky on Wednesdays after school.

Let's Build is returning but instead of robots this semester the focus will be



Blue Room students enjoy a nature walk in the snow.

circuit building! We are also introducing a new Yoga teacher this semester, Miss Marie who is certified in both adult and kids' yoga with a specialty in nature therapy.

Specials registration was due December 17, call the office to inquire about availability.

Second Semester Start Dates:

- January 7 Rock Band
- January 8 Let's Build It
- January 9 Crochet Club
- January 10 Cooking Up Fun
- January 11 Chess Club
- January 11 Yoga
- January 16 Arts & Crafts
- March 19 Soccer Shots



Tea for Two in the Yellow Room.

Re-Enrollment

As the new calendar year begins, it's time to start thinking about the new school year. Reenrollment forms for the 2019-2020 school year will be sent home this month and are due by February 15. After the 15th, the application fee increases from \$50 to \$100 and new families will be placed from our waiting list.

"If education is always to be conceived along the same antiquated lines of a mere transmission of knowledge, there is little to be hoped from it in the bettering of man's future. For what is the use of transmitting knowledge if the individual's total development lags behind?"

**Maria Montessori
1870-1952**

We are hosting a special Coffee on January 31 for currently enrolled families whose children are in Kindergarten, 3rd and 6th grade and have questions about our Lower EI, Upper EI and Adolescent programs. Graduates will return for our January 11th prospective parent Coffee and for our January 24th Alumni Panel. Happy New Year!

**"He's such a nice friend today."
-B.M., age 4
about classmate,
J.M., age 4**

Parents' Association

December 13, 2018 Minutes

Officers Present:

Therese Colby, Executive Director

Jenna Treanor, President

Lori MacDonald, Vice President

Debbie Moreno, Secretary

Jeanine Tschudy, Treasurer

Attendees: Norine Colby, Karen Damato & Natalia Derdemiova

Meeting called to order at 8:30^{am} by Jenna Treanor

Meeting adjourned at 10:00^{am} by Jenna Treanor

Old Business

Thanks for Giving

Great response but too much food. Discussed revising to avoid waste, eg. baskets for each teacher. Vote to be held prior to Teacher Appreciation Day in May.

New Business

Philanthropy

Debbie proposed that the Elementary students Sponsor an Orphan. Everyone agreed, Debbie to investigate and provide further information at next meeting. Therese proposed revisiting the idea of an MSOL student scholarship.

Pajama Day, February 1st

Jeanine Tschudy to coordinate and deliver to Guardian Angels in Joliet. Natalie offered GiftMart collection boxes to remain in each building. Jeanine will tally number received. Need signs in building windows and volunteers to create. Flyers to go home in carpool and weekly email with buy-a-pair, wear-a-pair instructions.



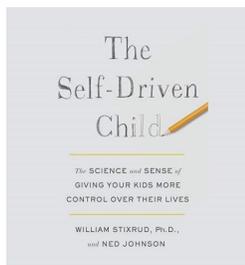
Lower and Upper EI students gather to make cards for the Hope & Friendship Foundation.



Team yoga!

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Recommended Reading



For parents striving for a balance between control and freedom this book about internal versus external motivation is a must read. Freedom within limits is the Montessori mantra and this book is inherently Montessori with barely a mention of the beloved doctor.

"So often parents carry their kids, 26.1 miles of a marathon and then set them down when they're within sight of the finish line. When they cross over that finish line, everyone congratulates them. But they haven't really gotten there. They had very little to do with it - and they know it." p. 295



Kindergarteners enjoying friendship and fine art at the Art Institute.

Minutes

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Food preparation in the Green Room.

Auction 2019

Discussed polling parents about the auction after winter break. Debbie and Jenna will work together on survey. Discussed the possibility of casino night, Debbie and Lori will research options and expense. Discussion about things to keep and change from last year. Keep: Venue, software and portraits. Change: Amount of Silent and Live Auction items.

Venue -Therese to contact Monte Bello about availability.

Software - Jenna will run auction software.

Student Portraits - Kelsey Brikl's portraits of students were most popular item. Need to check Kelsey's availability. Jeanine, Debbie, Lori & Natalia willing to help with photography and assembly for Grandparents' Day deadline.

Baskets—It was decided to have fewer baskets in Silent and more baskets of higher value in Live. Jenna suggested spa baskets, makeup baskets, gift cards, kids parties, museum admission, etc. Karen to work on the procurement list. Once updated from last year Jenna will bring to next meeting to divide it up.

Other - Additional suggestions were made for games: Ring game, Split the Pot, Flip the Coin.

Next PA Meeting is January 17th at 8:30^{am}.

**"I like her voice,
it sounds
beautiful."
-E.B., age 5
about classmate,
A.M., age 5 ^{1/2}**



Box seats at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

...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 8th grade for over 40 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 after the construction of a new campus on 7.5 acres of donated land. In 2010, a third was completed to accommodate the growing enrollment and in 2011, a "natural" playground and an organic community garden were created. Funds are currently being raised to improve and grow our campus.

MSOL does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sexual orientation or national or ethnic origin.

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Winter Celebrations 2018

Coffee Anyone?

Are you interested in learning more about Montessori? Join us for one of our monthly "Coffees!"

Prospective parents will tour the school, learn about the Montessori philosophy, observe a class in progress and meet with current parents, faculty and students.

For details, call or email us at info@lemontmontessori.com

- * Philosophy & Curriculum
- * Classroom Observation
- * Parent Mentors
- * Student Ambassadors
- * Admissions Process



Friday, January 11th
for new families
&

Thursday, January 31st
for current families

Join us for coffee and stay for a few years!



At the primary level, our 3-6 year olds sang songs of love and peace in Spanish and English accompanied by Spanish teacher, Senor Ceron on the guitar.



The Elementary and Adolescents performed a program directed by Audrey Tunis on the meaning of friendship and kindness. Audrey and music teacher, Ryan Fitzgerald, adapted music from the Beatles, Randy Newman, Carol Douglas and Bruno Mars. A very special thank you to Senor Ceron, Audrey Tunis, and Ryan Fitzgerald.



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