

Montessori School of Lemont

Since 1972

Save the Date!

- April 1st
Tuition Due
- April 1-5th
Spring Break
- April 8th
Classes Resume
- April 8th-12th
Adolescent Field Trip to Nature's Classroom
- April 12th
Prospective Parent Coffee
- April 26th
Grandparent's Day

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Grandparents & Special Someone's Day

Grandparents and special guests are invited to attend school on Friday, April 26th. Tour the campus, see the classrooms in action and let your young guide give you a Montessori presentation! Children are proud to show off their school, and especially their friends, on this special day.

To accommodate the hundreds of visitors we are expecting on this special day, we have scheduled times for each class. Invitations will be sent home via carpool along with a release form

for grandparents and guests who will be taking students home after the event.

Students in 4th-8th grade may invite their guests to stay for lunch...and recess!



Blue Room: 9:00 -10:00^{am} & 2:00-3:00^{pm}
Yellow Room: 10:00 -11:00^{am}
Green Room: 11:00 -12:00^{pm}
Orange Room: 11:00 - 1:00^{pm}
Silver Room: 11:00 - 1:00^{pm}
Purple Room: 1:00 - 3:00^{pm}

Black & White Night!



We are looking forward to our 27th annual auction on May 3rd from 7-10^{pm}! This year's theme is Black & White Night, a fundraising party hosted by our Parents' Association at Public Landing in Lockport. The party will feature heavy appetizers, open bar, dessert

table and entertainment including live music, our favorite emcee and a few silly games.

Items will be available for bid online starting one week prior to the event. Live Auction items that feature student-made works of art and other valuable items will close online as the event begins. At the event, Live Auction bidding will start where online bidding ended so be sure to make your online bid hard to beat! Silent Auction items will remain open online throughout the event, winners who cannot attend the party may pick up their winning

items at school.

Funds raised from Class Projects and Teacher Features are allocated to the teachers for classroom materials. Remaining proceeds will support the growth and development of our campus.

Tickets are \$100 per person and can be purchased on our event website: www.charityauction.bid/bwnight where you can also participate in online bidding. There is no cost to bid from home. See our catalog of items, purchase your tickets or donate online now!

Enter the 50% Tuition Raffle for a chance to win half off of one 2019-20 MSOL tuition! Tickets are \$100 each and are transferable so grandparents, aunts and uncles can win and apply to your child's tuition!

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1st graders, Matas, Joshua and Varun, hanging out at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum.

Auction 2019

Very soon it will be time for our annual fundraiser that benefits our classroom and building funds. For over four decades, school parents have helped raise funds in a variety of ways and today we have our beautiful campus to show for it!

In the early years we sold everything from coupon books and wrapping paper to Christmas trees and taffy apples. By 1992 our Parents' Association was formed and our annual auction was born.

The switch to a major annual event, coupled with the donation of almost eight acres in 1999, have made it possible for us to finance our three custom designed buildings and our beautiful natural playground.

Our building and development funds support the continuous improvement of our programs and campus. Recent projects include the construction of our Fitness & Fine Arts Studio, instruments for our music program, parking lot expansion

-Therese Colby

and repairs, the chicken coop, fencing and signage.

Our current goal is a multi-purpose building to house additional programs including PE and a toddler program with meeting, performance and event space for community events like Fall Fest.

Thank you to the volunteers and donors who have generously supported our school for almost 50 years. I hope to see you on May 3rd and thanks in advance for your continued support of MSOL!

"Can I give you a hug?" -J.P., age 3

"No thank you." -R.T., age 6

"But I love you!"

"I love you, too."



7th grader, London working on her architecture project.

Parents' Association Report

March 6, 2019
8:30-10:30^{am}

Officers:

Jenna Treanor: PA President
Lori MacDonald: Vice President
Debbie Moreno: Secretary
Jeanine Tschudy: Treasurer-Absent
Also in attendance Karen Damato

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

New Business

Auction Updates

- Invitations: Distributed today via carpool
- Auction Website: Live. Tickets sales are open
- Volunteer Site: Live. Several responses already
- Classroom Baskets: Debbie, Room Parent Chair, to email Room Parents and include direct link to volunteer site with 4/8 deadline for donations. Tentative basket making party date: 4/17.
- Procurement: Karen provided updates on business listing. Discussed who is following up with which companies.
- Other: Debbie to notify room parents on March 27th (before Spring Break) about donation deadline. Discussed 50% tuition discount as raffle item. TBD by Therese and Jenna. Update from Jeanine about dessert expense, total cost \$190.00

Grandparents Day, April 26th

- Debbie to research crafts for primary students to do with grandparents
- Lori to volunteer in office to sell student photos
- Karen and Jeanine possible volunteers

Next meeting date to TBD

Meeting adjourned at 10:30^{am} by Jenna Treanor

Today's Grandparents

-Kathy Carey, MAT

How do grandparents fit into today's hectic, technology driven world? Probably just fine...We email, text, use electronic map programs to get around (or to avoid getting lost), and store thousands of photos of our offsprings' offsprings' extraordinary cuteness. Through photos and stories, we can be as boring as any new parent, without having to get up several times in the middle of the night. My daughter-in-law said to me, when her son was almost 2, "You are so patient with him." I reminded her that I go home to a quiet house, where things stay where I leave them, and that I get to sleep through the night without disturbance—so patience in my life is hardly an effort.

Grandparents can be patient, can look at difficult behavior and avoid the leap to dark

conclusions, and can deal with whining, crying, silliness, and a variety of other actions with calm but clear messages because they remember and understand the normalcy of most youthful behaviors. The "ace" the grandparent holds, having played this game be-

board with these attitudes? Certainly not....However, these grandparents are in a minority, as current demographics suggest:

- **72%** think being a grandparent is the single most important and satisfying thing in their life.

"My relationship with her was a special one" but not "saintly, ...for we both had a temper and a passionate nature."

- Mario Montessori, Jr. on his relationship with his grandmother, Maria Montessori.

fore, is the belief in worthiness. Worthiness eschews comparisons, values competence, avoids shame and blame, seeks understanding, and focuses not on what should not have been done but rather on what "needs to be understood" (Growing Parent, 1979).

Are all grandparents on

about their grandkids to just about everyone.

(www.grandparents.com)

Excerpt from Montessori Life Winter 2017

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3rd grader, Carina uses the Stamp Game for multiplication.

"I got jet lag!"

"What does that mean?" (Teacher)

"I've been up way too early!"

-J.M., age 4

Wise Words

-Besnik Shuaipaj, 8th grade

"Be careful of your thoughts, for your thoughts become your words;

Be careful of your words, for your words become deeds;

Be careful of your deeds, for your deeds become your habits;

Be careful of your habits, for your habits become your character;

Be careful of your character, for your character becomes your destiny."

-Anonymous

The poem states that one should take caution in thinking, for your thoughts will perpetuate into words, deeds, habits, character, and finally, it will morph into one's destiny.

I feel that the poem is a metaphor for the way miniscule thoughts will develop into your ultimate personality. It inspires me to change myself for the better by eliminating my unbeneficial traits in favor of superior ones. I can start out small with thoughts and actions then work myself up to a full morph into a better version of myself.



5th & 6th graders, Hannah and David quiz each other on states and capitals.

...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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Congratulations!

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, April 12th

***Join us for coffee and stay
for a few years!***



Congratulations to 7th grader, Caden Miller, for placing 14th in the 2019 Will County Regional Scripps Spelling Bee! His parents, grandparents, teacher and Latin teacher were there to cheer him on at Lockport Township East High School on March 7th. Finalists from 50 schools and homeschools were represented. Great job, Caden!

In February, finals were held at MSOL and Caden won with the word: guaranteed. He made it to the 7th round of the regionals and went out on the word: fanaticism.

The Spelling Bee is sponsored by the Will County Regional Office of Education and ComEd.



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