

## Save the Date!

- March 1<sup>st</sup>  
Tuition Due
- March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Pulaski Day, No School
- March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
10% Tuition Deposit due  
for 2020-21 School Year
- March 6<sup>th</sup>  
Informational Coffee  
Science Fair
- March 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:45<sup>am</sup>  
Parents' Association  
Meeting
- March 13<sup>th</sup>  
Adolescent Student Run  
Conferences, 3-6<sup>pm</sup>  
Detective Richard Wistocki  
Presentation 6:30- 8:30<sup>pm</sup>
- March 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>  
IOWA Testing, 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade
- March 16<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>  
IOWA Testing, 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade
- March 26<sup>th</sup>, K-6<sup>th</sup>  
Chicago Symphony  
Orchestra Field Trip
- March 30<sup>th</sup>- April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Spring Break, No School  
Classes resume April 6<sup>th</sup>

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# Montessori School of Lemont

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## DENIM AND Diamonds

Mark your calendars for this year's annual auction on Friday, May 1!

Our Auction Committee is excited to be hosting our 28<sup>th</sup> annual event at Public Landing from 7-10 pm. The theme is Denim & Diamonds and tickets are on sale now on our auction website for \$75 per person.

There will be heavy appetizers, an open bar, dessert bar and more. The evening will be hosted by board member, Angela Adolf and husband, Joe Adolf, our favorite emcee!

The Classroom Projects will be up for bid in the Live Auction and the staff is planning the perfect activities to offer for their Teacher Features. The lucky winners in each classroom will get to join their teachers on an outing to the

theater, lunch, a movie, a nature hike or maybe a special art, cooking or gardening project at school.

Please join us for a fun night with a silent and live auction, silly games, delicious food and great company!

No School on Casimir Pulaski Day, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

The More You Know: *Casimir Pulaski was a brilliant military tactician who came to the aid of the Americans during the Revolutionary War.*



## IOWA Testing

IOWA Testing is just around the corner. For 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, testing will begin on March 16<sup>th</sup> and continue through March 20<sup>th</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade testing will also start on March 16<sup>th</sup> and will be completed by March 27<sup>th</sup>.

At MSOL, we administer the IOWA Test of Basic Skills not for diagnostic purposes but rather as a Practical Life activity. Practical Life fosters concentration, coordination, and independence through activities of daily life. When students complete our program and move into a conventional class-

room, testing and quizzing will be an activity of daily life.

While introducing the IOWA test in the Montessori environment, our staff has the opportunity to define the testing experience and desensitize students to the anxiety and stress it can cause.

For students to perform their best, please be sure your child gets a good night's sleep and begins their day with a healthy breakfast.

(See page 3 for 2019 testing results.)





5th grader Cora reading to Green Room students on PJ Day

## Health Update

The health and safety of our students is our priority at MSOL and we are monitoring information daily from the CDC and IDPH to learn how to help contain the spread of

Coronavirus (COVID-19):

- People who have been in contact with someone diagnosed with the virus should not return to school for 14 days.
- At this time, neither federal nor state health authorities are

recommending that schools cancel classes. Should the situation worsen and warrant the closing of school, we will communicate with families via email and our website.

- Our staff will remain vigilant in monitoring students' symptoms associated with the virus. Currently, public health officials are not recommending the use of masks or gloves in public settings.
- Our on-staff cleaning staff continues to follow the

recommended processes for cleaning and disinfecting with products recommended by the EPA.

According to the IDPH, there are other respiratory viruses like influenza currently circulating in Illinois. Fever, coughing, and difficulty breathing are symptoms associated with all of them. If anyone in your family develops such symptoms, we urge you

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**-Therese Colby**

**“I’m gonna go  
practice my  
two digit  
division. I  
haven’t  
practiced it in  
a while.”  
-M.N., age 10**



Zoe and Maria having fun in the snow before spring arrives

## Parents’ Association Report

February 11, 2020

Officers Present:

Jenna Treanor, President

Jeanine Tschudy, President

Lori MacDonald, Vice President

Debbie Moreno, Secretary

Also in attendance: Anna Antosiak, Therese Colby, Karen Damato, Jennifer Galka, Ernesta Glukinaite

Meeting called to order at 8:45<sup>am</sup> by Jenna Treanor

Executive Report: Jenna

Old Business

Pajama Day Report: 123+ pairs of pajamas donated to Guardian Angel Services  
Reviewed auction goal, sponsorship levels, ticket prices, added \$100 Amethyst Level Teacher Sponsorship to cover cost of staff tickets.

New Business

Auction Updates:

Emcee confirmed by Therese

Software updates discussed, website up and running

Save the Dates designed by Jenna, to be sent on February 18 with procurement letters invitations distributed on March 9<sup>th</sup>

Games: To be planned at next meeting: Ring Game, Luck of the Draw, Wine Pull, and Balloon Game

Procurement: Karen updating database

Baskets: Valued at \$250. Deadline for items is April 17<sup>th</sup>, will be assembled on April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Blue Room-Montessori Basket

Green Room-Spa Basket

Yellow Room-Lego 2 Basket

Purple Room-Science Basket

Orange Room-Reading Basket

Silver Room-Gizmos and Gadgets

Items Needed for: Taste of Lemont, Chicago, Family Outing, Liquor, Museum and Lotto Baskets

Room Parents to request pre-made baskets and gift cards

Other: Fund-a-Need Donations to offset the cost of updated surveillance system

Food/Drinks & Decor: Signature cocktail-champs w/blueberries; Jeanine to provide actual ticket cost w/gratuity, advise cost of desserts and décor.

Therese discussed the mission statement and requested assistance in developing a creative activity to engage students in our mission using the acronym PIES: Physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30<sup>am</sup> by Jenna Treanor

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:45<sup>am</sup>

## 2019 IOWA Test Results

Each Spring we administer the IOWA Test of Basic Skills to our students in grades 1-8. While standardized testing results do not define our students nor our curriculum, it provides data for measuring learner outcomes and

program efficacy.

Our staff takes the responsibility of providing students with their first impression of testing in a low pressure, no stakes environment very seriously and parents are able to opt their

children out of testing. Conventional measurement tools like the IOWAs do not always track with the scope or sequence of our curriculum yet our students typically perform above grade level.



Ryker and Dylan twinning!

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### Health Update

to contact your doctor immediately. Please take a moment to review these best-practice preventative safety measures

recommended by the CDC:

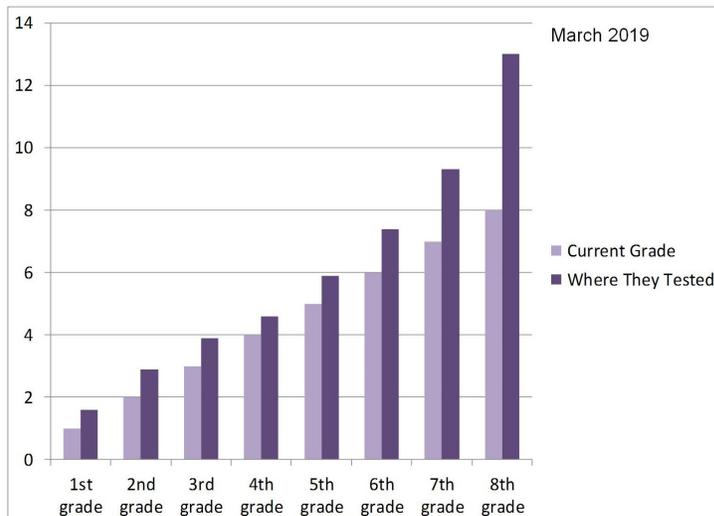
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

As always, observe school policy that students must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication before returning to school.

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

DPH: <http://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>

Willco Health Department: <https://www.willcountyillinois.com/County-Offices/Public-Health-and-Safety>



## Science Fair

Our 4th-8th grade students invite you to visit their classrooms for their Science Fair on March 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00<sup>pm</sup>. They have been working diligently on their experiments and are looking forward to presenting their findings to you... after a rehearsal with the younger students earlier in the day!

This is one of several bridging activities throughout the year that is designed for younger students to visit their future classrooms in order to ease their transition when the time comes. Older students benefit by honing their presentation skills and entertaining often unanticipated questions before their adult guests arrive.

A scientist from Citgo will consult with Upper El students on their exhibits and question them on

their methods and findings. The Director of the Naperville Central High School Ombudsman School will judge the Adolescent class projects using a rubric they receive when designing their experiments.

Our Adolescent program is designed to be a transitional program that prepares students for high school by introducing them to conventional practices including rubrics, percentage grades and 1:1 computing in their independent and project-based Montessori work. Guest lecturers, interactive presentations, collaborative learning and peer review are combined with deadlines and formal assessments in a socially and emotionally supportive environment that is critical at their stage of development.

**“Test Tube  
[long]  
Division is the  
funnest thing  
in the world.”**

**-N.Z., age 9**



Purple Room students enjoying their Friendship Tea

...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 almost 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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## 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](mailto:info@lemontmontessori.com)

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



**Friday, March 6**  
**Friday, April 17**

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

## All- American Girl Finalists

Congrats to MSOL 7th and 8th graders, Johanna and Sienna, on becoming finalists in Congressman Dan Lipinski's All-American Boy & Girl Program!

The 100 finalists recognized at the event were selected from over 1,000 applicants in each grade. The finalists underwent formal interviews with a panel of judges who then selected first, second and third place winners in each category. Criteria for the award included academic achievement, community involvement, and extracurricular activities.

Sienna placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall as one of two winners from Lemont.

Each finalist was awarded a certificate for their hard work and superior applications. The 16 winners were given a framed certificate and a gift card.



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