

# Montessori School of Lemont

Since 1972

## Save the Date!

- October 1  
Tuition Due
- October 9  
School Photo Orders Due
- October 14  
Indigenous People's Day/  
Columbus Day, No School
- October 15  
Safety Drills  
1<sup>st</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Parent-Student  
Events
- October 16  
Primary Parent-Student  
Evening
- October 17-18  
Virtual Walk, Jog, Run

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## Walk, Jog, Run!

Our 12<sup>th</sup> annual *Walk, Jog, Run* is still happening!

As with most things in 2020, our Parents' Association got creative in finding a way to still have this great event.

We may not be running together this year but our first virtual WJR will have a burst of color in the t-shirts and in the Ecofetti that will be sent home with each pre-registration!

You can still W, J or R and, bonus...you CHOOSE where! Run on your treadmill, run in

your neighborhood. Run the 5K in pieces and total your time. It is up to you!

WJR raises money for our beloved school and grounds and this year proceeds will go towards offsetting the improvements to our outdoor learning environments.

Thanks to our organizers, donors and families who procured donations and to our sponsors and donors for supporting the ongoing improvement and growth of our programs.



## World Peace Day



On September 21<sup>st</sup> we celebrated Peace Day, coming together as a community to join students around the world to simultaneously sing a song of peace. The International Day of Peace is observed around the world each year on 21 September. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all human-

ity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

MSOL students gathered in a socially distant fashion with staff and fellow students of different grades, backgrounds, races, and religions at exactly 10<sup>am</sup> CST to coordinate with others around the world and sang "Light a Candle for Peace."



9<sup>th</sup> grader, Noah takes a different kind of "driving test."

***I love ALL the animals in this classroom! A.A., Age 13***



Orange room students utilizing their outdoor learning environment.

## Welcome, Señora Diaz!

After 10 years of teaching Spanish at MSOL, Senor Ceron will be pursuing online opportunities for the time being and will not be leading our 3-6 and 6-9 year old Spanish programs. Renato is also an MSOL alumni parent and his family will always be a part of ours.

Please help me welcome, Senora Diaz, who will be stepping

into the role this month!  
¡¡Hola Familias de Lemont Montessori!!

*My name is Senora Diaz and I am looking forward to meeting my new amigos!*

*I am a native of Tucson, Arizona and a University of Arizona alumni. Prior to living in Illinois, I worked for over a decade in Guatemala which was a rich and rewarding experience.*

*I have taught Spanish in various educational institutions here in Illinois after relocating in 2017.*

*¡Los veo pronto!  
See you all soon!"*



## Parents' Association Report

September 15, 2020

OFFICERS PRESENT:  
JENNA TREANOR, PRESIDENT  
KAREN DAMATO, VICE-PRESIDENT  
DEBBIE MORENO, TREASURER  
JENNIFER GALKA, SECRETARY

Also in attendance: Therese Colby, Lori MacDonald, Maria Glassner, and Manya Crippen  
Call to order at 8:45<sup>am</sup> by Jenna Treanor

EXECUTIVE REPORT: JENNA TREANOR, PRESIDENT

### NEW BUSINESS

- Mum orders were reviewed; a plan was made for sorting and pick up.
- Discussion regarding selling poinsettias in winter and hanging baskets in spring; Jenna will send parent survey to gauge interest
- Reviewed the current donations for the Teacher Appreciation Fund; Debbie will have room parents send a reminder email on September 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Jenna discussed Virtual Walk, Jog, Run; registration due 9/26 and actual run weekend will be October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>
- Jeff MacDonald will procure swag bags. PA will purchase Ecofetti. Need to check school stock for stress balls and sunglasses to be included in swag bags.
- Families will be asked to take lots of pictures and Jenna will provide a site to post photos
- Discussed auction photo ideas. Manya offered to take elementary photos. Maria can provide canvas and framing options. Discussed preference for photos being done outside if possible
- Announced that we will cancel Fall Fest this year. Jenna pitched the idea of a movie night. Karen suggested Hollywood Blvd. as an option. Jenna contacted the park district about a screen rental costs. Topic will be re-visited at next meeting.
- Decided meetings will be on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Special meetings will be called as necessary.

Adjourned at 10:35<sup>am</sup> by Jenna  
NEXT PA MEETING: Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

*The Parent's Association of the Montessori School of Lemont exists to support the school's philosophy, programs and activities for the benefit of all students, staff and families.*

## Welcome, Mr. Janus!



Kevin Janus is a new addition to our team at Montessori School of Lemont!

Mr. Janus will take over for Mr. Miller who is working from home this year. Kevin is responsible for the Music and P.E. programs and will oversee after school care. Mr. Janus did his classroom

observation and student teaching at Chicago Public Schools, earning his Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education at Roosevelt University of Chicago in 2012. His favorite aspects of teaching are inspiring creativity, learning from his students' perspectives, and having fun!

Mr. Janus is also an active musician. He released his first independently record-

ed album in January 2020 and performs regularly.

In his free time he enjoys hiking with his dog, skateboarding, and trying to keep up with his 4 year old son, Donovan.

Mr. Janus learned very quickly that he joined an outstanding team at MSOL and he is incredibly excited for a fantastic albeit very different school year!



The Primary students' outdoor learning environments

## Parent-Student Evenings

One of our favorite traditions at MSOL is our Parent-Student Evening when parents are invited for a hands-on Montessori experience led by their child. This year our staff is getting creative and adapting the event for these socially-distant times. Teachers will share details via their parent-teacher apps.

Whether you're in-person or virtual, you can see your

child's confidence grow as they demonstrate new skills and serve as your teachers for the evening. Sharing the experience with your child's eyes offers a perspective that will change and grow along with your child.

Informal Parent -Teacher conferences will be scheduled individually for parents of new students and students who are in a new classroom.

Formal conferences for all parents are held in November and May.

**"My mom gave my dad the best gift.**

**ME!"**

**L.H.W., Age 6**



## Montessori and Common Core State Standards

The Common Core State Standards (CCSS) were first released in 2010 with the intention of preparing students for college and careers and making the United States more academically competitive worldwide.

These standards are a baseline of what students should know and be able to

do at the end of each grade level.

The article, [Common Core Standards: An Opportunity for Montessori to Shine](#), states that the Common Core State Standards have "defined a set of common learning goals for specific grade levels." This gives the nation's educators the "what" and "when" to

teach certain topics.

The great news is that Montessori education already encompasses these learning goals. Over 100 years ago, Dr. Maria Montessori created a curriculum with an alternative approach to prepare our children not only for success in academics and their careers, but in life.



Elementary parents at the "Montessori at Home" Curriculum Night!

...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 after the construction of a new campus on 7.5 acres of donated land. In 2010, a third building 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.

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It is the mission of the  
Montessori School  
of Lemont  
to provide for the  
physical,  
intellectual,  
emotional, and  
spiritual  
education of children ages  
3-15 years  
following the methods and  
philosophy of  
Dr. Maria Montessori.

## Montessori Moment

### Coffee, Anyone?

Are you interested in learning more about Montessori? Join us for our next monthly "Coffee." Prospective parents will tour the campus, observe classes, and speak with current parents, students, and staff. Please call or email if you would like to attend.

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



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

After getting her started and offering guidance, Adolescent student, Blerta, worked independently to make her own face mask with a YouTube tutorial. Over the course of about a week, she completed her mask and showed it to me. I celebrated with her, "Wow! Look at that! Great work!!"

The next day during the daily health screening, she rolled down her window, and I saw her sitting straight up, so proud. I complimented her, "Oh! Very cute mask!" I could see her beaming with pride in her accomplishment.

Through this project, Blerta satisfied her hunger for joy, her creative drive, and the urge for transcendence. These are three of the *7 Gateways to the Soul of Education* which go hand in hand with common core state standards and the concept of valorization of the personality during the adolescent years.

-Lauren Vincenti, Adolescent Teacher



The adolescent class has been designing products for their micro-economy and are proud to unveil their newest product, a custom MSOL logo mask! It will be available in adult and children's sizes at the MSOL Fresh Market for \$10 each!



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