

Montessori School of Lemont

Since 1972

Save the Date!

- November 1st
Tuition Due
- November 6th
Virtual Coffee
- November 10th, 8:^{45am}
Parents' Association Meeting
- November 11th
Veterans' Day
Operation Care Package Donations Due
- November 13th
Poinsettia Orders Due
- November 23-24th
No School, Parent-Teacher Conferences
- November 25-27th
Thanksgiving Holiday,
No School

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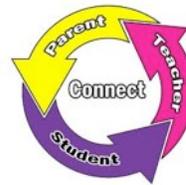
November 2020

Parent-Teacher Conferences

On November 23-24, teachers will meet with parents for semi-annual formal conferences. There will be no classes for students on these days. Conferences and registration will take place in person or online and teachers will schedule parents of multiple students first.

Starting in Upper Elementary, our 4th-6th graders participate in their conferences and are included in the discussion about their performance in class. Once in the Adolescent pro-

gram students in 7th-9th grade lead their own conferences after completing a self-evaluation and portfolio to share with their parents and teachers.



New families met with teachers in October for informal conferences and thanks to our custom designed Montessori environments with their independent entrances and exits,

parents have access to their teachers daily at carpool for what Montessori called, the 'doorstep conference.'



This year, more than ever, we are reminded to appreciate and give thanks for all that we have. We are grateful for all members of our school community and each year the Parents' Association shows gratitude for our staff by celebrating, **"Thanks-For-Giving."** During conferences on November 23rd the PA will provide lunch for staff as a token of our appreciation. Lunch will be provided using funds from our new Teacher Appreciation Fund established with donations from parents. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our dedicated staff! Please join us at our next PA Meeting on November 10th.

Operation Care Package

Santa's helpers are busy filling stockings and wrapping gifts for over 10,000 deployed U.S. Military and they need our help!

Please donate items from the following list for those deployed far from home. Collection boxes will be located around campus until Veteran's Day, November 11. Let's help OCP make this a great holiday season for our heroes in uniform!

"Let No Hero Be Forgotten"
www.operationcarepackages.org



Protein Bars, Jerky, Kool-Aid, Gatorade, Coffee (ground) any size, Sunflower Seeds, Hot chocolate or cider packets, Fruit Snacks, Canned or Dried Fruit, Canned Hearty Soup, Ravioli, Stew, Cup-A-Soup, Ramen, Instant Oatmeal, Boxed Cereal, Easy Mac & Cheese, Microwave Popcorn, Halloween Candy, Canned Tuna or Chicken, Individual Packages of Crackers, Ziplock Bags, any size



Holden shows off his fine motor skills during Parent-Student Evening

“When I was a baby, I was smaller than a virus”

-G.H., age 4

“Yes! I was smaller than corona.”

-C.K., age 4



Varun participating in the virtual Walk, Jog, Run

‘Tis the Season

...for philanthropy! To show our gratitude for the generosity and support of our families and donors, we have a rich culture of giving back at MSOL and are busy re-imagining our service projects during this socially distant time.

Our annual collection for Operation Care Package is underway and while we are not able to honor our

Veterans in-person this year, we are grateful for their service. Our Adolescents will return to *Feed My Starving Children* to pack meals for children in need as soon as they can.

Our annual Care & Carol is December 6 and weather permitting, we'll take our annual performance on the road...literally! We hope to carol for the residents of our

-Therese Colby

local retirement community from their parking lot where they can watch the show through the windows of their community room.

These service projects support our vision to develop future generations of independent, confident, and empathetic lifelong learners who effect change for a better world.

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PA Report

October 13, 2020

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Jenna Treanor, President

Karen Damato, Vice President

Jennifer Galka, Secretary

Also in Attendance: Therese Colby, Elizabeth Waller, Maria Glassner, and Manya Crippen

CALL TO ORDER at 9:00^{am} on Zoom: Jenna

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9.30^{am}: Jenna

EXECUTIVE REPORT: Jenna

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

OLD BUSINESS

- Mum Sale Recap

- * Mum sale was successful; agreed to sell Poinsettias (\$20) in November with delivery 1st week of December. Elizabeth will purchase poinsettias for various locations around the school.

- * Will offer hanging baskets in the spring, and possibly succulents in the summer.

- [Spirit Wear](#) Sale is not a fundraiser. The shop will be open for orders until 10/26 but families can purchase products featuring the MSOL logo in the future.
- Collection for teacher gifts/staff birthdays was popular. Enough raised to fund holiday gifts, birthdays, Thanks for Giving, and end of year gifts. Agreed to offer the same option next year.

NEW BUSINESS

- Walk, Jog, Run

- * Tumbler and Neves Nutrition Gift Card to be awarded by random draw.

- * Pictures can be posted on the website or emailed to Jenna.

- * 68 participants, approximately one dozen donors plus sponsors. \$3,700 raised to date, goal is \$4,000.

- Spring Fest suggested in lieu of cancelled Fall Fest. Will revisit at a later date.
- Therese to poll teachers regarding food for Thanks-for-Giving
- Manna Program will be an ongoing fundraiser with virtual option (no cost to MSOL). If requested physical gift card orders will be submitted on the 1st and 15th each month (\$8 delivery fee).
- 50/50 Bingo Fundraiser proposed, will revisit in Winter 2021
- 2021 Auction
 - * Alternatives discussed. Classroom projects still possible.
 - * Manya has almost finished photographing “physical” (P) pictures for the mission statement ‘PIES’ portraits. Maria will provide framing options and costs for discussion.
 - * Jenna welcomes other ideas to raise money if traditional auction not possible.

Next Meeting November 10th

Walk, Jog, Run Financial Report

Revenue and Operating Expenses		Items that WJR will Benefit	
71 Entrée Fees	\$2,140.00	Outdoor Environment Furniture	\$1,700.00
12 Individual Donors, 9 Corporate Sponsors	<u>2,955.00</u>	Replacement Canopies for Tents	150.00
Total Race Income	\$5,095.00	Outside Storage Container	324.00
T-Shirts	\$681.55	Soccer Nets	210.96
Ecofetti	<u>111.25</u>	Volleyball Net	26.01
Total Race Expenses	\$792.80	Install/ Repair/ Sound Garden	417.50
		Sail Shades	456.98
		Est. Installation (Spring 2021)	1,000.00
		Total Costs	\$4,285.45
Total Race Proceeds	\$4,302.20	(Remaining Fund Balance)	(\$16.75)



Emma enjoying Arts & Crafts after school special

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As a 501(c)3 charitable organization, we support other charities through service and collections of items. We raise funds for MSOL to fulfill our mission 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.

Thank you for helping us to provide our students with the experience of helping others and we welcome new ideas for giving back to our community.

Bienvenido Bebé



Simón Benito Sims

Señor Ben Sims and his wife, Priscilla, welcomed a sweet baby boy into the world. Simón Benito Sims was born on September 2, weighing 7lbs, 14oz and measuring 20.5"

"I'm a master of coldness."

S.M.H., age 6

Cold Weather Ahead!

As the weather changes, please remember:

- * Students go outside daily for recess unless the wind chill factor is below 20°. Send scarves, mittens, hats, boots, and snow pants to school every day in the winter.
- * For the health and safety of our staff, when it is raining or the wind chill is 10° or lower, parents are asked to walk children to and from their cars at arrival and dismissal. We ask that parents wear cloth face coverings at this time.
- * Staff and students must be fever free for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medication) before returning to school after an illness.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

Call: 1-900-407-SNOW

<http://www.emergencyclosingcenter.com/>

Montessori Elementary/Preschool of Lemont



Orange Room students hit the (nature) trail!

...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.

Montessori School of Lemont does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, pregnancy, national origin, age, socio-economic level, physical ability, genetic information, and learning style in the administration of its educational policies, admissions, hiring, scholarships or other school programs

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Coffee Anyone?

Are you interested in learning more about Montessori? Join us for a monthly "Coffee" on November 6th or December 4th. 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.

info@lemontmontessori.com

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



Join us for coffee and stay for a few years!

Ryan Fitzgerald, MSOL Class of 2014 valedictorian, has made a major step in his career.

Ryan joined Tyler Bryant & the Shakedown, a rock band from Nashville, Tennessee. They're known for touring with the likes of ACDC, Guns N' Roses, Aersomith, and more.

Tyler Bryant & The Shakedown released their new album "Pressure" on

October 16 and debuted Ryan as the group's newest member on the same day.

Ryan is "beyond thrilled" to be joining the band on bass and supporting vocals. He states, "The Shakedown has been one of my favorite bands since 2013 and it is truly a pleasure to play alongside these guys."

Rock on, Ryan!



Ryan Fitzgerald ('14) on right with Tyler Bryant & The Shakedown

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