

# Montessori School of Lemont

Since 1972

## Save the Date!

- August 1<sup>st</sup>  
Fees & Health Forms Due
- August 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30<sup>pm</sup>  
Movie Night
- August 12<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>  
Teacher In-Service Days
- August 16<sup>th</sup>  
Elementary Back-to-School  
Parent Meetings
- August 19<sup>th</sup>  
Primary Back-to-School  
Parent Meetings
- August 19<sup>th</sup>, 10-11:00<sup>am</sup>  
New Student Orientation  
for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- August 21-23<sup>rd</sup>  
Half Days for K-9<sup>th</sup> Grade
- August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00<sup>am</sup>  
Adolescent Back-to-School  
Parent Meeting
- August 26<sup>th</sup>  
First Day of Regular  
Schedule for All Students  
Courtyard Coffee, 8:45<sup>am</sup>

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## Back to School



### Elementary Student

Orientation  
August 19  
10 -11<sup>am</sup>

### Primary Student

Orientations  
August 8-16  
*Teachers will contact  
parents to schedule*

We are looking forward to another great year! There will be lots of opportunities for parents to engage with staff and other families. Movie Night will kick off the year followed by the Back to School Parent Meetings, Student Orientations, the Back to School Picnic, and Coffee in the Courtyard.

At the meetings, staff will overview procedures for new families, update returning parents on any changes and share their plans for the year. Parents may bring school supplies to one of the BTS events.

In September, we will host a Curriculum Crawl for parents and Walk, Jog, Run for the whole family. Fall Fest is the highlight of October and our Parent Event Coordinators are already making plans for this favorite MSOL tradition. See you soon!



**Purple Room Parents**  
August 16, 6 - 7<sup>pm</sup>

**Orange Room Parents**  
August 16, 7 - 8<sup>pm</sup>

**Blue & Green Room Parents**  
August 19, 6 - 7<sup>pm</sup>

**Yellow Room Parents**  
August 19, 7 - 8<sup>pm</sup>

**Silver Room Parents**  
August 23, 11-11:45<sup>am</sup>

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## How We Spent Our Summer Vacation!

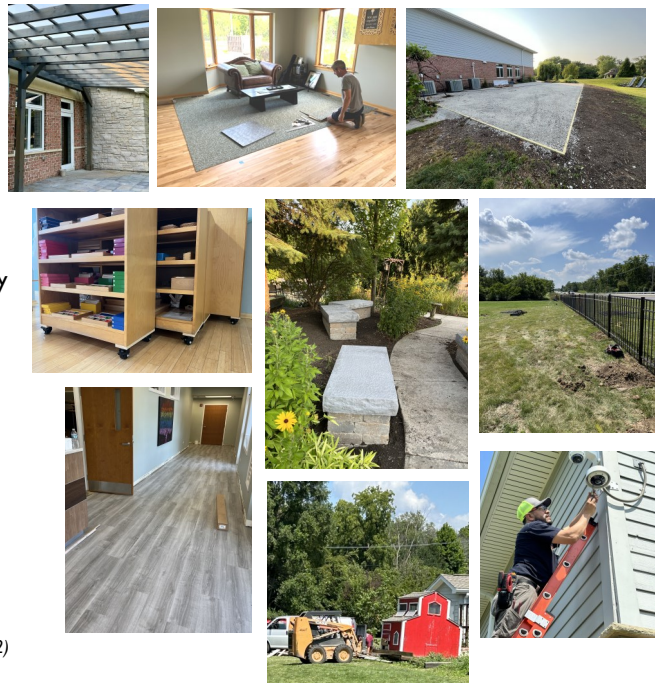
-Therese Colby

Wait until you see what we've accomplished this summer! We've been busy making improvements and additions to the campus, some more visible than others.

Safety first! The security system upgrade is our most significant summer project. We partnered with MSOL Parent, Keith Urban of Clear LP Security Systems and invested \$54,900 from the building fund into a new central station security alarm system. Reinstalling the fence and repairing the primary gates cost an additional \$10,924 and the purchase and install of solar powered school zone road signs was \$8,400.

For the students, we renovated the hub of our Farmessori program with a new portable building that will house our chickens and a workshop for our new

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Coming Soon!

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Environmental Ed program. It will have a front and a back porch, rubberized and insulated floors, 12 insulated windows with shutters, a dormer, nesting boxes and roost, a garage door, ramp, and a screened observation area for students to visit the chickens. It was built by the Amish for \$35,091. Site prep, demo and electric service is an additional \$9,985.

In 2023, our annual gala raised \$37,475 restricted to the Farmessori project. Unrestricted donations from other galas are reserved in our building fund and allocated to the growth and improvement of our campus. Building funds provided the additional Farmessori expenses and funded all other campus projects this summer.

In the courtyard and Zen garden, we repaired the patio and enhanced landscaping for \$6,211. New stone seating walls cost \$16,640 and will be a lovely place to gather for Coffee in the Courtyard and the Adolescent class' morning meetings.

The Elementary pergolas were stained and re-roofed for \$4,400, and the hallway and locker area flooring was replaced for \$12,350 by Landmark Flooring and Alumni Parent, Bill McQuillan. The Adolescent wooden floors were refinished, their vinyl floors replaced and new carpeting was installed for \$13,831.

It's been a busy summer and we can't wait to share all of our accomplishments with you!

[Overheard during Bug Week:]

**"I'll trade you two golden rod beetles for a boxelder bug."**

## Parents' Association Events

**-Kristin Wade**

We're excited to kick off the school year and hope you had a fantastic summer. Do not forget to print your yearly calendar. The PA has a lot of exciting activities, philanthropy, and fundraising opportunities planned. We look forward to seeing everyone at the back-to-school meetings and reconnect with our school community.

### **HELP NEEDED!**

**THE PURPLE ROOM IS STILL IN NEED OF A ROOM PARENT!! REACH OUT TO THE LOWER ELEMENTARY TEACHERS IF YOU ARE INTERESTED:**

[le@lemontmontessori.com](mailto:le@lemontmontessori.com)

### **WANT TO CONNECT WITH YOUR CLASS?**

Get to know your Room Parents. We appreciate everyone's feedback from the parent survey; as a result, **Room Parents will not collect money for classroom or teacher needs.** They are here to provide classroom-related information, support teachers and foster connections. You will have the opportunity to meet your Room Parent at the Back-to-School Meeting!

**BLUE:** Ashley Haberkern    **GREEN:** Sheetal Kesari    **YELLOW:** Jill Kellogg  
**PURPLE:** Open                    **ORANGE:** Jennifer Galka    **SILVER:** Debbie Moreno

### **IMPORTANT UPDATES**

**Mum sales are officially open!**

We are thrilled to announce our first fundraiser of the year. These beautiful mums come in multiple sizes and colors. Do not miss out on the chance to brighten your garden and support our community! Sales close on September 2, and delivery will be on September 11. Order now and help make a difference!



School Supply Lists are available on Transparent Classroom!



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## For all the little reasons

The Montessori School of Lemont, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization recognized by the State of Illinois and accredited by the American Montessori Society, has been educating children ages 3 through 9th grade for over 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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## Welcome to the Family!

We are thrilled to share the wonderful news that our dear Mrs. Afaneh has welcomed a beautiful baby boy into her family! Little Kinan Daana was born on July 13<sup>th</sup>, weighing 8lbs., 6oz and measuring 20in. His big brother and sister are proud as can be!

Congratulations to Nada and her family!



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.

## 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 upcoming dates & details, call or email us at [info@lemontmontessori.com](mailto:info@lemontmontessori.com)

Philosophy & Curriculum \* Classroom Observation \* Parent Mentors  
Q & A \* Admissions Process

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



**MONTESSORI**  
School of Lemont