Save the Date!

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

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Welcome to the Family!

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Back to School



Elementary Student

Orientation August 19 10 -11am

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!



Since 1972.

Purple Room Parents August 16, 6 - 7pm

Orange Room Parents August 16, 7 - 8pm

Blue & Green Room Parents August 19, 6 - 7pm

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

> Silver Room Parents August 23, 11-11:45am

How We Spent Our Summer Vacation!

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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-Therese Colby



















Coming Soon!

(Continued from page 1) 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 reroofed 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

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: |ill Kellogg SILVER: Debbie Moreno **PURPLE:** Open **ORANGE:** Jennifer Galka

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!



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School Supply Lists are available on Transparent Classroom!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Now-Sept 2: MUM ONLINE SALES! Delivered to MSOL September 11

August 8: MOVIE NIGHT! 6:30^{am} *Movie at 7:45^{pm}* *Sign Up to Volunteer

August 23: BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC! 11:30^{am}
August 26: COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD 8:45^{am}

Consider sharing your Time, Talent, Treasure with your MSOL family

- We understand TIME is precious, if you're able to give some of your time to help cultivate the MSOL experience for our kids, we value your TIME!
- As the world keeps growing and evolving, the MSOL family is interested in the TALENTS you would be willing to share with the school.
- ♦ Lastly, in this fast paced world you may not have the resources to share your time or talent, though would be interested in sharing (donating) your TREASURE to assist with MSOL reaching its highest potential.

The Parent Event Coordinators at MSOL wish you a wonderful summer! Keep an eye out for our updates to stay informed about school events and opportunities for involvement.



Movie Night is almost here!



After School Specials

Registration for Fall After School Specials will be open soon and we're very excited to offer fun new classes along with our long standing favorites. Take advantage of these wonderful opportunities for your children.

Registration is due August 28th and enrollment is limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis. Forms will be available on Transparent Classroom soon!!

Illinois State Board of Education

MSOL is recognized with the Illinois State Board of Education which requires the following of students in public and non-public schools. All forms are due by August 1^{st}

- Dental Forms Due for all students entering K, 2nd, 6th, and 9th grade.
- Vision Exam Forms Due for all current Kindergarten students and all transfer students in K-9th grade.
- Health Exam Forms Due for all new students who are 3 & 4 years old, or entering Kindergarten, 6th, & 9th grade
- All students entering 6th –9th grade must show proof of receipt of one dose of Tdap vaccine (containing tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis).

Parents exercising their legal right to not immunize their children must submit a Religious Exemption Certificate in lieu of immunization records. A health exam form signed by your child's pediatrician is due regardless of exemption status.

Forms and/or exemption letters are required before your child may start school.



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.

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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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.



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 13th, weighing 8lbs., 6oz and measuring 20in. His big brother and sister are proud as can be!

Congratulations to Nada and her family!









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

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

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