

# Montessori School of Lemont

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## Save the Date!

- October 1  
Tuition Due
- October 4  
Campus Care Day
- October 10  
Safety Drills
- October 11  
Teacher In-Service  
No classes for students
- October 14  
Indigenous People's Day/  
Columbus Day. No School
- October 19, Noon-3:00pm  
Fall Fest
- October 25  
Primary Family Field Trip
- October 31  
LE, UE & Adol Field Trip

## Fall Fest



Fall Fest is right around the corner! This annual community event will be held on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from Noon-3<sup>pm</sup> and is sponsored by the Parents' Association with proceeds from the mum and photo booth sales.

There will be games and activities for all ages. 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be haunting the MSOL trails and the Adolescents are designing a Creepy Clown Parade themed haunted house in the basement of their building that's sure to thrill. [Billy Bricks](#) food truck will be on hand. Everyone is encouraged to wear costumes and decorate their cars for Trunk-or-Treat (reserve your spot in Transparent Classroom!) which will take place in the parking lot at 2:30<sup>pm</sup> following a costume parade across campus. If you're interested in helping out, email [sipesbrook325@comcast.net](mailto:sipesbrook325@comcast.net) to volunteer!



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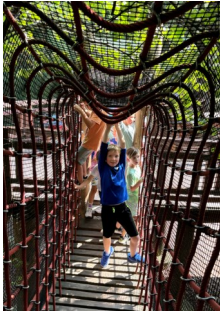
## Walk, Jog, Run!

Our annual Walk, Jog, (Color) Run was a blast! 100 MSOL students, staff, and parents came together to raise \$1,600 for indoor PE and recess gear. WJR started in 2008 thanks to a parent volunteer with a love for running and fitness, and it's grown into one of our favorite events! Over the years, it's helped fund our natural playground, outdoor classrooms, Gaga Ball Pit, PE, and more. One of the highlights?

Our staff had a blast spraying runners with eco-friendly colors and setting off confetti cannons to dye those event t-shirts!

A huge thanks to Jeanine Galetti, Sheila Strutz, Jackie Claxton, and Brooke Sipes for organizing WJR, and to all the families and staff for supporting the growth of our programs!





Lower Elementary students hanging out at the Morton Arboretum

**“I’m so full of energy, it feels like I have a solar panel on me!”**

**C.W., 2<sup>nd</sup> grade**



Unbreakable bubbles in After School Special, Ooey Goey Science

## Parents’ Association News

**-Kristin Wade**  
PA Communications Coordinator

**CAMPUS CARE DAY**, a new MSOL tradition focused on making our school grounds more beautiful while building a strong sense of community and ownership. Led by our new Facilities Manager and Environmental Ed teacher, Devin Ruddick, alongside gardening guru and Silver Room parent, Tina Stahmann.

The staff have thoughtfully selected projects for their outdoor learning environments, and they’ll be there to guide volunteers and students. We’re seeking up to ten volunteers per room. Students will be able to participate regardless of parent participation and have regular arrival and dismissal times.

[SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER HERE](#)

While the administration will provide the necessary materials and supplies, if you have power tools, handcars, or other helpful items, bringing them would be a fantastic contribution. Additionally, if you have leftover materials or supplies that can be reused or recycled, we’d love to hear from you! You never know—your hidden gem might be the perfect fit for a project.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share your time and talents with the MSOL community. We can't wait to work together and make our campus shine.

### MSOL PHILANTHROPY PROJECT GUARDIAN CORPS OF AMERICA

MSOL is uniting with [Guardian Corps of America](#) to assemble 120 hygiene kit backpacks for homeless vets. Check out the Sign-up Genius link for your classroom to view needed supplies.

[YELLOW](#) [BLUE](#) [GREEN](#) [PURPLE](#) [ORANGE](#) [SILVER](#)

### **ITEMS MUST BE DROPPED OFF BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>!**

#### IMPORTANT UPDATES

##### **OCTOBER AGENDA**

Get ready for an unforgettable Fall Fest on Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup>! Enjoy Halloween games, brave the Haunted House in the Silver Room, and test your courage on the Haunted Trail. Grab a drink and some food from Billy Bricks Pizza Truck!

Stay till the end and join the fun at our Trunk or Treat in the parking lot! Families can sign up to decorate their car and pass out nut-free Halloween goodies!

#### **SIGN YOUR CAR UP FOR TRUNK OF TREAT!!**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

October 4, 2024: [CAMPUS CARE DAY](#)

October 19, 2024: [FALL FEST](#)

November 4, 2024 [CARE PACKAGE CAMPAIGN](#)

#### **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 your **TALENTS** that 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.

## Scouting Adventures

**-Elaina Salmon**  
Troop 149 Committee Chair



Lemont Troop 149 has launched their 2024-25 program year and are welcoming new Scouts.

The Troop has many activities lined up for the fall. In August, they took a day-long canoe trip down the Rock River near Oregon, Illinois. In September, the Troop will camp in Wisconsin and will ride along the Elroy-Sparta Bike Trail, and the following month, they will camp at Stronghold and participate in team building on a low and high ropes course. Scouts will earn service hours as they support upcoming Eagle Scout Projects. At regular Troop meetings, Scouts will work on rank advancements and build scout skills together as patrols.

Troop 149 had an active summer. In June, two crews of Scouts and adult leaders went to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico where they spent twelve days backpacking in the mountains. The highlight of their trip was hiking to the top of Mount Baldy at 12,441 feet. Over their trek, they hiked a total of 130 miles. In July, Scouts also had the opportunity to attend summer camp at Owasippe Scout Reservation in Michigan. Scouts could earn merit badges in water sports, swimming, shotgun shooting, archery, wilderness survival, robotics, photography, environmental science, game design, first aid, geocaching, and so much more.

Over the past few months, we have also had several Scouts complete projects to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. Two Scouts, MSOL Alum, Harrison Nowakowski and Michael Swanson, led the troop in building birdhouses and bee hotels (insect habitats), respectively, for the Lemont Heritage Quarries Recreation Area. Brenden Malone worked with the Lemont Township to repair and secure fencing at the Lemont Dog Park.

The start of the program year is a great time to join Scouts! Troop 149 is open to boys aged 11-17. For girls or youth under age 11, we can connect you to a Troop or Pack with Scouting opportunities for you. For more information on Troop 149, please visit our website: [troop149lemont.org](http://troop149lemont.org).

Contact Scout Master and MSOL Alumni Parent, Keith Nowakowski at [keithmtb@mac.com](mailto:keithmtb@mac.com) or Committee Chair Elaina Salmon at [prelainsalmon@gmail.com](mailto:prelainsalmon@gmail.com).



*Upper El students showing creativity with their volcano presentations*

***“My brain is not braining!”***  
**-R.B., 7<sup>th</sup> grade**

*Montessori School of Lemont is the charter organization for Lemont Troop 149*

*...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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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 our next monthly “Coffee” on November 7. Prospective parents will take a virtual tour of the campus, learn about Montessori philosophy and MSOL. Call or email if you would like to attend.  
[info@lemontmontessori.com](mailto:info@lemontmontessori.com)

- \* Philosophy & Curriculum
- \* Virtual Tour
- \* Parent Mentors
- \* Programs
- \* Admissions Process



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

## Safety Drills & Visits

October is Fire Safety month so don't be alarmed if you see fire engines on campus!

Primary students will learn about fire safety and take the always popular “Touch a Truck” tour. Lower EI students will experience a simulation with the department's mobile fire safety house. Upper EI and Adolescents will meet with firefighters to discuss evacuation plans, home alone safety and big brother/sister responsibilities.



The fire and police departments will also observe and time our required intruder and fire drills. As a recognized non-public school with the Illinois State Board of Education, MSOL must perform three fire drills and one police lockdown drill each year. School bus safety drills and tornado drills are also mandated and will be held throughout the year.



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