

# Montessori School of Lemont

Since 1972

## Save the Date!

- November 1<sup>st</sup>  
Tuition Due
- November 4<sup>th</sup>  
School Holiday,  
No School
- November 5<sup>th</sup>  
Election Day, No School
- November 7<sup>th</sup>  
Informational Coffee
- November 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>  
Parent-Student Events
- November 11<sup>th</sup>  
Veterans' Day,  
Observed in School
- November 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>  
Conferences,  
No School
- November 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>  
Thanksgiving Holiday,  
No School

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## A Legacy of Giving

We are deeply grateful to volunteers and donors who came before us and laid the foundation of our outstanding school. Their selfless contributions, including a transformative 7.5-acre land donation from a caring parent, have made our school what it is today. Our community's continued support has allowed us to improve and grow our idyllic campus.

In honor of the generosity that has shaped us, our MSOL family of students, staff, parents, and board members proudly gives back through ongoing service to local, national, and global causes.

Our adolescent students have been busy volunteering at Feed My Starving Children, where they packed nutritious meals for children in need. They also work with SCARCE, an environmental education nonprofit focused on sustainable communities. Service to others is integral to our vision and each year,

-Therese Colby

Adolescents sign a service contract, pledging their time to their community, their family, and their school. They earmark 10% of their store profits to a charity of their choice. This year, they are supporting Ruby Whiskers Animal Rescue where they recently volunteered and gathered supplies for the shelter.

In partnership with the Guardian Corps of America, our Philanthropy Committee pledged to fill 120 backpacks with essentials for homeless veterans... and already have over 180 with a week to go until Veterans Day!

Alongside the backpacks, students and staff have written heartfelt thank you notes for Veterans, which will be shared through the Hope & Friendship Foundation.

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## Adolescents Earn Food Handler Training Certificates

Recently, our 7-8th grade students celebrated the achievements of the baking and taco team members who earned their Food Handler Training Certificates! This certification process links classroom learning with the real-world experience of operating their own small business, our MSOL school store.

In addition to hands-on roles, students develop resumes, complete job applications, participate in interviews, perform self-evaluations, and receive performance reviews. Each trimester, students apply for roles such as accountant, CEO, artisan, maintenance crew, bakers, kitchen managers, and taco prep for their MSOL Fresh Market (open Thursdays during carpool) and Fiesta Fridays lunch program. To work in our classroom kitchen, students complete the Illinois' Food Manager Class and obtain their Food Handler Training Certificate, qualifying them to work in any retail food establishment. Thanks to their hard work and dedication, the Adolescents' Fresh Market and Fiesta Fridays have become beloved traditions here at MSOL!





Primary students baking.

"Celery is good  
for your brain  
and carrots are  
good for your  
eyes."  
-H.G., 5 yrs.

## Parents' Association News

-Kristin Wade  
PA Communications Coordinator

MSOL engages in philanthropy projects as part of our commitment to nurturing compassionate and responsible individuals. These projects teach children the importance of giving back to their communities and help them develop empathy, leadership skills, and a sense of global citizenship. Parental involvement plays an important role in supporting these efforts. When parents contribute their time, resources, or donations, they not only enhance the success of the projects but also set an example of generosity and community spirit.

We want to thank all the parents who have generously given their time and donations this school year. Your support has made a tremendous impact on our philanthropic efforts and the learning experiences of our students. For those who are still planning to contribute, we look forward to working together to continue making a difference in our community.

### CARE & CAROL

Families will continue our annual tradition called **Care & Carol**, for residents of the [Lemont Nursing and Rehabilitation Center](#). The MSOL choir, led by Mrs. McClenning and Ms. Hayevsky, will perform holiday music for the residents. All families are welcomed to meet at the nursing home to sing along, song sheets will be provided.

**Place: 12450 Walker Road, Lemont**  
**Date: Thursday, December 12 at 3:30pm**



### UPCOMING EVENTS

November 4 [BACKPACK CAMPAIGN](#)  
November 22 [BOOK FAIR & DINNER](#)  
December 12 [CARE & CAROL](#)

Join us for the Book Fair, partnering with Three Stories Books and Matt's BBQ



**MATT'S BBQ:** Enjoy some delicious eats and mention MSOL when ordering to give 15% back to our school!

**Place: 310 Canal Street, Lemont**  
**Date: Friday, November 22 from 11<sup>am</sup>-10<sup>pm</sup>**



**THREE STORIES BOOKS:** They're donating 10% of all sales that day! Crafts from 4-7<sup>pm</sup>. Give the gift of reading: Donate a book to your classroom!

**Place: 308 Canal Street, Lemont**  
**Date: Friday, November 22 from 11<sup>am</sup>-7<sup>pm</sup>**



Aiden testing out the latest fashion in fire fighting gear

### 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.



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This month, older students are also participating in the Patriot's Pen competition by reflecting on the theme "My Voice in America's Democracy."



center by singing carols and delivering gifts to residents. This cherished tradition is just one way we unite to bring joy to others.

Community service is part of our vision to cultivate independent, confident, and empathetic lifelong learners who are inspired to create a better world. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit, we are committed to supporting other charities through service and donations and raise funds to support our mission to educate children ages 3-15 through the Montessori method.

During the holidays, MSOL families gather for Care & Carol to spread cheer at a local nursing



Thank you for your part in helping us instill a love of service in our students. We are always open to new ideas to help our community thrive!



Cam, Laws and Gavin embracing the outdoors

### Fall Fest Recap

This year Fall Fest was an absolute blast! Huge thanks to Events Coordinator, Brooke Sipes, and her squad of volunteers from the PA, Scout Troop #149, and the National Honors Society for making it all happen. Shout out to the MSOL students, staff and parents who helped with the choir performance, haunted trail and haunted basement! It was a day packed with fun, food, and festivities for everyone!



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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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.

### Cold Weather Ahead!

As the weather changes, please remember:

- \* Students go outside for recess daily unless the wind chill factor is below 20°. Send scarves, mittens, hats, boots, and snow pants to school every day.
- \* 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.

**KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!**  
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Montessori Elementary/Preschool of Lemont



### Coffee, Anyone?

Are you interested in learning more about Montessori? Join us for one of our monthly "Coffees". Prospective parents will take a 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 • Tour • Parent Mentors • Programs • Admissions Process



Join us for coffee and stay for a few years!



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School of Lemont