

Montessori School of Lemont

Since 1972

Save the Date!

- January 1st
Tuition Due
- January 7th
Classes Resume
- January 9th
Informational Coffee
- January 17th
Current Parent Coffee
- January 20th
MLK, Jr. Day, No School
- January 31st
Pajama Day

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Winter Traditions, Projects & Preparedness



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Emelia D focusing on mixing colors

"Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.



Bundled-up Nature Walks

Parents' Association News

-Kristin Wade
PA Communications Coordinator

CURRENT PARENT COFFEE

Friday, January 17th at 8:45^{am}

We are excited to invite our current parents to join us for coffee and treats at our upcoming Current Parent Coffee event! This is a wonderful opportunity for parents whose children are nearing the end of their current classroom cycle (K, 3rd, 6th) to learn more about the Montessori classroom transition process. You'll also have the chance to meet your child's future teacher and ask any questions you may have.

We look forward to connecting with you and sharing in both your excitement and nerves as your child embarks on this next step of their journey at MSOL. We hope to see you!



PAJAMA DAY

Friday, January 31st

Supporting Guardian Angels to Make a Difference

We are excited to announce our annual Pajama Day, when we team up with Guardian Angels in Joliet to support their foster care and domestic violence shelter. This meaningful event is a chance for our community to come together and give back to those in need.

Each year, we invite your children to wear their favorite pajamas to school and ask families to donate a new pair of pajamas (with tags on). **They welcome a variety of sizes, with a particular need for teen sizes.** These donations go directly to children in foster care or staying in the shelter, bringing them comfort and warmth during challenging times.



Thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping us make a positive impact in the lives of others. Together, we can make this Pajama Day truly special!

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.

Philanthropy



Re: Homeless Veterans Care Package Backpacks:

Dear Friends,

On behalf of everyone at Guardian Corps of America, especially the homeless veterans we serve. We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to Debbie Moreno, Philanthropy Coordinator and Jennifer Galka, Orange Room Parent for Spearheading the Homeless Veterans care package backpacks Campaign.

Thank you, Mrs. McClenning, Adolescent Teacher for Adolescent Students for organizing the collection and assembling care package backpacks. And to MSOL families, friends, staff, and Board of Directors for their generous contributions!

Your support allows us to continue to provide a valuable service to those who need it most, when they need it most. It is truly inspiring to know The Montessori School of Lemont is taking an active role in helping homeless veterans. We appreciate the trust and confidence You have placed in us and we pledge and promise to do all that we can to honor that through responsible stewardship to the homeless veterans we serve.

Sincerely,

Anthony E. La Piana

Executive Director

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SAVE HOMELESS VETERANS!



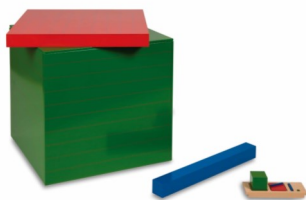
What song comes to mind when you see this?

“A marvelous fact is that this absorbent mind never feels fatigue. It is just like a camera: it clicks, and everything is there all of a sudden.”

-Dr. Maria Montessori
The 1946 London Lectures

Unlocking the Power of Numbers

In the Montessori classroom, math isn't just taught, it's brought to life. The **Geometric Hierarchy of Numbers** is one of the many beautifully crafted materials designed to make abstract concepts tangible and engaging for children. Through hands-on exploration, this material introduces the idea of large numbers and their relationships, providing children with a concrete understanding of place value, exponential growth, and the power of ten.



This material consists of shapes that represent increasing powers of ten, starting with the smallest unit (1) as a tiny green cube. The number ten (10) is represented by a blue square, one hundred (100) grows into a red flat square, and one thousand (1,000) becomes a bold green cube with a completely new dimension. Each shape not only grows in size but also reveals the relationship between the numbers. For example, the green cube representing 1,000 is precisely the size of 1,000 tiny unit cubes, making the magnitude of large numbers visually

and physically clear. What makes this material so powerful is its self-explanatory nature, students don't need to accept these abstract concepts and rely on rote memorization. Instead, they engage with the materials by stacking, comparing, and exploring. They quickly notice patterns, such as how the flat red square representing 100 can fit into the green cube of 1,000 ten times. Through this hands-on discovery, abstract mathematical concepts become real and intuitive. The material allows children to grasp the true meaning of numbers as they experiment.

Parents are often amazed at how naturally children learn and internalize concepts that might otherwise feel daunting or abstract. Montessori materials transform math into an approachable, exciting subject. In a Montessori classroom, these materials are not just lessons, they are invitations to explore, discover, and develop a lifelong love of learning. The Lower Elementary students wanted to make their own 1,000,000 cube and Mr. Jim came to the rescue with the perfect box for them to use!



Mr. Jim collecting boxes for the 1,000,000 cube!

...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 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.



2025-26 Enrollment

As the new calendar year begins, it's time to start thinking about next school year. Applications for the 2025-26 school year are available and due by February 7 along with the application fee of \$100. After February 7th, the application fee increases from \$100 to \$200. Please remember that re-enrollment is not guaranteed. While currently enrolled families have priority, room placement is a multifaceted process and retaining current students is based on classroom availability.

We are hosting a special Coffee on January 17th for currently enrolled families whose children are in Kindergarten, 3rd and 6th grades and have questions about our Lower EI, Upper EI and Adolescent programs.



Interested in learning more about Montessori? Join us for Coffee!

Philosophy • Curriculum • Campus Tour • Admissions Process • Q & A



Join us for coffee and stay for a few years!

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