

# Montessori School of Lemont

Since 1972

## Save the Date!

- June 5<sup>th</sup>  
Move Up Day  
Last Day of School  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation
- June 8<sup>th</sup>  
Summer Specials Begin  
Latin Club Begins

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## On Graduation

-Dr. Maria Montessori

"And how far, we may ask, does it take one to hold a degree these days? [1948]

Can one be sure of even earning a living? ...And how do we explain this lack of confidence? The reason is that these young men have spent years in listening to words and listening does not make a man. Only practical work and experience lead the young to maturity.

My vision of the future is no longer of people taking exams and proceeding on that certification from the secondary school to the university, but of individuals passing from one stage of independence to a higher, by means of their own activity, through their own effort of will, which constitutes the inner evolution of the individual."

*From Childhood to Adolescence, 1948*



## Move-Up Day



On June 4<sup>th</sup>, students officially moved up to their next grade level as we all sang "Moving On." Students completing each cycle and leaving their current classroom (3-6, 6-9, 9-12, or 12-15) received special recognition from their teachers before symbolically leaving them and taking a seat of honor at the amphitheater. Since COVID protocols have not been updated for schools, the celebration was for students and staff only. We look forward to having our entire community together again for this tradition next year.

## Favorite Quotes of the Class of 2021



*Johanna W:*

*"It's kind of fun to do the impossible."*

*~ Walt Disney*

*Claire W:*

*"What makes you different or weird, that's your strength."*

*~ Meryl Streep*

*Marty Z:*

*"The important thing is not to stop questioning."*

*~ Albert Einstein*

**Mrs. McClenning,**  
**can I show you a**  
**picture [of intricately**  
**painted vase] I took**  
**at the art museum?**  
**It reminds me of**  
**you."**

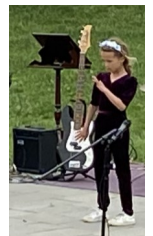
**"Why does this**  
**remind you of me?"**

**"It is bright and**  
**colorful like you."**

**M.N., age 13**

## MSOL's Got Talent Show!

Each year we follow the child as they express their unique skills in our annual talent show! Thank you to the Adolescent staff and students for producing the show. Special thanks to music teacher, Kevin Janus, for directing and managing the talent.



A competitive game of musical chairs after graduation.

All MSOL students in 1<sup>st</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades were invited to share their talents and performed at the amphitheater for their classmates, primary students and staff.

## Parents' Association Report

May 11, 2021

### Officers Present:

Jenna Treanor, President; Karen Damato, Vice President; Debbie Moreno, Treasurer; Jennifer Galka, Secretary

### Also In Attendance:

Therese Colby

Call To Order At 9:30<sup>am</sup> By Jenna

Meeting Adjourned At 10:30<sup>am</sup> By Jenna

Executive Report: Jenna Treanor, President

### OLD BUSINESS

- Auction Update
  - Silver and Green rooms have open spots for the teacher feature; Yellow Room has raffle tickets available for classroom project.
  - Extended deadline to buy chances is 5/14. Raffle winners will be chosen live. Four gift cards will also be raffled off to anyone who participated in the auction this year.
- Flower Sale Recap
  - About 185 plants sold at a profit of \$6.50 per plant.
  - Karen suggested less people involved in sorting and a clearer plan for next year.
  - Debbie suggested looking into color choices next spring and limiting choices to simplify process.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Elections for 2021/2022 Parent Association
  - By unanimous vote: President: Jenna Treanor; Vice President: Jennifer Galka, Treasurer: Karen Damato, Secretary: Debbie Moreno
- Mentors for New Families
  - Therese to ask teachers for mentor family suggestions; Jennifer will coordinate.
- Book Fair
  - Need a new chair; Jennifer volunteered if no one else is interested.
  - Therese noted the possibility of switching from Scholastic to a different vendor
- Movie Night
 

Therese to pick a date in August. Will revisit the event details during the summer.
- End of Year Picnic
 

There will be no end of year picnic this year due to COVID restrictions.

*The Parents' Association of Montessori School of Lemont exists to support the school's philosophy, programs, and activities for the benefit of all students, staff and families.*



*Graduation After-Party!*

***“Thank you,  
thank you, thank  
you for the math  
lesson. Really,  
thank you!  
G.S., age 15***



*Summer Latin Club with Mrs. Colby*



### *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 almost 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 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.



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School of Lemont



## Farewell

### Coffee Anyone?

Are you interested in learning more about Montessori? Join us for one of our monthly "Coffees!"

For this month, prospective parents will virtually tour the school, learn about the Montessori philosophy, and be introduced to faculty. For details, call or email us at [info@lemontmontessori.com](mailto:info@lemontmontessori.com)

- \* Philosophy & Curriculum
- \* Virtual Tour
- \* Faculty Introductions
- \* Q & A
- \* Admissions Process



**Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Via Zoom**

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

We are saddened to share that Miss Yola in the Purple Room has decided to take early retirement and will not be returning to the classroom next year. She has been at MSOL for five years and will be missed by our staff, students and parents. She promises to keep in touch and we are trying to coax her into a part-time office position so hopefully, we'll see her back on campus soon!



Miss Stephanie, Shawn-Michael and Miss Yola celebrate the one year anniversary of Shawn-Michael's Apraxia Awareness Day.

Joining Miss Stephanie next year is Debbie Diesing, a Montessori-certified 6-9 teacher with over 20 years of Montessori experience who holds her Masters degree in Elementary Education. She comes to us from DuPage Montessori School where she has led their 6-9 program for the past five years. We are excited to welcome Debbie to MSOL and looking forward to introducing her to you this summer!