



## **EVENTS AND REMINDERS**

**Thursday, December 13, 2018**

### **WINTER BREAK – MONDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> – MONDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

MSCU Elementary and Primary buildings will be closed from Monday, Dec. 24 through Monday, Jan. 7. There will be no school or child care. School will resume on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. Have a happy break!

### **PRIMARY WINTER CLASSROOM CELEBRATIONS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

The Primary Montessori classrooms will be having a Winter Celebration before we take our break on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. A link link has been emailed to families on through Sign-Up Genius requesting contributions of festive napkins or snacks.

### **MSCU SERVICE PROJECT – FOOD DRIVE, STARTING MONDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

MSCU Primary and Elementary will be collecting specific food items to coincide with our “100 Days of School” celebration taking place in January 2019. Each class will collect 100 pieces of food to be donated to the Eastern Illinois Food Bank **beginning January 7<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to participate, please have your child bring donations to their classroom, either all at once or spread out over the donation period.

Thank you for joining us in this important service project.

### **CURRENT STUDENT RE-ENROLLMENT FOR 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR**

We will be sending home our re-enrollment information for current MSCU students. In an effort to simplify our enrollment process, each child will receive a re-enrollment survey via email. Please respond by December 21, 2018 if you want your child to have priority re-enrollment.

Please contact the office if you have any questions or do not receive your survey via email.

### **ENROLLMENT FOR BALLET, PIANO, VIOLIN AND CHESS SPRING SESSION**

Forms for Ballet, Piano, Violin and Chess have been sent home. Please be sure to sign up soon as spaces fill quickly. Please check your child’s backpack for the form. Forms are also be available on our website.

### **GLOVE AND MITTEN DONATION THANK YOU!**

Thank you to Finn & Elina’s grandparents for their generous donation of hats, mittens and socks!

### **HALLWAYS FULL OF SMILES**

You may notice we have beautiful new art on our walls in the buildings -your children’s portraits. We hope this is yet another way you can get a glimpse of the richness of your children’s hours here at school and a sense of how truly special each one is to our community. It is our goal to have each child in our community highlighted through this at some point throughout their time at MSCU, so if you don't see their photo up at the moment, please be patient... it's coming!

If you would like to reserve your child's picture, please let us know by Friday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. They make great holiday gifts!

Donations are gratefully accepted and will benefit your child's education at the same time!

## **BULLETIN BOARD**

Do you have some fun planned for Winter Break? Enjoying family time? Annual newsletter or card to share? We'd love to share some of the fun with you through our bulletin board. To help brighten up our dreary Illinois January, we're hoping to post some photos, drawings or anything you'd like to share with our MSCU community. Please drop them off at the front office and we will add them to the bulletin board.

## **MSCU AMBASSADORS**

We're looking for people with enthusiasm and a little bit of time to be MSCU Ambassadors. It's a great way to help us get the word out to the local community and within our school when there are events, information to share, etc. If you'd like to fulfill some of your volunteer hours or are just as excited about our school as we are, please contact Kerry Rossow at [krossow@montessorischoolofcu.org](mailto:krossow@montessorischoolofcu.org) for more information.

## **MSCU BOARD MEETING – THURSDAY, DEC. 20<sup>TH</sup>**

Join us for the next MSCU Board meeting on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm!

## **BALLET DEMONSTRATION**

Parents, families and friends are invited to watch our ballet classes on the following dates:

Thursdays Pre-Ballet:

Thursday, December 13, at 2:30PM in the Butterfly Room

No costume or ballet attire needed. Please contact Ms. Bagby if you have any questions:  
[lucianabagby1@gmail.com](mailto:lucianabagby1@gmail.com)

## **SUBSTITUTE CLASSROOM HELP**

If you would be interested in being a classroom substitute at either of the Primary or Elementary buildings, please stop by the office or send us an email. It is helpful to have a list of people ready to help. Here is the information we have posted on our website:

*Substitutes are needed for various shifts during the 8:00-5:30 day. Substitutes will always be with a trained staff member. They may be in the classroom, outdoors, or helping the children with lunch. Candidates must be physically able to be on their feet for most of a four-hour shift and may include outdoor time supervising children. If interested in this position, please send your resume to [secretary@montessorischoolofcu.org](mailto:secretary@montessorischoolofcu.org).*

## **WINTER SCHOOL CLOSING**

School closings will be announced on TV stations WCIA (CBS) and WAND (NBC). Each of these stations also have a website with local school closings clearly listed. We will strive to make this decision between 6:00am and 7:00am. A closing announcement will be accessible by calling the MSCU phone number: 217-356-1818 and on our website [montessorischoolofcu.org](http://montessorischoolofcu.org). If a power outage doesn't occur, we will

send emails as well as post a notice on our website.

## **WINTER WEATHER**

When the wind chill measures 16F or above, the Primary and Elementary children will be going outside to play. The Toddler children will be going outside if the temperature is the 26F or above. Please send the following so they can stay warm and comfortable:

- ❖ Mittens and hats every day, please.
- ❖ Snow-pants or snowsuits are required on very cold or snowy days.
- ❖ Boots are also a necessity on snowy days.
- ❖ Since boots are not worn in the classrooms, *please send shoes for your child to wear on the days that boots are worn to school.*
- ❖ Children have an easier time managing their outerwear if they can carry it in a large backpack or plastic bag.
- ❖ **Please label all garments, mittens, boots, and bags with your child's name.**
- ❖ If your child misplaces a clothing item, please check the table in the hallway or the cream-colored trunk in the entryway.
- ❖ Since gloves and mittens are so easily misplaced, please send one pair of mittens on your child in cold weather with an extra set in his/her backpack.