



EVENTS AND REMINDERS

Thursday, December 20, 2018

We Wish All of Our Wonderful MSCU Families a Fabulous 2019!

WINTER BREAK – MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH – MONDAY, JANUARY 7TH

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 7th. Have a happy break!

PRIMARY WINTER CLASSROOM CELEBRATIONS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

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

MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY – MONDAY, JANUARY 21ST

MSCU Primary and Elementary will be closed on Monday, January 21st for the Martin Luther King Holiday. There will be no school or child care.

MSCU SERVICE PROJECT – FOOD DRIVE, STARTING MONDAY, JANUARY 7TH

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 7th**. 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

Re-enrollment information for current MSCU students have been sent home already. Please respond by Friday, January 11, 2019 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, CHESS AND MANDARIN SPRING SESSION

Forms for Ballet, Piano, Violin, Mandarin and Chess will be sent home this week. 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!

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 BOARD MEETING – THURSDAY, DEC. 20TH

Join us for the next MSCU Board meeting tonight, Thursday, December 20th at 7:00pm!

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Download the Box Tops for Education Bonus App to earn more points for our school: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/bonusapp> Also, the Labels for Education program is ending so we won't be collecting those anymore. Thank you so much to everyone for contributing!

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. 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 20F 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.