



EVENTS AND REMINDERS

Thursday, December 6, 2018

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 will be emailed to families on Monday, December 10th through Sign-Up Genius requesting contributions of festive napkins or snacks.

POSSIBLE MANDARIN CLASS NEXT SEMESTER

We are considering beginning private Mandarin lessons for interested students through our Mandarin teacher, Ms. Daisy. These lessons would give interested students an opportunity to dive deeper into Mandarin studies than our current enrichment time allows for. If interested, please email Teresa at secretary@montessorischoolofcu.org ASAP so we can calculate numbers to see if there is enough interest to begin next semester!

CURRENT STUDENT ENROLLMENT FOR 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

Next week 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 form with the current demographic information we have on file for your child. If corrections are needed, please write them in and return the form to our office.

Please contact the office if you have any questions or did not receive your forms.

ENROLLMENT FOR BALLET, PIANO, VIOLIN AND CHESS SPRING SESSION

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

GLOVE AND MITTEN DONATION

We are in dire need of new or used childrens gloves and mittens in the front office. Snow boots are always welcome, as well. If you have any or would like to purchase some, please drop them off at your convenience.

NEW DÉCOR AT MSCU

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 fall in love with your child's portrait (we wouldn't blame you — we certainly have!), let us in the front office know so we can get it to you once its rotation on the walls is done. 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 for more information.

MSCU BOARD MEETING – THURSDAY, DEC. 20TH

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

CRISIS NURSERY HOLIDAY SHOP, DECEMBER 1 – 8

The Crisis Nursery's annual Children's Holiday Shop to benefit our area Crisis Nursery for Children will be held at 1808 Round Barn Road. The Children's Holiday Shop is a special store filled with gifts for family and friends, priced from \$2 to \$10, and is staffed by volunteers to help children with their shopping needs. For more information, please go to: <https://crisisnursery.net/holiday-shop/>

BALLET DEMONSTRATION

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

Tuesdays Pre-Ballet:

Tuesday, December 11, at 2:30PM in the Butterfly Room

Wednesday, Elementary Ballet:

Wednesday, December 12, at 3:00PM, in the Butterfly Room

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

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.

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 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.