



## **EVENTS AND REMINDERS**

**Thursday, January 10, 2019**

**WELCOME BACK!**

### **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

Thank you for joining us in this important service project.

### **MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY – MONDAY, JANUARY 21<sup>st</sup>**

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.

### **100<sup>th</sup> DAY CELEBRATION – MONDAY, JANUARY 28 (Provided we don't use any snow days)**

If you would like to provide nutritious treats or festive napkins for the celebrations, a SignUp Genius link will be emailed to families. Your child is invited to bring 100 small items to school that day in a small labeled baggy. Some suggestions are: stickers, cereal pieces, toothpicks, paper clips, and barrettes. Please send the objects in a plastic bag for a bulletin board display.

### **THANK YOU FROM THE STAFF**

Thank you, Montessori children and parents, for the cards, words of encouragement and generous gifts extended to us over the holidays. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and support!

### **TAX INFORMATION**

If you need tax forms or information for the 2018 school year, please email James Whiting (businessmanager@montessorischoolofcu.org) and he can assist you. Please allow several business days for processing.

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

We have sent home our re-enrollment information for current MSCU students. In an effort to simplify our enrollment process, each child has received a re-enrollment survey via email. Please contact the office if you have any questions or do not receive your survey via email. The deadline for Re-enrollment is Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 and due by Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **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!

## **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, JAN. 17<sup>TH</sup>**

Join us for the next MSCU Board meeting on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm!

## **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.