



## **EVENTS AND REMINDERS**

**Thursday, January 17, 2019**

### **MSCU BOARD MEETING -- TONIGHT, JAN 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

Would you like to hear about the state of the school and where it is going? Are you curious about updates regarding the permanent Head of School search? Would you like to know more about how the school is governed and how decisions are made? Would you like to know what important decisions are on the horizon for MSCU? Join us for the MSCU Board meeting TONIGHT, Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, to learn about all these things and more!

### **MSCU BILLBOARDS**

When you are out and about, play a game of "I Spy a Montessori of CU Billboard!" We are excited about our 3 billboards in our community. They are located at 608 University Ave, 910 Meijer Dr, and 808 S. Neil St. (Extra points if you share a photo!)

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> for the Martin Luther King Holiday. THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL OR CHILD CARE.

### **MATH MADE VISIBLE – THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 6:00PM**

A mathematical mind is not after answers. A mathematical mind is a way to interpret the world around you. Come and experience hands on materials that will have you naturally discovering the concept of cubed root, just as Hero of Alexandria did in the first century. Join us for a math symposium at Montessori School of Champaign Urbana in the Primary building.

### **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.

### **ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIP – TUESDAY, JANUARY 29**

Our Elementary students are headed to Homer Lake Forest Preserve for a program called "The Nature of Winter". The bus will leave at 8:45am, so please don't be late. The program description is as follows:

Students will need to wear warm, waterproof/mud-proof clothing and shoes, hats, and gloves. "Take a break from being indoors and gain a new appreciation for this surprisingly active time of year. Students will explore physical and behavioral adaptations that allow local flora and fauna to survive winter, and then hike to observe these firsthand."

### **SNOWY, WET, RAINY WEATHER**

Reminder: please send your child with snow boots, snow pants, and waterproof gloves every day. We all go outside to play if the "feels like" temperature is 17 degrees Fahrenheit or above. Even if there is no snow outside, having snow pants, snow boots and waterproof gloves can make off the difference between a happy child and a cold, shivering child during outdoor playtime. Having the right equipment helps our students enjoy their outdoor play.

### **TAX INFORMATION**

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

### **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.

### **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 CLOSINGS**

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.