



EVENTS AND REMINDERS

Thursday, January 24, 2019

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

A mathematical mind is not after answers. A mathematical mind is a way to interpret the world around you. Join us for a math symposium at Montessori School of Champaign Urbana in the Primary building.

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.

100th 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.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Please do not leave your car in the circle drive when you are picking your child up. This tends to slow down the pick up process for the remaining children. This is a fire lane, as well..

If you are walking children into school, please park on the street. It is difficult for drivers to see students walking to the building. Do NOT walk across the driveways or parking lot! Utilize the sidewalks and hold your child's hand. We promote independence...but not over safety! Please be aware of vehicles when crossing the street!

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."

MSCU BILLBOARDS

When you are out and about, play a game of "I Spy a Montessori of CU Billboard!" We are excited about our 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 on social media!)

SHOW US WHERE YOU'RE FROM

We love the diversity here at MSCU! Please be sure to stop by the map just inside the front door and find your country of origin. There are flag pins on the table below to mark your place on the map.

RE-ENROLLMENT FOR SPRING 2019

Thank you to the many families who have filled out our re-enrollment form online! If you have not done so already, there is still a short window of time to do so at <https://goo.gl/forms/3fMkfFFfPz3Ff0Xd2>. Please have only ONE adult in your household fill out the form for your family. **If you have already filled one out, you do NOT have to do anything else.** Official contracts and forms will be sent to re-enrolling families once the MSCU Board publishes tuition rates for 2019-20. We appreciate your patience as we strive to make this process as simple and smooth as possible!

EXTRA SET OF CLOTHING

Please be sure your child has an extra set of clothing at the school. With all of the wet and cold weather, it's possible that they may need to change into dry clothing before they go home. In addition, there needs to be an extra set in the event of an accident. Thanks!

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

You may have noticed the Volunteer Tree is no longer in the hallway of the Primary building. Our Primary library is over-flowing with books that need to be shelved. Please stop by the Office/Library if you have a few minutes to help get them back on the shelves.

Opportunities are still available to help out MSCU. While we re-work our program, please feel free to stop by the front office if you have some time to spare. The following are just a few examples:

Cutting inset paper (can be done at home or school) - Primary

Shelving library books – Primary building

Supervising lunch - Elementary building

Making playdough- Primary building

Photographer – Primary and Elementary buildings

Videographer – Primary and Elementary buildings

DONATIONS

Thank you to the Rowell and Naar families for their generous donations of gloves and a puzzle. We very much appreciate being remembered.

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.

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 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.

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. If a power outage doesn't occur, we will send emails as well as post a notice on our website.