



EVENTS AND REMINDERS

Thursday, March 14, 2019

PRIMARY/ELEMENTARY SPRING BREAK CAMP

There will be **NO OFFICIAL SCHOOL next week** as it is SPRING BREAK. Spring Break Camp will be in session instead! This camp is available to all of our Full Day (5:30PM) students at no additional cost. **SPRING BREAK CAMP REGISTRATION FOR NON-FULL DAY STUDENTS IS CLOSED** as we are now full.

If your child has been confirmed to attend Spring Break camp, you may drop them off at the school as early as 7:30AM. Students who are typically Full Day (5:30PM) students may stay until as late as 5:30PM. Non-full day students attending the camp may stay as late as the time that the family has registered for (either 3:00PM or 5:30PM). Of course, if you need to pick up your child earlier than your latest possible pickup time, that is not a problem. A parent/guardian or someone on your child's approved pickup list must pick up, and there will be a sign out in your child's classroom.

Please note: **THERE WILL BE NO CAR DROP-OFF OR CAR PICKUP LINES DURING SPRING BREAK CAMP.** Please park on the street and walk your child in. Thank you!

MSCU HOS SEARCH UPDATE

We are pleased to share that we have invited 2 candidates to visit MSCU for consideration as our Head of School. For each of these visits, we have invited the candidates to do a meet-and-greet with the MSCU community, followed by a brief presentation by the candidate.

On Monday, March 25th, we will welcome Laurie Moreno. The schedule will go as follows:

6:30PM -- Meet and Greet with the candidate

7:00PM-- Candidate presentation followed by Q&A and/or additional opportunities for informal greetings and questions

Following the candidate's visit, we will solicit your feedback via an anonymous web-based survey. Should you have any questions before or after the visits, please feel free to email the search committee at mscusearch@gmail.com.

Parents are extremely important members of our school community, and we strongly urge you to attend as the Head of School plays a significant role in establishing the course and direction of our school. This is a great chance to ask questions about issues that are important to you and your family regarding the future of your child's education here at MSCU!

WISH LIST DONATIONS DUE DATE – Due Friday, March 15th

Thank you for your wish list donations. The lists posted outside each classroom door are filling up. Have a look and see if you're able to help, sign your name next to the office and drop off payment to the front office for the amount of the item and we'll handle the ordering and delivery.

This is considered a fundraiser for the school, so all donations are tax-deductible. We plan to have all funds collected by Friday, March 15th so the materials may be ordered and placed in the classrooms for the students to enjoy as soon as possible.

LET CHAMPAIGN URBANA KNOW HOW GREAT MSCU IS!

Have you voted for your favorite school in East Central Illinois yet? Make sure to cast your vote in The People's Choice presented by News-Gazette Media. Winners will be announced this summer. Don't miss an opportunity to vote today for MSCU. #ThePeoplesChoice <http://www.news-gazette.com/peoples-choice-2019/index.html#/gallery?group=308708>

PARKLAND PLANETARIUM FIELD TRIPS – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3rd AND WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10th

The Bunny and Kitty Rooms will go to Parkland Planetarium on Wednesday, April 3rd. The Duck and Elementary classrooms will attend on Wednesday, April 10th. Please be sure your child is at MSCU by 8:30 a.m. so that the bus may load and depart promptly. Signups for chaperones will go out Monday, March 25th through SignUp Genius. The Puppy and Horse classrooms made their trip to the Planetarium last fall.

SAVE THE DATE! MULTICULTURAL FAIR – Saturday, April 13th

Would you like to share information on your home country and culture to the MSCU Community? Please consider participating in the MSCU Multicultural Fair April, 13th. There are 2 ways you can participate!

- 1) Host an **informational table** on your home country and culture. Display your country's flag, artifacts, facts and information on your country, incorporate a basic demonstration such as a basic game that is culturally specific or a simple craft.
- 2) Have your student or family member participate in a **cultural-related demonstration**. It could be singing or reciting a poetry in another language. Performing a short cultural-related dance or instrumental piece.

If you wish to participate in either or both opportunities, please contact communitymanager@montessorischoolofcu.org. If you have any questions do not hesitate to reach out as well.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need people who are enthusiastic about maintaining the educational experience enjoyed here at MSCU. We invite you to nominate yourself or someone you know from our MSCU community or the greater community. Nominations are due no later than **Friday, April 12th, 2019**. Candidates will need to submit a brief biography with the nomination; Examples are available in the office. The election for the 2019-2020 Board of Directors will held from **Monday, April 22nd - Friday April 26th 2019**.

If you are interested but want to know more, we will be holding informal coffee and information sessions regarding MSCU board participation on **Friday, March 29th and Friday, April 5th** from **8:45-9:30AM** in the Butterfly Room.

CALLING ALL PLAYDOUGH CHEFS

We are in need of playdough. Recipes are available in the wooden stand just inside the front door of the Primary building. It's a fun project to do with your children and the classrooms love getting fresh playdough! Drop it by the office and we'll be sure to share.

GOOD NEIGHBOR REMINDER

Please do not use the Quail Run Condo driveways one block to the east of MSCU - it is a private driveway and not open to traffic. The access roads are also a fire lane – parking is prohibited to non-residents at all times. Thank you.

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.

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.