



EVENTS AND REMINDERS

Thursday, March 7, 2019

ELEMENTARY UPPER ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIP – Friday, March 7

The Upper Elementary students will be taking a field trip to the University of Illinois Engineering Open House. Please be sure to have your student to school on time as they will be leaving shortly after the beginning of the school day. Please have your child wear an MSCU shirt/sweatshirt to show their school pride and affiliation, as we anticipate many other school groups at the university that day as well and it will help university facilitators to interact with the children! If they don't have any MSCU garb, let us know and we will attempt to provide something for them if we have their size.

WHAT IS MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY? – Wednesday, March 13

Please join us on Wednesday, March 13th at 6:00 pm for our "What Is Montessori Elementary" program at our Elementary building! Together we will explore a day in the life of a Montessori Elementary student and how the method continues into the second plane of development. We look forward to sharing our exciting curriculum and beautiful environment with you! Childcare will be provided for ages 3 and up.

UPDATE ON HEAD OF SCHOOL CANDIDATES

Please join us in welcoming our Head of School Candidates during their visit/interview at MSCU. On Tuesday, March 12th we will welcome Jeffrey Katz and on Monday, March 25th we will welcome Laurie Moreno. We will begin at 6:30pm with the opportunity for an informal meet/greet, the candidates will give a brief presentation at 7:00pm, followed by Q&A and/or an additional opportunity for informal greetings and questions. Please note that because all members of the community are invited to attend the presentations. We will not be providing child care.

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.

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.

PRIMARY/ELEMENTARY SPRING BREAK CAMP - March 18-March 22

There will be no school during MSCU's spring break. The Primary and Elementary will be open Monday through Friday for our Full Day students at no additional cost.

If your full day student will be attending, please go to this SignUp Genius link to confirm and sign up before March 9th. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4DA8AE2BA6FC1-spring2> It helps us to know how to staff and order lunches for the week.

If your child is **not** currently a full day student but you would like them to attend the Spring Break Camp, please stop by the front office to fill out an enrollment form. You may enroll your child for a 3pm pick up time or a 5:30pm pick up time, whichever suits your schedule. The fees for the 3:00 dismissal are \$250 for the week, and \$300 for the 5:30 dismissal. Lunch is included. It would be a great opportunity to try out our full day program and see if you might be interested in extending your child's day here at MSCU.

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.

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.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Download the Box Tops for Education Bonus App to earn more points for our school: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/bonusapp> Thank you so much to everyone for contributing!

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.