



EVENTS AND REMINDERS

Thursday, November 15, 2018

DAYS OF GIVING – NOVEMBER 1-NOVEMBER 27

Both the Primary and Elementary buildings are participating in the Eastern Illinois Food Bank Days of Giving. If you would like to donate to this event, we will have a grocery cart in the entry of each building. This will be EIFB's largest food drive of the year. The items they would like the most are:

1. canned meats
2. canned complete meals (ravioli, SpaghettiOs)
3. canned beans and other vegetables
4. canned fruit
5. boxed meals
6. peanut butter

More information on EIFB's Day of Giving is available at: <http://www.eifoodbank.org/dayofgiving/>

T-SHIRT AND SWEATSHIRT FUNDRAISER

Buy a Montessori shirt to wear on Spirit Days! A variety of Montessori t-shirts and sweatshirts are currently on display at the Primary building. Elementary parents: please stop by and have a look. They're just inside the entryway above the table in the hallway. Orders will be taken until Tuesday, November 27th in order to receive delivery before the Winter break.

CRISIS NURSERY HOLIDAY SHOP, DECEMBER 1 – 8

The Crisis Nursery's annual Children's Holiday Shop to benefit our area Crisis Nursery for Children will be held at 1808 Round Barn Road. The Children's Holiday Shop is a special store filled with gifts for family and friends, priced from \$2 to \$10, and is staffed by volunteers to help children with their shopping needs. For more information, please go to: <https://crisisnursery.net/holiday-shop/>

BARNES AND NOBLE BOOK FAIR – ONLINE ORDERS

You can still order from Barnes and Noble for our Book Fair. If you would like to do your ordering online at Barnes & Noble, use our order #12452090. Today is the last day to order online using the code.

BARNES AND NOBEL BOOK FAIR UPDATE

Thank you for making our Barnes & Nobel bookfair a success! We received 54 books. Thank you for being such a generous community!

SAVE THE DATES – MEET OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL CANDIDATES

We have invited three candidates for the Head of School position to visit MSCU. Each visit will include a meet and greet with the MSCU Community, which will include a short presentation from the candidate, a

question and answer session, and an opportunity for informal discussion. We encourage parents, teachers, staff, and other community members to attend. Please save the following dates: Tuesday, November 27th; Thursday, November 29th; and Wednesday, December 5th. Community Meet & Greets will take place from 7-8pm in the Primary Building.

BALLET DEMONSTRATION

Parents, families and friends are invited to watch our ballet classes on the following dates:

Tuesdays Pre-Ballet:

Tuesday, December 11, at 2:30PM in the Butterfly Room

Wednesday, Elementary Ballet:

Wednesday, December 12, at 3:00PM, in the Butterfly Room

Thursdays Pre-Ballet:

Thursday, December 13, at 2:30PM at 2:30PM in the Butterfly Room

No costume or ballet attire needed. Please contact Ms. Bagby if you have any questions:
lucianabagby1@gmail.com

BOARD MEETING – THURSDAY, NOV. 15TH

Join us for our Board meeting tonight at 7:00pm in the Primary building.

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.

PRIMARY STUDENT THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20ST

On Tuesday, Nov. 20th Primary classrooms will have their Thanksgiving celebration. Please bring one piece of fruit on either Monday or Tuesday of that week to share with the class. A sign up will be going out to the families on Monday, Nov. 12th if you would like to send festive napkins for your child's class.

ALL SCHOOL THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY- WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 22 & 23

There will be **NO SCHOOL and NO CHILD CARE** on Nov. 21-23. Have a happy holiday!

MSCU OPEN HOUSE – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

Please join us for our Open House on November 28 at 6pm. Visit with other Montessori families. Meet our dedicated staff. Find answers to all your Montessori questions. Spread the word to your friends who may be interested in learning some of what our school is about.

If you are interested in being a MSCU parent ambassador for our Open House, please email Ms. Rossow at communitymanager@montessorischoolofcu.org. Enthusiasm for MSCU is the only requirement!

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. 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 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.