



## **EVENTS AND REMINDERS**

**Thursday, November 8, 2018**

### **DAYS OF GIVING – NOVEMBER 1-NOVEMBER 20**

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/>

### **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

Both the Primary and Elementary buildings will be closed on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> for Parent Teacher Conferences. Child care will be available for all Primary full day students at the Primary building. Child care will be available for all Elementary full day students at the Elementary building. Our Toddler Program will run as usual.

Sign ups have been posted in the entryway of the Primary building if you have not yet registered.

Primary and Elementary Parent Teacher Conference appointments will last 15 minutes. We will set up a table in the hallway with coloring pages at the buildings, if you would like to bring your child. Thank you for signing up to meet your child's Directress to learn about all they are doing. This first conference is early in the school year and intended to give parents an opportunity to ask questions and hear what your child/ren are doing.

### **T-SHIRT AND SWEATSHIRT FUNDRAISER**

Buy a Montessori shirt to wear on Spirit Days, beginning in November! 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 during Parent Teacher Conferences, November 9 and will end on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> in order to receive delivery before the Winter break. The proceeds from this event will help offset the cost of new reading materials for the school.

### **BARNES AND NOBLE BOOK FAIR – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

It's this Saturday! Join us for some holiday shopping, and at the same time, help build MSCU'S library. A

Book Wish List will be available during the event or feel free to donate a Barnes and Noble gift card to the school. You may use your voucher all day for purchases, not just during the 9:00-1:00 time frame.

Directresses will be there to read stories to the children. We will also have a craft table set up by Ms. Weaver and Ms. Roy for the children who visit. If you would like to visit during a special reading time, the teachers will read a story as follows:

9:00am	Mrs. Day
9:30am	Mrs. Warren
10:00am	Mrs. Krupp
10:30am	Mrs. Rossow

If you would like to do your ordering online at Barnes & Noble, you can raise money for MSCU by using our online order #1245290 between November 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>.

### **STAFFING CHANGE**

Please stop by the front office to sign a "Bon Voyage" card for Ms. Horton and her family. The Ms. Horton is relocating to be closer to family. Please join us as we give her a warm send off! Thank you to all of our families for your patience during our time of transition.

### **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 27<sup>th</sup>; Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>; and Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Community Meet & Greets will take place from 7-8pm in the Primary Building.

### **BOARD MEETING – THURSDAY, NOV. 15<sup>TH</sup>**

Join us for the next Board meeting on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:secretary@montessorischoolofcu.org).*

### **VETERAN'S DAY – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**

MSCU **WILL** be open on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> on Veteran's Day. Both the Primary and Elementary buildings will conduct a regular schedule.

### **SNACKS**

We provide snacks for the children in their Montessori Primary classrooms. Primary children who stay until 5:30pm have a second snack around 3:00pm. We have fresh fruit a minimum of four days per week. All grain snacks have less than 10 grams of sugar per serving (animal crackers, Cheerios®, Chex®, vanilla wafers, etc.). We also provide water with snack. No additional food is needed for your student. Please do not send snacks....if you have special dietary restrictions that require snacks to be sent from home, please contact your child's teacher.

### **PRIMARY STUDENT THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>ST</sup>**

On Tuesday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 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. 12<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>TH</sup>**

Mark your calendars. More information will be in next week's Events and Reminders.

### **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](http://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:

- ❖ Send 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.