



## **EVENTS AND REMINDERS**

**Thursday, October 4, 2018**

### **CURTIS ORCHARD FIELD TRIPS**

One more trip to Curtis Apple Orchard to go. The students will be searching for the perfect classroom pumpkin and enjoying a snack of apples and fresh cider.

Wednesday, Oct. 10 – Puppy and Elementary Classrooms, bus leaves shortly after 8:30am

### **BOARD POSITION AVAILABLE**

Seeking a Treasurer. Do you have a background in finance or accounting? Do you have an interest in serving the MSCU community? Please consider joining the MSCU Board as Treasurer. This is an appointed volunteer position. If you are interested, please reach out to the Head of School ([hos@montessorischoolofcu.org](mailto:hos@montessorischoolofcu.org)) or any current Board Member.

### **FIRE SAFETY WEEK, OCT. 8-12**

The Savoy Fire Department will visit our Primary students on October 9th at 9:00am and the Elementary students on Oct. 11 at 10:00am. Fire safety information, activities and a fire drill will take place for both programs. We appreciate the time our friends at the Savoy Fire Department gives to the school.

### **PATHWAYS**

We are introducing a new and improved enrichment program from 2:30 to 5:30 during the afternoons, during the timeslot where "aftercare" previously resided. This program will be available to our primary students ages 3 to 6 as well as our Elementary students. Our program will be Montessori based while offering S.T.E.A.M. activities and projects. Throughout the course of the year we will be rotating through different themes of learning. A handful of the topics we will be exploring are Nature, Literature, Theater, Music, Foreign Language, Culinary Arts, Outdoor Survival, Fine Arts, and Technology. We will be offering Mandarin exclusively to the enrichment students, introducing key terms along with each topic of study.

The afternoon is a social part of the day and we are looking to build a sense of community while we have fun learning. If you have a passion for any of these themes and would love to get involved, please contact Ms. Weaver, the Enrichment Program Coordinator, and express your interest to volunteer:

[kweaver@montessorischoolofcu.org](mailto:kweaver@montessorischoolofcu.org)

### **PATHWAYS VOLUNTEERS**

Do you have a talent you'd like to share? A special project the children would enjoy learning? Some particular strength that would be lots of fun to learn about? Our Pathways enrichment program would love to have volunteers join a class. If you would like to fulfill some of your volunteer hours, please contact

[kweaver@montessorischoolofcu.org](mailto:kweaver@montessorischoolofcu.org) to set up a time.

## **SUBSTITUTE CLASSROOM HELP**

If you would be interested in substituting in the classroom at either of the Primary or Elementary buildings, please stop by the office or send us an email. We are always looking for people to add to our substitute list. 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).*

## **BOX TOPS**

The Elementary building will soon have a box to collect the Box Tops for Education. Start saving yours so you can drop them off at either building.

## **ILLINI STUDIO PHOTOS**

We have received the proofs for the photographs from Illini Studio and will be checking and double checking for errors before we send them back to be printed. We'll let you know as soon as the final versions arrive to be distributed.

## **SCHOOL SPIRIT!**

MSCU is looking for parents to help with school spirit! Please contact Kathy at [kealy@montessorischoolofcu.org](mailto:kealy@montessorischoolofcu.org) or Kerry at [communitymanager@montessorischoolofcu.org](mailto:communitymanager@montessorischoolofcu.org). Go Montessori!

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Do you have volunteer hours yet to donate (remember: MSCU families pledge to give 10 hours a year)? Do you like to write or talk? If so, we are interested in hearing from you about our school, the Montessori philosophy, and/or your child's experience under the care of our talented faculty. We are looking forward to collecting and sharing your stories with our community. If you have questions or ideas/suggestions, please contact our office.

1. We are in need of play dough donations. The recipe is in the wooden stand just inside the front door of the Primary building. Please drop your donations off in the front office.
2. Our library books are overflowing with a need to be shelved. If you have a few minutes to stop by the office, we'll be happy to help you get started.
3. Our Pathways program would love volunteers to share a special talent, etc. (please see above)

## **DROP OFF AND PICK UP**

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!

If you drive through to pick your child up at the Primary building, it is very important that you pull forward to the parking space next to the "Stop" sign in the south parking lot to buckle your child in. Buckling your child in while still in the drive through slows the line down considerably and can make it difficult to see small children walking to their car.

## **ILLNESS**

"Children must be clear of fever (without fever reducing medicine) and illness for 24 hours before returning to School." Please take a moment to read the Health section of the Parent Handbook to help keep all students healthy. A copy of the Parent Handbook is on the website under "Current Families" or see your Welcome Packet.

## **BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION**

Make a difference for our school! MSCU collects Box Tops that are seen on products that we buy and use every day: General Mills, Ziploc, Annie's Homegrown, Kleenex, Betty Crocker, and Hefty and many more. Each Box Top is worth 10¢ and each one adds up!

Box Tops will be collected all year long. Please drop them off in the jar at the bulletin board in the front of the Primary building. Visit [btfe.com](http://btfe.com) for a complete list of participating products and how you can help our school. Thank you for your support!

## **PAYMENTS**

If you are paying by check, please be sure to include the purpose of your payment and your child's name in the "Memo" portion of your check. This way our Business Manager can apply your payment for the intended purposes. In the Primary building, there is a gray, metal box on the left, just inside the front door if you are paying by check. Please place your payments in this box. Thank you.