



EVENTS AND REMINDERS

Thursday, September 20, 2018

CURTIS ORCHARD FIELD TRIPS

Our field trips to Curtis Apple Orchard are starting soon. The students will be searching for the perfect classroom pumpkin and enjoying a snack of apples and fresh cider.

Here is the classroom schedule:

Wednesday, Sept. 26 – Bunny and Duck Classrooms

Wednesday, Oct. 3 – Horse and Kitty Classrooms

Wednesday, Oct. 10 – Puppy and Elementary Classrooms

If you are interested in volunteering to go along, an email link through SignUp Genius has gone out ahead of the specific rooms field trips.

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 or any current Board Member.

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

MSCU BOARD MEETING – THURSDAY, SEPT. 20TH, 7:00PM

Join us for the September Board Meeting. This month's meeting will take place in the Primary Building.

ILLINI STUDIO PICTURE MAKE UP DAY – THURSDAY, SEPT. 20TH, 4:00PM-5:30PM

If your child was absent over *both of the picture dates*, or will be starting school as a late start, Illini Studio

will be available on Thursday, September 20th from 4:00PM-5:30PM for makeup pictures in their studio at 319 S. Prospect, Champaign. Please call the studio if you have any questions: 217-351-5151

IT'S NATIONAL BOX TOPS WEEK

It is National Box Tops Week. If you have any sitting around, we'd be happy to have them. There's a jar just inside the front door at the Primary building you can drop them in.

They have now added an app for your phone: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/bonusapp> With this app, you'll be able to track our earnings progress and see our Clip Board, find products with Box Tops in the store and other features.

SUBSTITUTE CLASSROOM HELP

If you would be interested in substituting in the classroom, 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."

SCHOOL SPIRIT!

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

DROP OFF

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!

CALLING LICENSED PHYSICIANS, REGISTERED NURSES, AND LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES:

Fulfill your volunteer hours at MSCU by volunteering a half-hour per week observing the child care techniques of the toddler staff. Contact the school if this is something you are interested in doing.

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 at the bulletin board in the front of the school. Visit btfe.com for a complete list of participating products and how you can help our school. Thank you for your support!

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

If you need to contact specific administrative staff, below are their email addresses:

PRIMARY BUILDING

Monica Huang – hos@montessorischoolofcu.org

Joysuline Horton – schoolmanager@montessorischoolofcu.org

Teresa Terwilliger – secretary@montessorischoolofcu.org

ELEMENTARY BUILDING

James Whiting – businessmanager@montessorischoolofcu.org

Kerry Rossow – communitymanager@montessorischoolofcu.org

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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.