



# MCHL NEWS



Montessori Children's House of Loudoun

April/May 2018

## OPEN HOUSE

*MCHL is hosting a Spring Open House on April 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 12:00. It will feature cookie decorating and face painting for the children. If you know of anyone who is searching for childcare options, please tell them about us, additional copies of the flyer are available in the office.*

## A NOTE FROM MCHL DIRECTORS

Spring is here! It is April and there is anticipation for sunny days, no coats, and nature's rebirth. Yet, for the teachers at MCHL, it is a bittersweet time. As we look forward to the new faces that will join MCHL, we are faced with saying good-bye to our 26 graduating kindergartners.

All of us at MCHL call this the "Montessori Explosion". Suddenly, at age 5 or 6, the child's exploration of his Montessori environment, his manipulation of the materials, his interactions with teachers and peers reach fruition. For the kindergartner, there is this moment of "Aha! I know how to do things. I can do things by myself." Math concepts become clear, letters become words to read, and friendships become important. Children learn to work within a group, sharing information and ideas, and they realize that they are part of a larger community, in a world of similarities, as well as differences. All of this is the magic of your child's kindergarten year at MCHL. Parents, thank you for believing in the Montessori philosophy and allowing your child to complete the cycle.

We are also offering a summer program for the Class of 2018 & 2017. Please stop by for more information,

MCHL Directors

## OFFICE NEWS



**Our Tax I.D. Number is 54-1748774.** If you need a tuition receipt for tax purposes, please call or email the office.



Please update the office with any changes to your email address/home/work/cell phone numbers. It is imperative that we are able to reach you in the event of an emergency.



Thank you for calling the office to report when your child is ill. It is helpful for other families to know what symptoms to look for if their child is not feeling well.



The handicap parking spots should only be used by cars displaying a valid handicap ID.



### **IMPORTANT DATES**

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| <b>April 9</b>     | <b>Gift Card Drive</b>   |
| <b>April 10</b>    | <b>MCHL Spirit Night @ Chuy's</b>                                      |
| <b>April 11</b>    | <b>Peter McCorry<br/>"The One Man Band"</b>                            |
| <b>April 23-27</b> | <b>Scholastic Book Fair</b>  |
| <b>April 26</b>    | <b>Pajama Night<br/>6:00-7:00 pm</b>                                   |
| <b>May 7-11</b>    | <b>Teacher Appreciation Week</b>                                       |
| <b>May 9</b>       | <b>Kindergarten Field Trip<br/>"Charlotte's Web"</b>                   |
| <b>June 13</b>     | <b>Kindergarten Graduation<br/>Eagle Ridge MS, Ashburn VA<br/>7 pm</b> |



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## MCHL PTA

The MCHL PTA has been working hard this year to raise funds to sponsor activities for our children. 100% of the funds raised during their events (Pump-it-Up, Fuddruckers, Chuy's, Chuck E. Cheese, etc.) are used to benefit the children enrolled at MCHL. If you would like to volunteer please email them – [pta@mchl.org](mailto:pta@mchl.org).

**All families should be using this feature on a daily basis.**  
If you are experiencing any difficulties logging in, please stop by the office to have your account re-set.

## MCHL PTA SPIRIT NIGHT

Sponsored by the MCHL PTA



The MCHL PTA will host another "Spirit Night" on April 10<sup>th</sup> at Chuy's Restaurant in Sterling. We hope you can join us! This event will begin at 5:30 pm.

## RE-ENROLLMENT

Re-enrollment packets were sent home in March. We are currently processing new students on our wait lists. If you have not yet received or returned your child's re-enrollment form for the 2018-2019 school year, please contact the office.

## SUMMER PROGRAM FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS



It is hard to believe that your children will be leaving MCHL in the near future. We will miss them but they will definitely be ready to move on to the next stage of their lives.

To help them with that transition, we are offering a Summer Program so they will not have to make any changes in their daily schedule until they begin First grade. Stop by the office for more information.

## SOCIAL PAINTING

Ms. Nilsa will host another "Social Painting" event on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. As always, she will have acrylic paints, canvas and paint brushes to share. We will be painting cherry blossoms to celebrate the arrival of Spring. If you are interested in attending (adults only), please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the office. The class is 9:00 – 12:00 and the cost is \$25 per person. We hope to see you there!



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Squeals On Wheels is Washington, DC Area's Traveling Petting Zoo. We are rescheduling their visit due to the inclement weather in March. They will visit us with an assortment of baby animals in April.

## KINDERGARTEN FIELD TRIP

Sponsored by the MCHL PTA

The Class of 2018 will visit George Mason University on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. They will see the play "Charlotte's Web".



Buses will depart MCHL at 9:00 and return at approximately 12:30. If you are available to chaperone, please contact your child's teacher.

## KAYDEE PUPPETS

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Kay Dee Puppets visited MCHL on March 8<sup>th</sup> with a double feature - Goldilocks and the Three Bears AND Stone Soup with Fancy Cat.



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Everyone's favorite cat came to mischievous life in this theatrical adaptation of the Dr. Seuss classic. The MCHL Class of 2018 visited Lisner Auditorium to see "The Cat in the Hat" on March 20<sup>th</sup>.



We would like to sincerely thank and acknowledge the MCHL PTA for making this trip possible for our Kindergartners each year.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

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Due to the inclement weather in March, the Easter Egg Hunt was held in the classrooms. Every child was able to "hunt" for eggs! We had a great time.



## PARENT EDUCATION RESOURCES



Parents often ask the teachers at MCHL for a recommendation for parenting classes. One local resource is Dr. Rene Hackney, who specializes in child development. Her practice, Family Compass, offers interactive parenting workshops as well as coaching and consultation. Some of the topics discussed in the parent workshops include positive discipline, calm parenting, sleep issues, self-esteem and potty training. For more information, please visit:

<http://familycompass.com/>



## AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS OFFERED AT MCHL



**Happy Feet Soccer** continues each Monday. The cost is \$60 per month. You can register online at [www.happyfeetsoccer.com](http://www.happyfeetsoccer.com).



**Piano Keys for Kids** is on Tuesday afternoons. Enrollment is limited to 7 children per session. If you would like to enroll your child, please contact them at [www.pk4kids.com](http://www.pk4kids.com) or [donna@pk4kids.com](mailto:donna@pk4kids.com).



Art Enrichment Class is offered every Tuesday and Wednesday. This class is for children between the ages of 4½ - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Leach at [startingartists101@gmail.com](mailto:startingartists101@gmail.com).



**Mercier School of Dance** is every Thursday afternoon. Please visit their website for registration information. They will also offer class during the summer!

[www.mercierschoolofdance.com](http://www.mercierschoolofdance.com)



**Play-Well TEKnologies** offer LEGO and DUPLO classes each Friday! **The next session will begin on April 13<sup>th</sup>.**

The DUPLO class is for children 3-4 years old and is 1 hour long.

The LEGO class is for children 5 years old and is 1 ½ hours long.

Please visit their website, [www.play-well.org](http://www.play-well.org) for more information. Class size is limited to 14 students.



MCHL will offer an Arabic class Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00 – 4:00 pm / \$167 per month. **The Spring Session is April 4<sup>th</sup> – June 13<sup>th</sup>.** Please register at [www.arabicafterschool.com](http://www.arabicafterschool.com).