



MCHL NEWS



Montessori Children's House of Loudoun

June 2018

Contracts for the 2018-2019 school year are due on June 1st. Please look your contract over carefully, sign the back and return it to the office with the first installment payment. If you need any changes to your contract, please contact the office immediately.

OFFICE NEWS

For all of us on the MCHL staff, June is not only a bittersweet time of saying good-bye to our kindergartners, but also to some of our staff members.

After 20 years, Mrs. Gallo will be leaving MCHL and retiring to North Carolina to be closer to her daughters. Throughout her time here at MCHL, Mrs. Gallo has touched the lives of countless children as well as parents and co-workers. She always gave 100% of her energy and talents to the children under her wing.

Mrs. Silbiger started at MCHL 22 years ago and has been a loyal and loved member of our teaching staff ever since. Over the years, she always found a special connection with each and every child who called her "My Teacher".

We also need to bid farewell to Andrea Shamwell, who has been with us since March 2017. Andrea has been the lead teacher in Room 5 this year and has been team-teaching kindergartners with Ms. Lindsey. She is moving to Tennessee.

Mrs. Gallo's last day at MCHL will be June 5th. Mrs. Silbiger and Ms. Andrea will be at MCHL through the end of June.

We wish them only the very best and all we ask is that they come back and visit often for we will miss them very much.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Warm weather is finally here! Remember to update the extra set of clothes in your child's cubby. The weather is often unpredictable, so dress your child in "layers" to allow teachers to make adjustments for changes in weather. Also, please send your child to school in appropriate and safe shoes.



All children are required to keep an extra set of clothing *including* underwear and socks at MCHL for emergencies.



If your child remains at MCHL after 3:00, the staff will apply sunscreen. Please stop by the office to pick up an authorization form. You are required to supply sunscreen (*no aerosol cans please*). Numerous publications including the FDA and Consumer Reports have all stated that aerosol spray sunscreen is dangerous for children..

OPEN HOUSE



Tuesdays are "Open House" during the month of June for prospective families. If you know of anyone who would be interested in attending our school, please tell them about this wonderful opportunity to see MCHL and get information about our upcoming school year!

SUMMER PROGRAM



The MCHL Summer Program begins on June 19th. It will be structured very much like the school year, only on a smaller scale. We are looking forward to a great summer with fun themes and interesting visitors.

Families with 12 month contracts are automatically included. There are also weekly options available if you would

 IMPORTANT DATES 	
June 9	MCHL Carnival
June 13	Kindergarten Celebration
June 14	Last Day of School
June 15	MCHL Closed <i>Open for Infants only</i>
June 18 – Aug. 17	Summer Program

like your child to attend for only a few weeks during the summer.

During the summer months, our Escort Service will not be available for our students. Please be extremely careful in our parking lot and remember to hold your child's hand.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the office.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM



If your child's last day of school is June 14th, the amount due is \$35.00. If your child is planning on staying during the summer, the amount due in June is \$70.00.

Please return the Lunch and Nap Preference form with your contract.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK



The Staff would like to extend a huge **"THANK YOU"** to all of our wonderful families for showering us with delicious food, flowers, chocolates, lottery tickets, spa items, etc.

MCHL PTA



The MCHL Directors and Staff would like to thank the MCHL PTA for their outstanding work this year.

The MCHL PTA is a group of parents whose collective talents provide support to MCHL through fundraising and organizing social events for the MCHL families. The money earned through the various fundraisers has gone towards classroom materials, field trips, books for our library, playground improvements and social events.

If you would like more information, please contact Rupina Jadeja (rupinajadeja@hotmail.com).

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Did you know the MCHL PTA offers additional ways to raise money for our school? MCHL participates in "Box Tops for Education". Check your groceries for the label that says "Box Tops for Education". The emblem is displayed above. Please cut them out and send them to school. Each label is worth 10¢. Every penny counts!

MCHL CARNIVAL



Every year the MCHL PTA has sponsored an event for the entire school. In previous years, we have gone to Clemyjontri Park (School Picnic), Ashburn Fire House (Spring Fling and Luau) and The Sterling Fire House (International Fair).

This year the MCHL PTA will host a Carnival at Algonkian Park on Saturday, June 9th from 3:00 – 6:00.

PARENT'S CORNER



You have been given a very important assignment. Prepare your child for the future. We at MCHL take this seriously. We strongly recommend putting the electronics down and suggest spending more time reading with your child!

Every month, we stumble upon interesting articles that we would like to share with our families. This month there are two articles we would like to share:

**Simplifying Childhood
May Protect Against Mental Health Issues**

http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/tracy-gillett/children-mental-health_b_9400848.html

**Raising Bilingual Children Has Its Benefits and
Doubters**

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/03/15/health/raising-kids-bilingual/index.html>

KINDERGARTEN NEWS



The Class of 2018 is busy rehearsing for their celebration on Wednesday, June 13th. It will be held at Eagle Ridge Middle School at 7:00 pm. More information will be released soon.

The children are so excited and can't wait for their special night! Although we will miss all of their happy faces, we know they will be well-prepared for everything first grade has to offer.



The Class of 2018

EARLY CHILDHOOD NEWS

It is now the end of another year at MCHL and we would like to thank our parents for entrusting their children in our care.

We learned so many things. We have laughed, played, studied and learned. Take care of your children, for they are precious.

If you are not returning, remember we will always have great interest in your children and their destinies, wherever they may go, whatever they do and whoever they become.

INFANT AND TODDLER NEWS

There are such mixed feelings this time of year, having seen how the infants and toddlers have changed while they have been with us. Your children have become very special to us and a joy to watch.

They have become friends to each other, and formed bonds that make them greet us and each other happily each day. They are developing confidence, compassion, patience, gentleness, and a sense of purpose in the classroom. Sometimes we can only watch with amazement to see how capable they are now, and know the growth and changes that have taken place during the year.

FINAL NOTE

We have much to be thankful for, having spent the year with the support, patience, trust, and enthusiasm that all of you have shown for the classes. We have great appreciation that you brought your children to us and allowed us to share in this amazing time in their lives. We know how difficult the first days of separation were for both you and the children; and we know how hard it will be to see some of them separate from us at the end of the year. But we have loved watching them soak up their environment, explode into language, begin independent problem solving and meet their world with confidence and curiosity.

We would like to wish you all of wonderful, relaxing, and family-filled summer!