



MCHL NEWS



Montessori Children's House of Loudoun

February 2020

RE-ENROLLMENT

Re-enrollment forms will be sent home on February 12th. Please complete and return it to MCHL no later than February 28th.

If you have any questions regarding our programs or the re-enrollment process, please call the office.

If you are not returning for the upcoming school year, please return the form, but check the box that indicates "Not re-enrolling".

WELCOME TO NEW FAMILIES



We would like to welcome the children and families who became part of our MCHL family this month. We are glad you chose MCHL for your child's early education experience!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM THE MCHL STAFF TO



All parents and grandparents who volunteered their time during the holidays. The children enjoyed learning new holiday customs and traditions.

Also, thank you for all of the generous gifts given to the staff in celebration of the holidays.

OPEN HOUSE

MCHL will host an Open House for prospective families on Friday, March 6th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please share this information with your neighbors, friends and co-workers.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Check the weather report daily. The children should be prepared to go outdoors for recess every day, weather permitting. We prefer mittens instead of gloves and a hat. As always, please label all items with your child's name.



If your child wears boots to school, please send in an additional pair of shoes for your child's comfort.

Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed.

Maria Montessori

IMPORTANT DATES

February 14	Valentine's Day
February 17	President's Day MCHL CLOSED
February 19	Kindergarten Field Trip "Charlotte's Web" George Mason University
February 20	Girl Scouts
February 28	Re-enrollment Forms Due

INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS OF RISING KINDERGARTNERS

All children who turn five years of age by September 30th are eligible for Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year. We would like to ask parents of these children to join us on Tuesday, February 11th, in the MCHL Gym (9:00 or 5:00) for a special presentation regarding our Kindergarten program and its importance in the academic life of your child. We will have a slide presentation to show you some of the work the kindergarten children do in a Montessori setting. In addition, kindergarten teachers will be available for a “*Question and Answer*” session to help you make an informed decision about your child’s kindergarten year.

Kindergarten at MCHL is an exciting year for children. Students remain with their mixed-age classmates in the morning hours, 8:30 – 12:00. During this time, each kindergarten child is encouraged to complete an appropriate math and language activity. Kindergarten is the year for the “Montessori explosion”, when children blossom in all academic areas and demonstrate their independence and self-confidence.

After 11:30, the Kindergarten students are combined into one group, and each group is team taught by two Montessori teachers. These afternoon classes are designed to prepare the children for the transition into First grade. Every day, during MCHL Kindergarten time, the children focus on one educational concept, whether it is in Math, Language, Science, Geography or Social Studies. The teacher presents the lesson and the children then follow up with a related activity. Children work at their own skill level and the teachers monitor to make sure that everyone has understood the lesson. Additional work and individual instruction are part of this process.

MCHL Kindergarten students also work with the specialist teachers every day. They have Music and Spanish twice a week. Art and Computer class are taught weekly. Kindergartners take three or four field trips throughout the year and also have special in-house educational opportunities.

Children who leave MCHL after Kindergarten are confident, well prepared, and ready for the challenges of a new school. Please consider MCHL for your child’s Kindergarten year.

IMPORTANT HEALTH NEWS



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.

Please remember your child must be free of any symptoms (fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or debilitating cough) for a full 24 hours before s/he can return to school. If you bring your child back to school too soon, the staff is required to ask you to take him/her home. We appreciate your cooperation.

Children who are too ill to go outside for recess should remain at home until they are well enough to go outdoors. The children go outside every day, weather permitting. If your child needs to remain indoors during recess, you must submit a note from his/her pediatrician.

CODY & BJ



Cody and BJ returned to MCHL on Thursday, February 6th for a fun and lively show celebrating Valentine’s Day. The theme for the program was “**Be Our Valentine**”. The “kazoo” band will played while Cody & BJ sang. There was be lots of dancing and band playing too.



VALENTINE'S DAY



All children are welcome to bring Valentine cards to school on Friday, February 14th. We ask that you leave the envelopes unaddressed (blank). Your child's name should be on all the cards s/he is distributing. Also, please send the cards to school in a bag with your child's name written clearly on it. More information will be provided by your child's teacher.

GIRL SCOUTS



Girl Scouts will return to MCHL! This FREE activity will be held on Thursday afternoons 3:30–4:30 on the following dates;

February 20 & 27
March 5 & 12

This program is for girls between the ages of 4-6. Participation in this program will entitle your child to a current membership in Girl Scouts. Enrollment forms will be available in the office – sign up early because this class will fill up quickly. Class size will be limited to 12 students.

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION



The Year 2020 is the "*Year of the Rat*" on the Chinese calendar. On January 29th, the children had a parade at school and our Mandarin class did a presentation for our students in the gym !



100th DAY OF SCHOOL

On Friday, January 31st, the Kindergartners celebrated our 100th Day of School. Each Kindergartner was required to create a project that demonstrates the concept of 100.

In the past, the projects included 100 Skittles, 100 bunnies, 100 gum balls, 100 warriors, 100 stars, and even 100 spoken languages. The projects are displayed in the hallway for your enjoyment.



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS OFFERED AT MCHL



Happy Feet Soccer continues each Monday afternoon. The cost is \$65 per month. You can register online at www.happyfeetsoccer.com.



Piano Keys 4 Kids offers piano class on Tuesday afternoons for children between the ages of 4-6. If you would like to enroll your child, please contact them at www.pk4kids.com or donna@pk4kids.com.



Mercier School of Dance is a program for girls and boys between the ages of 18 months – 6. This class meets every Thursday afternoon. Please visit their website for registration information.

www.mercierschoolofdance.com



Play-Well TEKnologies offer “Intro to STEM” LEGO and DUPLO classes at MCHL!

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 or contact Alex Pearch at apearch@play-well.org for more information. Class size is limited to 14 students.



Starting Artists is an after-school enrichment program. This class is offered to children between the ages of 4 – 6 who are focused and interested in expanding their artistic skills and expressing their imaginations. The current sessions are now full, but we anticipate openings in March. If you would like additional information, please email Elizabeth Leach at startingartists101@gmail.com.