

MCHL NEWS

Montessori Children's House of Loudoun

August/September 2020



WELCOME TO MCHL

As we approach the beginning of a new school year, please take some time to read our "Back to School" edition of the MCHL News.

All families are invited to participate in a "Zoom Student Orientation". Your teacher will contact you with more information.

*"The child can only develop by means of experience in his environment. We call such experience work."
-Dr. Maria Montessori*



FIRST DAY REMINDERS

Children over the age of 3 will be required to wear a mask when they arrive each morning. Students will not wear a mask for the entire day, but will be required to wear one if they are working in close proximity to another child or teacher.

Each child is required to bring an extra mask, complete set of clothes (shirt, shorts, socks and underwear) that stay in school. These items should be labeled and placed in a zip-lock bag that will stay in his/her cubby. An additional pair of comfortable shoes are also required for indoor use only.

If you are enrolled in our "Early Care" option, please be advised, we will no longer serve a light breakfast at that time. If your child brings breakfast to school, they will be allowed to eat it after 8:30 when they are in their classroom.

All students should also have a standard backpack. Also, please do not purchase backpacks with handles or wheels.



MCHL STUDENT ORIENTATION

MCHL is extending an invitation for families to attend our MCHL Student Orientation via Zoom. This is the time to meet your teachers and see the classroom virtually! Your teacher will be contacting you with more information.

Room 3	August 26	10:30-11:00
Room 4		9:00-9:30
Room 7		9:45-10:15
Room 8		10:30-11:00
Room 10		10:00-10:30
Room 11		10:00-10:30
Room 12		10:00-10:30
MCHL Club		11:30-12:00
Kindergarten		

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 26	 STUDENT ORIENTATION
August 27	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ALL CLASSROOMS
September 7	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY MCHL Closed
September 16	 Back-to-School Night (T-5:00) (EC -6:00) (K -7:00)
October 12	COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY MCHL Closed
November 25-27	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY MCHL Closed

OFFICE NEWS

- ⌘ MCHL will send all important reminders, updates and newsletters via email. If you have not done so already, please stop by the MCHL office with a preferred email address.
- ⌘ ***If your child has a food allergy, please inform the office and your child's teacher.*** MCHL has specific guidelines for storing and dispensing medication.
- ⌘ Tuition is due on the first of each month. A late fee of \$25 will be imposed on all returned checks due to insufficient funds and checks received after the 10th. If you need a tuition receipt, please contact the office. All families should be paying tuition through Tuition Express.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES

Children enrolled in our MCHL Club, Early Childhood and Toddler Program are required to enter through the Main Entrance. Infants can continue to use the entrance located on West Church Road.

Parents should not park directly in front of the building. We are asking you to enter through the metal gate located at the Handicap Parking area. We are requesting families to remain at least 6 feet apart at all times.

Your child's teacher will meet you at the door and perform a "Daily Health Observation". This includes taking your child's temperature and checking for any signs of illness. If your child has a temperature of 100.4° or higher, they will not be able to join us for the day. We will also be checking their temperature periodically during the day.

At dismissal, call the office when you are in the parking lot. **Families are asked to wait in your car until you see your child at the door.** You can exit your car when you see your child at the door. Do not leave any unattended children in your car and turn off the ignition. Please be considerate of others.

IMPORTANT SAFETY PROCEDURES RELATED TO ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL



1. **The traffic flow at MCHL is one-way only, clockwise around the building.**
2. **There is NO PARKING in front of the building.** Parents are asked to be considerate and park in the outer parking spaces. Please observe the safety rules in our parking lot. Parents are required to supervise their children during arrival and dismissal at MCHL.
3. Please be **ON TIME** for dismissal. Children have difficulty waiting. Late arrivals can upset the children. It is imperative you pick up your children at their designated contract time.
4. Please refrain from talking on your cell phone during drop-off and pick-up. **MCHL is a no cell phone zone.**



LUNCHROOM NEWS

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF ANY
FOOD ALLERGIES!**



Due to COVID-19, all food (breakfast, lunch, snack and beverage) must be sent from home.

Please pack nutritious foods for your child. Also, label your child's lunch box on the outside so the staff can find it quickly, and use a thermos or ice pack to keep your child's food at an acceptable temperature. Parents are asked to send their child's lunch ready-to-eat. Do not send in food that requires heating for lunch – Hot Pockets, ravioli, frozen foods, etc. Candy is not permitted at MCHL. Also, please make sure your child has his/her lunch and snacks each day.

EXTENDED DAY NEWS

If your child is a napper, s/he will need a crib size sheet and a small blanket. Pillows are optional once a child is three years old, but must be travel size.

All bedding will go home on Friday to be laundered and returned on Monday. As always, please label all items.

All students who attend MCHL after 3:00 should bring an additional snack to eat.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Class of 2021

Kindergarten Parents:

Please make every effort to arrive on time.

Class starts at 8:30.

At MCHL, the Kindergartners spend the mornings (8:30 – 11:30) in their mixed age classrooms. After that time, the "K's" will continue to stay in their classroom with their teacher. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the MCHL Office at (703) 421-1112.

All Kindergarten students must submit an updated Health Form.

"Success in life depends in every case on self-confidence and the knowledge of one's own capacity and many-sided powers of adaptation."

-Dr. Maria Montessori

KINDERGARTEN SUPPLY LIST

Please send in the following items with your child on the first day of school. They will be provided with a container to store their supplies.

- 2 pks. Colored pencils (24-pack Crayola brand)
- 1 pk. Crayola thin markers
- 1 pk. Crayola broad markers
- 3 large erasers
- 1 box Crayola crayons (24 pack)
- 4 Crayola water color sets (24 colors)
- 6 boxes glue sticks - small
- 1 Fiskars blunt scissors
- 2 pk. Tracing paper (9 x 12)
- 2 boxes #2 pencils
- 1 pencil box (hard case)
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 Gal. size Ziploc bags
- 1 Pint size Ziploc bags
- 1 pk. Clorox wipes
- 1 pk. Colored dry erase markers
- 2 Black Sharpies
- 1 COLORED Sharpie (have your child bring in their favorite color)

All children must have a standard backpack to transport their work to and from school. Please do not purchase backpacks with handles or wheels. Thank you for your support.

MCHL PTA

The MCHL PTA is a group of parents, whose collective talents provide support to MCHL through fundraising and organizing social events for MCHL. The money earned through the various fundraisers has gone towards classroom materials, field trips, books for our library, playground improvements and social events. Please join our PTA. There is a one-time \$20 fee per family. For more information, please visit their website:

<https://www.mchlpta.org/about-us>

Every parent is invited to attend our MCHL PTA board meetings, which are announced in advance. The board is comprised of both working and stay-at-home parents; if you would like to join us, we are always looking for volunteers. Please email hello@mchlpta.org for more information.



“BACK – TO – SCHOOL NIGHT”



Our “Back-to-School Night” will be done via Zoom on Wednesday, September 16. Please join your child’s teacher for a meeting according to the schedule below.

Toddler	5:00 pm
Early Childhood	6:00 pm
Kindergarten	7:00 pm

This event is for adults only. Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to seeing you!



From time to time, we come across an interesting article or website that we would like to share. This month we will feature an article about bedtime stories.

The Brainy Benefits of Bedtime Stories

<https://www.parents.com/fun/entertainment/books/the-brainy-benefits-of-bedtime-stories/>



At MCHL, we have 2 Facebook pages. One is public and one is private. Our private page is for parents only. It contains MANY photos/videos of our students and updates from the MCHL PTA.

www.facebook.com/myMCHL/

and

Request to be added to our private Facebook account

www.facebook.com/groups/mchlparents/