



# MCHL NEWS



Montessori Children's House of Loudoun

March / April 2022

***On behalf of the staff of MCHL, we would like to thank our parents for their continued support in our efforts to keep all students and staff healthy during these uncertain times.***

***Spring is almost here. It is March 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 hoping all students including kindergarten and elementary students continue to remain a part of the MCHL family.***

***Parents, thank you for believing in the Montessori philosophy.***



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

## RE-ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Recently, re-enrollment forms were distributed to all currently enrolled children at MCHL. If you haven't already done so, please return the form as soon as possible. We have begun placing children from our wait list into classrooms.

Contracts will be distributed in April. The first installment is due on June 1, 2022.

## 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 by 9:00 am to report when your child will be absent.

## SPRING IS IN THE AIR



The first day of Spring is March 20<sup>th</sup>. Here are a few basic reminders:

-  Update your child's change of clothes in their cubby for the warm spring weather.
-  If your daughter wears a skirt or dress to school, please have them wear shorts underneath.
-  Remember to put your child's name on clothing, lunch bags, etc.

<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b>	
<b>March 2</b>	<b>Pajama Day</b>
<b>March 17</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Day Celebration</b>
<b>April 1</b>	<b>Wacky Tacky Day</b>
<b>April 5 &amp; 6</b>	<b>Picture Days</b>
<b>April 11-15</b>	<b>SPRING BREAK MCHL Closed</b>

## PAJAMA DAY



Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> is Pajama Day at MCHL! Please send your child to school in pajamas that are easy to take off in the bathrooms and don't present a safety hazard on the stairs or playground.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY



On Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, MCHL will celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Please dress your child in something "GREEN".

## WACKY TACKY DAY



Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> has been designated as Wacky Tacky day. Please send your child to school in a "wacky tacky" outfit. Wacky Tacky Day is a day that encourages you to wear an outrageous outfit. Wear as many colors as possible. Photos will be posted on our Facebook Page.

## Picture Days

(We will start promptly at 9:00 a.m.)

**Tuesday, April 5**

TBA

**Wednesday, April 6**

TBA



*Wear your best smile!*



*March winds  
and April showers  
bring forth May flowers.*

# MONTESSORI 101 THE MONTESSORI MATH EXPERIENCE

The purpose of the math curriculum in a Montessori classroom is to allow children to experience and explore mathematical concepts such as length, width, depth, quantity, distance, weight, time and measurement. The teaching materials are concrete tools that help the child understand an abstract idea.

For instance, the child is first introduced to the concept of quantity. The number rods (10 rods graded in length and segmented) are used to show the child a very visual, tactile representation of the quantities 1 to 10. The child can easily see the difference in the length of '3' compared to the length of '7'. There are many different activities in the classroom that help the child grasp the notion of quantity. It is only after a child works with various quantities that they are introduced to the numerical symbol and are able to associate the two.

As the child moves through the math curriculum, they will encounter several math functions. Working with the counting rods, the bead stair or the spindle boxes allow the child to gain an understanding of numeration and quantity 1 to 10. Next, a child is exposed to the teen numbers and begins to understand the concept of linear counting as they learn to use the bead chains and the hundred board. Older children are introduced to place value as well as the operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Again, all of these operations are initially performed with concrete, manipulative materials. Colored beads are used when adding and subtracting. A combination of beads and blocks are used when learning about place value. The child is again able to feel and see the differences between a single bead, a bar of 10 beads, a square of 100 beads and a cube of 1000 beads.

A child uses these concrete tools until they can internalize the abstract numbers and concepts.



## SUMMER PROGRAM FOR KINDERGARTEN AND ELEMENTARY 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 the academic school year starts. More information regarding our summer programs will be distributed in April.

## 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/>

## MANDARIN CLASS



The Year 2022 is the “*Year of the Tiger*” on the Chinese calendar. On February 1<sup>st</sup>, the children celebrated Chinese New Year and students enrolled in Mandarin paraded through the hallways for everyone. Please visit our Facebook page for additional photos and videos.



## 100TH DAY CELEBRATION



February 10<sup>th</sup> was our 100<sup>th</sup> Day at school. Our kindergarten and elementary students celebrated the day with pizza for lunch. Additional photos were shared on Facebook.

## VALENTINES DAY CELEBRATIONS



Our Valentine’s Day parties were celebrated on different days, please check our Facebook page for photos from your child’s classroom party.



## AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS OFFERED AT MCHL



**Mercier School of Dance** is every Thursday afternoon. Please visit their website for registration information.

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



Afterschool Art will start a new session the week of March 29<sup>th</sup>! Art enrichment is for focused children who are keenly interested in broadening their creative abilities and expressing their imaginations.

Class will be held on Tuesdays (3:15-4:15) **or** Wednesdays (3:00-4:00).

This session is offered for children between the ages of 4½ - 11 currently enrolled at MCHL. Enroll early to secure your child's spot. Each class will have of 4-6 children.

Instruction is taught by Elizabeth Leach, MCHL Art Teacher.

Enrollment forms are located on the table by the main entrance.

If you would like additional information, please email Elizabeth Leach at [startingartists101@gmail.com](mailto:startingartists101@gmail.com).



Piano Keys 4 Kids next session will start on Tuesday, March 22. Enrollment is limited to 8 children per session. If you would like to enroll your child, please contact them at [www.pk4kids.com](http://www.pk4kids.com).