

MCHL NEWS

Montessori Children's House of Loudoun

August/September 2022



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.

Children who are new to MCHL are invited to a "New Student Orientation" on Friday, August 26. Your teacher will contact you with more information.

On Monday, August 29, from 8:30 – 9:30, parents of new children are invited to coffee/tea/donuts where the MCHL PTA will be available for moral support. They call this "Hugs and Tears". It is an opportunity to meet some of the parents and give your child a chance to settle into his/her classroom.

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



FIRST DAY REMINDERS

All paperwork is due on the first day of school. Each child is required to have a set of clothes that stay in school. Please send in a shirt, shorts, socks, and underwear labeled with your child's name on each item and placed in a zip-lock bag that will stay in his/her cubby.

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

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

MCHL is extending an invitation to all of our new students to attend our New Student Orientation. This is the time to meet your teachers, see the classroom, and find your cubby! Your teacher will be contacting you with more information.

Room 2	August 26	9:30-10:00
Room 3		10:00-10:30
Room 4		10:30-11:00
Room 7		11:00-11:30
Room 8		9:00-9:30
Room 9		9:00-9:30
Room 10		TBD
Room 11		10:00-10:30
Room 12		9:00-10:00

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 26 – NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

August 29 – MCHL OPEN – ALL CLASSROOMS AND HUGS and TEARS / MCHL PTA / 8:30 – 9:30

**September 5 - LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
MCHL Closed**

**September 1– FREE DANCE DEMO -3:15
(Afterschool Program)**

**September 7 - FREE SOCCER DEMO-3:15
(Afterschool Program)**

**Sept. 6 – FREE PIANO DEMO CLASS-3:15
(Afterschool Program)**

**September 7 – Back-to-School Night
(T-5:00) (EC –6:00) (K –7:00) (LE-6:00)**

October 5 – FIRE SAFETY DAY

OFFICE NEWS

- ‡ **Please arrive on time for school.** Late arrivals disrupt the classroom.
- ‡ 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 1st of each month. A late fee of \$25 will be imposed on all 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

We will continue to utilize the ProCare Attendance App. Please remember to check your child in/out daily. If you forget, please call the office so your child can be signed in/out.

Infant	West Church Rd. Entrance	7:30-6:00
Toddler	* Rear Entrance	7:30-9:00
		11:45 – 12:00
		2:45 – 3:00
		3:45 – 4:00
		4:45 – 5:00
Early Childhood	Cascades Pkwy. Entrance	7:30-9:00
		11:45 – 12:00
		2:45 – 3:00
		3:45 – 4:00
		4:45 – 5:00
Lower Elementary	Cascades Pkwy. Entrance	7:30-8:30
	* Rear Entrance	8:30-9:00
		2:45-3:00
	Cascades Pkwy. Entrance	3:00-6:00

MCHL Staff are present at the entrances during the times listed above (Infants are required to use the W. Church Rd. entrance at all times). If you arrive at a time other than what is listed above, please come to the Cascades Parkway entrance and ring the doorbell.

****If the rear gate is closed, please bring your child to the Cascades Pkwy. entrance.***

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. If you are running late, please call the office prior to your child's dismissal.
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!



If you have signed up for this service, the lunch contract will continue until you submit a letter/email requesting the termination of your contract BEFORE the 25th of the month.

Payment (\$90 per month) is due on the 1st of each month. The menu will be posted on our website and additional copies are available at the office.

If you have forgotten your child's lunch, the daily rate is \$4.50. Please be advised, we do not always have additional lunches for purchase.

LUNCH 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 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 two 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.

LOWER ELEMENTARY NEWS

Lower Elementary students should use the entrance located at the rear of the school unless your child is enrolled in Early Care. The gate closes at 9:00 am. If the gate is not open, you will need to bring your child to the Cascades Pkwy. entrance. If you have questions, please contact the MCHL Office at (703) 421-1112.

“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

LOWER ELEMENTARY SUPPLY LIST



Please send in the following items with your child:

- 1 pk. Crayola colored pencils (24 pack)
- 1 pk. Crayola thin markers
- 1 pk. Crayola broad markers
- 3 large erasers or 1 pk. pencil erasers
- 1 Crayola water color set (24 colors)
- 3 packs white glue sticks - small
- 1 quality school sized scissors (small but not rounded points) blunt scissors
- 1 ruler with both inches and centimeters
- 1 pk. Tracing paper (9 x 12)
- 1 box #2 pencils (the Ticonderoga brand are the best quality)
- 2 pencil bags (not a hard case)
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 Gal. size Ziploc bags
- 1 Pint size Ziploc bags
- 1 pk. Clorox wipes
- 2 Black Sharpies
- 1 8x10 bound Sketch Book bound book, not tear off or spiral – <https://tinyurl.com/8x10sketchbook>
- 1 1” binder in your child’s preferred color or pattern
- 1 pk of 8 dividers with tabs <https://tinyurl.com/8pkdividers>
- 1 fabric placemat

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

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” combine into a team-taught class with only Kindergarten students. 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.

KINDERGARTEN SUPPLY LIST



Please send in the following items with your child:

- 2 pks. Colored pencils (24 pack Crayola brand-not erasable pencils)
- 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)
- 2 boxes white (not purple) 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 box gal. size Ziploc bags
- 1 box pint size Ziploc bags
- 1 pk. Clorox wipes
- 2 Black Sharpies
- 1 pack of blank 3x5 index cards
- 1 COLORED Sharpie (have your child bring in their favorite color)

EARLY CHILDHOOD NEWS

Early Childhood students spend their mornings in a classroom of children between the ages of 3-6. If your child is a napper, you should bring their nap items (fitted crib sheet, light blanket) in the MCHL canvas nap bag. As a reminder, please label all of your child’s belongings with their names.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SUPPLY LIST



Please send in the following items with your child:

- 2 boxes white (not purple) glue sticks - small
- 1 pk. Tracing paper (9 x 12)
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 box gal. size Ziploc bags (last name A-M)
- 1 box pint size Ziploc bags (last name N-Z)
- 2 Crayola water color sets (24 colors)
- 2 pks. Colored pencils (24 pack Crayola brand-not erasable pencils)

A standard size backpack is required to transport their papers to and from school. Please do not purchase backpacks with handles or wheels.

All students should bring his/her supplies on the first day of school. Thank you for your support.



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.

Request to be added to our private Facebook account

www.facebook.com/groups/mchlparents/

MCHL PTA NEWS

The MCHL PTA is a group of parents, whose collective talents provide support to MCHL through fundraising and organizing social events for MCHL families.

The PTA is already looking ahead to next school year and we're always looking for parents who are willing to donate whatever time they can. We plan to continue our virtual meeting format next year in hopes more parents can join us.

We have a few open board positions--most notably for our **Communication Chair**. This position is responsible for sending email communications and is the main admin of our MCHL Parents Facebook group. We also have at-large/general board positions available. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, email hello@mchlpta.org.

2022-2023 PTA Board Members:

President & Treasurer	Marina Klusas
Communications Chair	Open Position
Fundraising Chair	Kimberly Anselene
Spirit Night Chair	Elizabeth Brunet
Charitable Events Chair	Manita Singh
At Large Board Member	Chris Arduini
At Large Board Member	Lauren Baldwin
At Large Board Member	Open Position
Teacher Representative	Lindsey Patterson
School Representative	Rupina Jadeja

The MCHL PTA has also created an MCHL Parents Facebook page where we post upcoming news and events. This page features LOTS of photos of the children.

Please click on the link below to go to the Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/mchlparents/>

FIRE SAFETY DAY



On Wednesday, October 5, Loudoun County firefighters will visit MCHL to speak to the children about fire prevention. The children will learn how to “stop-drop-and-roll” if their clothing is on fire and they are instructed to have a specific plan of action in case of fire in the home.

They will also watch a volunteer don a fire-fighting suit and equipment. Getting a close-up look at the fire truck will truly be the highlight of their day!

“BACK – TO – SCHOOL NIGHT”



Our “Back-to-School Night” is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7. 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
Lower Elementary	6:00 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.

Bedtime Stories for Young Brains

<http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2015/08/17/bedtime-stories-for-young-brains/>

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS OFFERED AT MCHL

[Sign up for a free demo in the office!](#)



Happy Feet Soccer continues each Monday for children between the ages of 3-9. The first 8-week session is September 19 - November 14 (*no class on October 10*). The cost is \$150.00. Your child will receive a T-Shirt, bag and water bottle.

There will be 2 classes each Monday 3:15 and 4:00. The children will be placed in a class based on their ability.

You can register online at:

<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/333330>



FREE DEMO CLASS ON
Wednesday, September 7 @ 3:15 pm

Piano Keys 4 Kids



Piano Keys 4 Kids will resume in September. Enrollment is limited to 7 children per session. Enrollment forms will be located on the table outside of the office after the demo class. For more information, please email Donna Hancock at donna@pk4kids.com.

FREE DEMO CLASS ON
Tuesday, September 6 @ 3:15

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**CLASSES START SEPTEMBER
FREE TRIAL SEP 1ST**

Thursdays 3:15-3:45 4:00-4:30
Creative Dance and Jazz ages 2.5-4 @3:15
Pre-ballet and Jazz ages 4-6 @4:00
Classes continue through May, 2022
Month to month billing, \$66/month

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