

MCHL NEWS

OPEN HOUSE



We are inviting prospective families to visit our school for an Open House to learn how Montessori is a method of education that is based on self-directed activity, hands-on learning and collaborative play. Montessori focuses on nurturing each child's potential by providing learning experiences that support their intellectual, physical, emotional and social development. Please share the news with your neighbors, co-workers and family. Families that sign up at our Open House will have the application fee waived.

RE-ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Last month, re-enrollment forms and Summer Program forms were distributed to all currently enrolled children at MCHL. **Please return the forms by March 3.** We have already begun placing children from our wait lists into classrooms.

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



All families should be using the MCHL ProCare App to sign your child in/out on a daily basis. If you forget to sign your child in/out, please contact the office. This app only works in the MCHL parking lot.

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 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.



The handicap parking spots should only be used by cars displaying a valid handicap ID.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| March 2 | Wacky Tacky Day |
| March 3 | Re-Enrollment/Summer Program Forms are due |
| March 10 | Kidz Plaza 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm |
| March 13 | Teacher Work Day MCHL Closed |
| March 14 | MCHL PTA SPIRIT NIGHT  CHIK-FIL-A |
| April 3-7 | SPRING BREAK MCHL CLOSED |
| April 18 & 19 | Picture Days |



SPRING IS IN THE AIR



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

- ☘ Check the weather report daily.
- ☘ Fresh air is healthy for children.
- ☘ Please "layer" your child's clothing.
- ☘ 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.
- ☘ Please send your children to school with appropriate and safe shoes. No flip flops or Crocs, please.
- ☘ Please sanitize your child's lunch box on a regular basis.

WACKY TACKY DAY



Wacky Tacky Day returns to MCHL on March 2nd! Check your child's closet and send them to school in their wackiest outfit! Please remember to send your child to school wearing clothing that does not restrict them on the playground, stairs and especially the bathroom.

MCHL 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 begins. The deadline to return the enrollment form is March 3.

KIDZ PLAZA

Sponsored by the MCHL PTA



<http://kidzplazaplayground.com/>

The MCHL PTA will host an event at Kidz Plaza in Ashburn on Friday, March 10th from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Kidz Plaza is a kid friendly indoor playground with a safe and clean environment for infants and children up to eight years of age. It features a three-level play structure with slides, tunnels, obstacles, ball pools and interactive features. There are also three large inflatables (Slider, Bouncehouse Castle and Obstacle Course), ball-pit pool, two separate play areas, party rooms and more. We hope to see you there!

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 red and blue 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.



SPRING AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS OFFERED AT MCHL



Happy Feet Soccer is on Monday afternoons. The next 8-week session starts on April 10 and ends on June 5. The cost is \$150.00. Please visit their website for registration information.

<https://happyfeet.leagueapps.com/camps/3732798-montessori-childrens-house-of-loudoun-sterling---spring-2023>.



Piano Keys 4 Kids offers a fun and exciting enrichment program for children interested in Piano and Music Theory. This program is on Tuesday afternoons for children between the ages of 3½ - 9.

The next 8-week session starts on Tuesday, March 14th! This class runs from 4:00 to 4:45. Tuition is \$275.00 for the 45-minute class which includes the material fee.

If you would like to enroll your child, please contact Donna Hancock at www.pk4kids.com or donna@pk4kids.com. Enrollment forms are located on the table outside of the office.



Mercier School of Dance is a program for girls and boys between the ages of 18 months – 9. This class meets every Thursday afternoon. Please visit their website for registration information.

www.mercierschoolofdance.com



Adventures in STEM with LEGO® Materials will return to MCHL in April for 9 sessions (April 12 – June 7). This class is for children between the ages of 4 – 9. If you would like your child to participate, please sign up early. Please visit their website for registration information.

<https://www.play-well.org>