

MCHL NEWS

Montessori Children's House of Loudoun

August/September 2023



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 25. Your teacher will contact you with more information.

On Monday, August 28, 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 including your child's signed contract is due on the first day of school. You can access the documents via Brightwheel. 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 1	August 25	9:00-9:30
Room 2		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		9:30-10:00
Room 11		10:00-10:30
Room 12		9:00-10:00

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 25 – NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

August 28 – MCHL OPEN – ALL CLASSROOMS
AND

HUGS and TEARS / MCHL PTA / 8:30 – 9:30

August 31 - FREE DANCE DEMO -3:15
(Afterschool Program)

September 1 - FREE SOCCER DEMO-3:15
(Afterschool Program)

September 4 - LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
MCHL Closed

September 20– Back-to-School Night
(T-5:00) (EC –6:00) (K –7:00) (LE-6:00)

September 26 – FREE PIANO DEMO CLASS-3:15
(Afterschool Program)

September 27 – ONE MAN BAND

OFFICE NEWS

- ‡ **Please arrive on time for school.** School starts at 8:30. Late arrivals disrupt the classroom.
- ‡ MCHL will send all important reminders, updates and newsletters via Brightwheel. 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 Brightwheel.

IMPORTANT SAFETY PROCEDURES RELATED TO ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

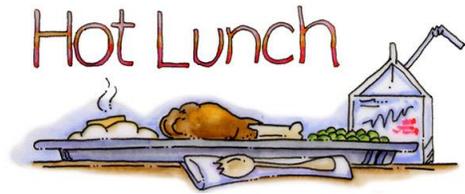


1. **The traffic flow at MCHL is one-way only, clockwise around the building.**
2. **There is NO PARKING in front of the building.** Parents are asked to be considerate and park in the outer parking spaces. Please observe the safety rules in our parking lot. Parents are required to supervise their children 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 (\$95 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 \$5.00. 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 on Cascades Parkway. 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
- 2 Black Sharpies
- 1 pack of blank 3x5 index cards
- 1 COLORED Sharpie (have your child bring in their favorite color- (PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN A YELLOW SHARPIE)

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 pk. Clorox wipes
- 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 We also have at-large/general board positions available. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, email hello@mchlpta.org.

2023-2024 PTA Board Members:

President & Treasurer	Chris Arduini
Communications Chair	VACANT
Fundraising Chair	VACANT
Spirit Night Chair	VACANT
Charitable Events Chair	VACANT
At Large Board Member	VACANT
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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/>

"BACK – TO – SCHOOL NIGHT"



Our "Back-to-School Night" is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20. 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

<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/why-reading-aloud-to-kids-helps-them-thrive/>

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS OFFERED AT MCHL

Sign up for a free demo in the office!

Happy Feet

Happy Feet soccer

Highlights Include:

- Unique and challenging games!
- Fitness, coordination and fun!
- Mixed ages, new skills, and encouragement only!
- Story time with soccer ball!

\$80 Plus Shirts

Scan to Register

www.mercierschoolofdance.com/100-MCHL-0901-0902-0903-0904-0905-0906-0907-0908-0909-0910-0911-0912-0913-0914-0915-0916-0917-0918-0919-0920-0921-0922-0923-0924-0925-0926-0927-0928-0929-0930-0931-0932-0933-0934-0935-0936-0937-0938-0939-0940-0941-0942-0943-0944-0945-0946-0947-0948-0949-0950-0951-0952-0953-0954-0955-0956-0957-0958-0959-0960-0961-0962-0963-0964-0965-0966-0967-0968-0969-0970-0971-0972-0973-0974-0975-0976-0977-0978-0979-0980-0981-0982-0983-0984-0985-0986-0987-0988-0989-0990-0991-0992-0993-0994-0995-0996-0997-0998-0999-1000

FREE DEMO SEPTEMBER 1 @ 3:15

Piano Keys 4 Kids



Piano Keys 4 Kids!
Fall 9 Week Session Starting Tuesday October 3 at MCHL!!
Demo Class offered Tuesday Sept. 26.

Piano Keys 4 Kids offers a fun, exciting and meaningful enrichment program for children interested in Piano and Music!

This program is for new and returning students starting at age 3 ½. The start time is 3:15 to 4:00 with the 2nd class from 4:00 to 4:45. Classes will be divided by age and experience.

Tuition is \$310.00 for the 45 minute class which includes the material fee.

Did you know that children involved with keyboard instruction at an early age show significantly enhanced abstract reasoning abilities critical to success in both science and complex math? Put your child's future first!

Our program is proud to be educating students in Northern Virginia, Maryland, Washington DC, North and South Carolina!

www.pk4kids.com



FREE DEMO SEPTEMBER 26 @ 3:15

MERCIER SCHOOL OF DANCE

Mercier School of Dance at MCHL

CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 7TH

Creative Dance Thursday 3:30-4:00 ages 2.5-4
Ballet and Jazz 4:00-4:30 ages 4 and older

Cost: \$66/Month
Enrollment Fee: \$25 cinch bag with enrollment!

Email: mercierschool@gmail.com

WWW.MERCIERSCHOOLOFDANCE.COM/REGISTRATION

FREE DEMO AUGUST 31
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