

Weekly Notes August 27, 2024

Office Notes

Thank You!

Thank you to those in our MSOR community who joined us for Daddy's Night! It was such an amazing opportunity to socialize with other families and the students were so excited to share the crafts they worked so hard on. We look forward to welcoming everyone again to our next event – Fall Festival!

Reminder for Toddlers and 1st & 2nd Year Primary....

This is a quick reminder to please provide a nap roll bag for your child's nap roll. Storing and transporting nap rolls inside of a bag is a hygiene requirement as determined by the state, so if you have not already supplied a nap roll bag for your child's nap roll, please do so. These bags can be purchased from Amazon, Walmart, and other retailers and are often found under the name "Nylon laundry bag" or "Drawstring laundry bag". Please also be sure both your child's nap roll and nap roll bag are clearly labeled with your child's first and last name. Thank you!

Last Call for Club Sign-Ups...

The MSOR Adolescent & Secondary students are excited to be offering several after-school club opportunities for students! Space is limited in each of our clubs, so don't wait – sign up today! **The deadline is for all Club sign-ups is this Friday, August 30th.** Click the links below for more information!

Art Club – [Toddler, Primary, & Elementary](#) Classes

Spanish Club – [Primary, Lower Elementary, & Upper Elementary](#) Classes

Chess Club – [Lower Elementary & Upper Elementary](#) Classes

Dungeons & Dragons Club – [Upper Elementary & Adolescent](#) Classes

Breakfast Box is Back!

The Adolescent & Secondary Program is excited to begin offering Breakfast Box once more for the 2024-2025 academic year! For those who are new to MSOR, our Adolescent & Secondary students manage microbusinesses in an effort to raise funds for international travel. One of these microbusinesses is called Breakfast Box - this subscription-based service will provide breakfast for your child inside his or her classroom on Fridays. All of the information, including pricing and dates, are included on the flyer and sign-up form below.

If you wish to sign your child up for Breakfast Box please complete the sign-up form and return to your child's teacher or the Office. **The deadline for sign-up and payment is Friday, August 30th and the first day of Breakfast Box is Friday, September 6th.** We look forward to serving your child a delicious breakfast!

[Breakfast Box Flyer](#)

[Breakfast Box Order Form](#)

Background Checks for Parent Volunteers

We have had many parents offer to serve as volunteers this year, whether by helping in the classroom, chaperoning on field trips, or driving students to and from Tennis practice. We are so thankful for this outpouring of generosity to ensure all students are in safe hands at all times!

In an effort to further promote the safety of our community, we are requiring all parent volunteers undergo a thorough background check through Fieldprint. Fieldprint is the service approved and utilized by Bright From the Start and is the trusted choice for thousands of entities in the government, private, and public sector.

To arrange an appointment for a background check, please visit the following link:

<https://fieldprintusa.com/individuals>

Select "Schedule Appointment" to be directed to a page where you will be prompted to create a free account. Once you have signed up and verified your account through your e-mail, you will be prompted to complete an application for the background check. Once you have completed and submitted the application, you will be contacted by Fieldprint within 24 hours via e-mail to take the next steps in the scheduling process.

Once you have completed the background check and fingerprinting process, please provide a copy of the result to Ms. Jamie as soon as it becomes available. This will be placed on file so you are cleared to join us as a parent volunteer.

We appreciate your willingness to be a part of our classrooms and we look forward to having you join us!

Mark Your Calendars for These Important Dates!

- **Daddy's Night** – Friday, August 23rd | 5:30-7:00pm
- **Labor Day (No School)** – Monday, September 2nd
- **International Day of Peace** – Friday, September 20th
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)** – Friday, October 4th
- **Rehearsal at City Auditorium for NWGA Winds Concert (Primary, Lower EI & Upper EI)** – Tuesday, October 15th
- **NWGA Winds Concert Performance (Primary, Lower EI, & Upper EI)** – Thursday, October 17th
- **Toddler & Primary Field Trip | Copper Creek Farm** – Friday, October 18th
- **Fall School Photos** – October 29th & 30th (Rain Date - November 1st)

What Makes Montessori Different?

Montessori schools are not completely different from other schools. Over the last century, Dr. Maria Montessori's ideas have had a profound and growing influence on education around the world. However, while individual elements of her program are finding their way into more classrooms every year, there is a cumulative impact that we see when schools fully implement the entire Montessori model, which creates something quite distinct.

- Montessori schools begin with a deep respect for children as unique individuals. They work from a deep concern for their social and emotional development.
- Montessori schools are warm and supportive communities of students, teachers, and parents. Children don't get lost in the crowd!
- Montessori consciously teaches children to be kind and peaceful.
- Montessori classrooms are bright and exciting environments for learning.
- Montessori classes bring children together in multi-age groups, rather than classes comprised of just one grade level. Normally, they span three age levels. Children stay with their teachers for three years. This allows teachers to develop close, long-term relationships with their pupils, allows them to know each child's learning style very well, and encourages a strong sense of community among the children. Every year, more non-Montessori schools adopt this effective strategy.
- Montessori classrooms are not run by the teachers alone. Students are taught to manage their own community and develop leadership skills and independence.



- Montessori assumes that children are born intelligent; they simply learn in different ways and progress at their own pace. The Montessori approach to education is consciously designed to recognize and address different learning styles, helping students learn to study most effectively. Students progress as they master new skills, moving ahead as quickly as they are ready.
- Montessori students rarely rely on texts and workbooks. Why? Because many of the skills and concepts that children learn are abstract, and texts simply don't bring them to life. Also, in the case of reading, many reading series fail to collect first-rate and compelling stories and essays; instead, Montessori relies upon hands-on concrete learning materials and the library, where children are introduced to the best in literature and reference materials.
- Learning is not focused on rote drill and memorization. The goal is to develop students who really understand their schoolwork.
- Montessori students learn through hands-on experience, investigation, and research. They become actively engaged in their studies, rather than passively waiting to be taught.
- Montessori challenges and sets high expectations for all students, not only those considered 'gifted.'
- Students develop self-discipline and an internal sense of purpose and motivation. After graduation from Montessori, these values serve them well in high school, college, and in their lives as adults.
- Montessori schools normally reflect a highly diverse student body, and their curriculum promotes mutual respect and a global perspective.
- Students develop a love for the natural world. Natural science and outdoor education is an important element of our children's experience.
- The Montessori curriculum is carefully structured and integrated to demonstrate the connections among the different subject areas. Every class teaches critical thinking, composition, and research. History lessons link architecture, the arts, science, and technology.
- Students learn to care about others through community service.
- Montessori teachers facilitate learning, coach students along, and come to know them as friends and mentors.
- Students learn not to be afraid of making mistakes; they come to see their mistakes as natural steps in the learning process.
- Montessori students learn to collaborate and work together in learning and on major projects. They strive for their personal best, rather than compete against one another for the highest grade in their class.

"When the children had completed an absorbing bit of work, they appeared rested and deeply pleased. It almost seemed as if a road had opened up within their souls that led to all their latent powers, revealing the better part of themselves. They exhibited a great affability to everyone, put themselves out to help others and seemed full of good will."

- Maria Montessori

Stargazer Raffle – Enter Today!

Drop by the office to see this beautiful handmade chair. Sit back and try it out, then purchase your tickets for the raffle. Only 70 tickets will be sold! The Stargazer Chair was designed and built by Michael Angio and his son, Luca Angio-Stina. This father-and-son duo have worked together to develop a fundraising opportunity for the Adolescent & Secondary International Travel while also honing carpentry skills. The drawing will be held the day of Fall Festival, so get your tickets today!



STARGAZER RAFFLE

**{ \$10.00
PER ENTRY }**



CHOOSE A NUMBER FROM THE BOARD (1 THROUGH 70) TO ENTER THIS INCREDIBLE RAFFLE! ONE NUMBER WILL BE DRAWN AND THE WINNER WILL TAKE HOME THIS GORGEOUS, HANDMADE WOODEN LOUNGE CHAIR APTLY NAMED THE "STARGAZER"!

FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARD THE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FUND FOR ADOLESCENT STUDENT, LUCA ANGIO-STINA. THANK YOU!



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Ms. Ginny's & Ms. Kelly's Toddler Class

Thank you to all of our moms and dads that came out for Daddy's Day last Friday. We had so much fun chatting with you and mingling with all our MSOR families. We're rounding out the month of August by continuing our discussion of colors and shapes. We even went on a color and shape hunt on our playground. We found green leaves shaped like hearts, brown acorns shaped like circles, purple and pink flowers, red berries, and white rocks that looked like triangles! We even made different shapes with small twigs we found outside, too. Next month, we'll talk about zoo animals. If you have anything related to zoo animals that you'd like to share with us, we'd love to see it!

Quick reminder to please send in a nap roll bag for your child's nap roll if you have not done so already. Be sure your child's name is on it! More information about where to buy them can be found above in the Office Notes.

Don't forget that we will be closed Monday, September 2 for Labor Day. Enjoy the long weekend!

Ms. Shannon's, Ms. Kristin's, & Ms. Kelsy's Toddler Class

Thank you to so many of you who came to our Back-To-School Picnic/Daddy's Day on Friday night! I hope you had a fabulous time. It was so great to check in with you.

This week we are discussing color mixing. We have been reviewing our colors and shapes. We will also continue with lessons on grace and courtesy. We are still adjusting to the new schedule. I'm pleased with how quickly they are learning the day's steps.

A few housekeeping notes

- Please remember to label everything that comes to school. We have had several water bottles, pieces of silverware, lunch boxes, shoes, articles of clothing, nap bags, and nap rolls that are not labeled. Many children have the same things so we don't know who they belong to, so please take the time to write names on things.
- If you are sending your child in a pull-up because you're in the middle of transitioning to underwear, we can only use the ones that open and close on the sides similar to a diaper.
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Ms. Angie's & Ms. Karabeth's Primary Class

Hello everyone. It has been a great start to the new school year. The children are making friends and enjoying school. We have a few happenings and reminders.

No school on Monday. Enjoy Labor Day with the family.

Our hamster, Yellow, will be able to have weekend visits beginning September 6. If you would like to have her for a weekend visit, please let me know. Please make sure your child has a change of clothes in their cubby box. Label all things. If you have not purchased a bag for the nap roll, Amazon does have them.

Also, please send in a nap roll bag for your child's nap roll if you have not done so already. Be sure your child's name is on it! More information about where to buy them can be found above in the Office Notes.

We have clubs that are available to Primary. We have Spanish, Art, and Creative Movement available to Primary after school. Please check the flyers (found above in Office Notes) for all the information or you can speak with Jamie. Piano lessons are also offered to Third Year Primary students. You can speak with Ms. Jamie for more information.

We are studying about SPACE. If your child has something to share pertaining to space, you may send it in.

Have a great three-day weekend!

Ms. Ortrud's & Ms. Rana's Primary Class

Dear Parents,

It was good to be able to chat with so many of you on Friday afternoon.

I hope most of the Dads who received their Father's Day gift were able to put it to good use this last weekend and, if not, we have a long weekend coming up for Labor Day.

The lunches you are packing for your children are looking good. Thank you for continuing to follow our lunch policy!

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Please keep in mind there is no school on Monday as we will be closed in observance of Labor Day. Enjoy the long weekend!

Lower Elementary Class

Parents,

We've had a great first week. On Friday, we presented the Montessori First Great Lesson. The students learned about how the universe and our earth were formed. This helps them to understand their place in the universe and helps them to develop an appreciation for the world around them. This lesson is also known as "The Coming of the Universe," and "God With No Hands." This is a good time to discuss any family beliefs about the formation of the universe with your children. We will have many follow-up activities this week as we begin our history and science studies to follow this lesson.

Homework folders with Historical Timeline packets are coming home today; I only sent the digital files last week. Students will need to select a person to study for The Historical Timeline by September 5th. We will visit the library at school sometime this week so that they can get some ideas, but please start this discussion with them at home.

Junior Great Books are also coming home this week. Please read the JGB email to follow. Junior Great Books are used in class and need to be returned by Thursday with the homework folders.

Students have been reviewing and practicing math facts daily. We fold the sheets in half, and they complete as many as they can in two and a half minutes. For students new to our class, the timing is always a challenge, but they adapt quickly and move through the progression of operations as they learn to concentrate and master the facts. They can practice the operations with classroom math materials during the week.

Homework always goes home on Fridays and is due the following Thursday. When my children were students here, I loved this weekly system. It allows you and your children to plan the completion of homework around your family's schedule. Please have your child take responsibility and have them help to plan for the week's work. Help teach them to be responsible for putting it into their backpacks to return on Thursdays. "My mom forgot to put my homework in my backpack" is not an excuse!

Thank you for sharing your children with us,

Ms. Robin, Ms. Maggie, & Ms. Emily

Upper Elementary Class

The students are settling in beautifully. Thank you for all your love and support for them, and us!

Carpool: Because we are the first point of entry on to campus, our carpool can very quickly back up onto Dodd Blvd, which is a public street. Our dismissal is strictly from 3:00-3:10pm; students will not be released prior to 3:00pm. If you are lining up early, and the carpool line has extended past the parking spaces in front of our building, we kindly ask you to please move into a parking spot, or circle around and idle at Gate 2.

Dress Code: We are seeing improvement, thank you! Not to be a broken record, but...

Girls: skirts and shorts are **not to be shorter than 3 inches above the knee**. If girls are wearing leggings, please wear a top that is mid-thigh length.

Boys: We are encouraging a standard of collared shirts and **non-athletic shorts**.

All: **No athletic wear**, with the exception of tennis days. Please send in a labeled stick of anti-perspirant (no aerosol), and toiletries as necessary, if you have not done so already. Ultimately, clothing should be representative of our best selves. If you have any questions, please send them our way!

Music: Music class began yesterday, and we are grateful for Ms. Angela joining us again this year. She is preparing our students for a number of things right away. Chiefly we are fast approaching our annual performance for Peace Day, which will be recorded on Friday, September 20, 2024. Of equal importance, we are also already preparing for a school performance in the Disney concert with the Northwest Georgia Winds, otherwise known as R.O.M.E. Just as a reminder, our mandatory performance will be Thursday, October 17, with a dress rehearsal on Tuesday, October 15. More information to come!

4th/5th Year Tennis: *THIS* Thursday (August 29) will be our first tennis class for our 4th and 5th year students. It will be from 3:00-4:00pm at Etowah Park with Coach Jan Williams. Ms. Lelia Stina* and Ms. Kim Headrick will transport to tennis, departing at 2:40pm. Coach Jan will give everyone an invoice upon completion of the first class, and this may be paid directly to Coach Jan. On Thursdays, please pick up your child promptly at 4:00pm at Etowah Park.

**Registered Late Stay students will be transported back to school by Ms. Lelia. Drop-in Late Stay is not offered on tennis days.*

6th Year Tennis: *THIS* Friday (August 30) will be our first tennis class for our 6th year students. As it stands, it will be from 3:00-4:00pm at Lawrence Preserve with Coach Jaleel Riaz. Abby Samia's mom, Ms. Stephanie, will transport to tennis, departing school at 2:30pm. Coach Jaleel will give everyone an invoice upon completion of the first class, and this may be paid directly to Coach Jaleel. On Fridays, please pick up your child promptly at 4:00pm at Lawrence Preserve. *There will be no transportation back to campus offered on this day.*

Homework: As students are acclimating to the Upper El environment, and the new homework schedule, we are finding that they need some additional support. To meet this need, we have created a weekly homework schedule. Each student has a laminated copy in their homework folder, and they will be sent home with multiple loose copies to be placed in key areas of your home (we humorously suggest the fridge, their bedroom, and the back door!) Thank you in advance for helping your child remember, complete, and return their homework.

Adolescent Classes: All 6th Years who are taking one or more Adolescent classes need to purchase and begin utilizing an academic planner (if you have not done so already). For those in Ms. Karen's literature class (Abby, Claire, Jase, Sabrina, and Wanling), she would like to give a reminder that the Vision Board poster projects are due *this* Thursday, August 29. Please direct all Adolescent Literature questions to Ms. Karen via email at klmabry10@att.net. For those in Ms. Gabi's Español 1B (Abby, Claire, Sabrina, Wanling) Thursday, August 29th - Quiz de Capítulo Para Empezar. Ms. Ariana will grant you access to their online gradebooks within the next few weeks; she will come talk to you in the pick-up line. Moving forward, all communications regarding Adolescent classes will come from their respective teachers.

This is the planner that we recommend! [Blue Sky Academic Planner](#)

Ms. Shemi, Ms. Dolores, Mr. Keith, Ms. Ribar, Ms. Gabi, Ms. Ariana, & Ms. Karen

