

February 2025 LMMS NEWS

LAKE MURRAY MONTESSORI SCHOOL-NORTHEAST



GREETINGS:

The longer days tell us that Spring is nearly here. Now for the temperatures to cooperate too! Nevertheless, the children and staff are beginning to get excited for all that is planned for the days ahead as we say "goodbye" to Winter and "hello" to Spring.



LMMS EVENTS:

Our Valentine's Day celebration was so much fun! Everyone enjoyed showing off their very creative boxes and giving cards/treats to their friends. Thank you to the parents who brought in special treats for the staff.

Smile, it's almost time for our Spring Pictures! These will be indoor portraits with a spring themed background. **Please be sure that your child(ren) gets to school by 8:30am; dressed for pictures on their classroom's assigned day.** Please remember to bring a school uniform shirt (labeled), and a change of clothes to wear for the remainder of the day. **You can visit the link below to opt into receiving emails directly from the Photographer, Katie English,** so that you can receive your photo gallery and all information directly to your email address.

<https://tinyurl.com/LMMSCOLA25>

Picture Day Schedule:

Tuesday, March 4th - 2's, ALL siblings, and Ms. Sims' class
Wednesday, March 5th - Mrs. Jiwani's class, Mrs. Stevens' class

Dance and TKD will be missed on the days we are having pictures taken. Both Dance and TKD will extend their 3 class times during the month of March to make up for the missed class.

Parent/Child Night (Primary students only) will be Thursday, March 20th. We are offering 3 time frames: 4:45pm-5:15pm or 5:15pm-5:45pm or 5:45pm-6:15pm. Links and directions for signing up will be sent out the first week of March. When signing up for a slot please only sign up for your child's spot. The students are looking forward to showing you some of the lessons they have been working on in class.

LMMS will be closed March 21st, this will serve as a Teacher/Staff workday.

Parent-Teacher Conferences for Primary students will be held March 25th-27th (T-W-Th). These conferences are important for you, teachers and most importantly, your child. Progress, questions, concerns and future goals can all be shared during this time. **You can begin to sign-up for conferences during Parent/Child night.** Afterward, the Sign-Up sheets will be posted at the front desk.



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LMMS NEWS:

We would like to welcome Brielle, Isaiah Y., Oliver, and Wren to our Montessori community!

Happy Birthday to Logan (3), Eli (4), Valentina (4) and Flynn (5). We hope you all enjoyed your special day!

Thank You to the Alexander family for helping with recycling this month.

A Special Thank You for all the generous donations! Cora's family donated gently-used school shirts and Scarlett's family donated Number Rods to use in our Primary classrooms.

LMMS REMINDERS:

Tax statements for 2024 are still available. If you've signed up for one and have not received it, please check your email (spam) or let us know if you would like one to be prepared.

Absences: If your child will be absent, please tell us the reason for the absence when you call or email. Especially if it is due to an illness. We need to know so we can monitor others absent due to the same symptoms/illness, notify families of potential exposure, and, in some cases, report to DHEC if a certain percentage of the population is affected.

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 9th. Remember to set your clocks **ahead** 1 hour.

Outerwear: Please ensure your child has appropriate outerwear for going outside. We understand the weather can be unpredictable at times, but if the forecast predicts a "feels like" temperature of 32 degrees or higher, your child will be going outside (barring any extraneous circumstances). Children who come to school without warm enough outerwear find it less enjoyable or may not be able to go outside at all.

School Lunches and Snacks - Parents/guardians provide Morning Snacks for their child's classroom on a predetermined date. We will do our best to send the Snack Bag home the day before the snack is due, as a reminder. Each assigned snack is served for two consecutive days. Parents/guardians also provide lunch for their child/ren. Please be sure to send your child/ren to school with a prepared lunch. There have been several instances recently of lunches being forgotten. Though we try to be aware at drop off, we may not realize it until close to lunchtime and calls have to be made asking for lunch to be brought back to the school. This can create anxiety for the child. Please avoid sending fast-food items for your child/ren.

IMPORTANT

Instruction, morning meetings, and lessons begin promptly at 8:30 a.m.

Your child must arrive at school on time to avoid unnecessary classroom disruption for those already working. More importantly, we desire to see each child get the most benefit out of the Montessori learning time and see them successfully develop into life-long learners. The majority of their morning is focused on lessons and group time. We want to see the students gain all that is available through the Montessori learning process.



"Children thrive on routine and order from a very early age."
- Maria Montessori -