

December 2024

LMMS NEWS

LAKE MURRAY MONTESSORI SCHOOL-NORTHEAST



GREETINGS:

December is always a short but busy month here at LMMS. We have all looked forward to the Holiday Program and to our Winter Break that follows. Cheers to a fabulous 2025!



LMMS EVENTS:

Thank you for all the generous pajama donations! We collected 122 pajamas and the Lexington campus collected 45 pajamas, making **a total of 167 pajamas for the 15th Annual "Great Bedtime Story" Pajama Drive!** These pajamas were delivered to Epworth Children's Home on Millwood Ave. Scholastic matched our donation with books, also donated to Epworth.

Pajama Day is always a fun way to celebrate another successful Pajama Drive. The students were warm and comfy in their pajamas. All of our students enjoyed "warm" cocoa while watching the movie, *Migration* in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Our annual Holiday Program was a great success! Thank you to all of those who came out for the performance. The children did a wonderful job with the songs and poems they performed. Our teachers appreciated your help at home with practice. It was a great end to a terrific year!

LMMS will be closed December 23rd - January 3rd, for Winter Break. Classes will resume on **Monday, January 6, 2025.**

LMMS will be closed on Monday, January 20th, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

In the event of inclement weather, please check your email and tune in to WIS-TV for delays and closures. We will follow the recommendations of Richland School District 2.

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A Special Thank You to the Rodriguez and Scurry families for helping with recycling this month.

Happy Birthday to those with December birthdays - Carter S. (5), Carter W. (5), Parker (5), Jordan (5), Hugo (5), Cruz (4), and Sofie (3). We hope you all enjoyed your special day!

A Special Thank You goes out to: Lindy's family for the holiday treat basket and coffee for the staff. Thank you to Baleigh's family for the holiday box of chocolates for the staff. We appreciate the holiday gifts and yummy treats that we are showered with. Thank you for all that you do for our teachers!



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LMMS NEWS(Cont.):

Our thoughts, prayers, and **sincere condolences** go out to Ms. Sims and her family. Ms. Sims' mother, who lived to the amazing age of 99, passed a few days before the start of winter break.

Tax Statements for 2024: A sign-up sheet will be posted at the front desk if you need a 2024 Tax Statement. The statement will be emailed to the address(s) we have on file. Please write your child's name on the sign up sheet. Your statement will be available by the end of January.

Tuition is due January 1st, during our Winter Break. Venmo is recommended since we will be closed or you can place a check in an envelope and slide it between the double doors at the front of the school. Office staff will be in during the break to secure payments. Pizza money (\$16) in cash, can be brought in January 6th when we return from break. As a reminder, any payments made after the 5th of each month will incur a \$35 late payment fee.

Birthday Walks- When planning for your child's birthday walk, please be mindful of dairy and peanut/tree nut allergies. Please check the labels of any treats you are considering bringing. Treats are not required, teachers prefer a book donated to the classroom library, or an item from their classroom "wish list" that can be donated in honor of your child's birthday.

Healthy Living: This holiday break is the perfect time to make a conscious effort to slow down with your child. See the season through their eyes. Take a brisk walk in the park; enjoy an afternoon at the museum or library. If you are at home, turn off the television. Bake cookies or put a puzzle together instead. It's the ideal time to snuggle together and read or tell stories. Start a new tradition with your child and make a vow to continue it every year. They will cherish it always. No matter what you choose to do, the important thing is that you do it together.

We have noticed many late drop-offs and lunches not coming to school with children.

Children arriving at school late and/or not bringing their lunch boxes with them causes unnecessary anxiety in children, teachers, and staff. Montessori philosophy is all about children learning ways to prepare their environment, gain independence, and be responsible for their actions. Extending that at home could be done by letting your child help you prepare their lunch the night before and it being "their job" in the mornings to be responsible for getting their lunch box. At school, our older students take pride in setting out their lunch and preparing their area. Plus, students who help prepare their lunch are more likely to eat it all!

LMMS REMINDERS:

Please remember that Morning Snack is prepared for students at 8:30am. If your child takes home a Snack Bag, they are responsible for providing the Morning Snack for their class the following school day. **Please make sure that we receive that snack before 8:30am, so it can be served on time.**

If your child participates in our Milk Program, he/she will be served milk to drink at lunchtime. A "milk alternative" must be provided for children who do not participate in our Milk Program. Otherwise, they will be served water. Juice is only served with Morning Snack. Please send in proper utensils and provide a bowl or plate if the lunch requires it.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your continued partnership and collaboration toward furthering your child's education.

"The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence." - Maria Montessori