

December 2024 LMMS NEWS

LAKE MURRAY MONTESSORI SCHOOL-LEXINGTON



GREETINGS:

As the holiday season winds down and 2024 is drawing to a close, we cherish the memories and look forward to **2025** with the hopeful anticipation of even greater things ahead of us.



LMMS EVENTS:

Thank you for all the generous pajama donations! We collected 45 sets of pajamas here at the Lexington campus and the Northeast campus collected 122 pairs making a total of 167 for our **Pajama Drive**. These pajamas were delivered to Epworth Children's Home on Millwood Ave. in Columbia. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile project.

Everyone really enjoyed **Pajama Day** on Friday, December 13th. The students were warm and comfy in their PJs and enjoyed special activities throughout the day. They also enjoyed some "warm cocoa" with marshmallows and watched a movie "Noelle". **Special thank you** to Mason R.'s, Eila's & Wren's family for sharing some holiday cookies with their respective classes.

We hope you enjoyed our **Holiday Program!** The children and teachers worked very hard, for the past several weeks, preparing for it. We are so proud of all of their efforts. We really appreciate everyone who came. We could not have done it without you!

LMMS will be closed Monday, December 23rd, 2024 - Friday, January 3rd, 2025 for our Winter Break. Classes will resume on Monday, January 6th, 2025.

We look forward to continuing our Library visits in the new year. Ms. Angie will be here **Friday, January 17th.**

There will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, January 20th, in observance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

In the event of inclement weather, please tune in to WIS-TV and LMMS' email for delays and closures. We will follow the recommendations of Lexington School District 1.

LMMS NEWS:

Happy Birthday to Elsie, Colton, Adeline, Kirk, Audrey and Ved. We hope you enjoyed your special day!

We appreciate the holiday gifts and tasty treats from all our parents! Thank you for all that you do for our teachers. A Big thank you goes out to the families of: Paxton for treating the staff at LMMS to a Chick-Fil-A lunch, Molly C. to some chocolate treats, Elsie and Austin S. for some holiday cookies.

LMMS NEWS (continued):

A Special Thank You for all the generous donations. In honor of their birthdays Elsie's family donated a Sensorial Lesson and Colton's family a Language Lesson to Ms. Wilson's class. Audrey's family donated a Practical Life Lesson to Mrs. Floyd's class. Raleigh & Reagen's family donated tissues To LMMS.

Thank You to Kai's family for helping with recycling this month.

Tuition is due January 1st, during our Winter Break. Venmo (LMMS-LEX) is recommended since we will be closed, you can also pay before we close or place a check in an envelope and slide it between the double doors at the front of the school. Our 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.

Healthy Living: During the excitement of the holidays, well-meaning friends and family members will be showering our children with gifts. Please be sure to remove and dispose of all packaging pieces and materials that may present a choking hazard for young children, and make sure all toys are age appropriate. If you have any questions or concern about a toy's safety, visit www.safekids.org for guidelines, tips and the latest toy recalls.

The New Year is a great time to make a plan for change. The 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 with letting your child help you prepare their lunch the night before and it being "their job" in the mornings to be responsible for grabbing their lunch box. At school, our older students take pride in setting out their own lunch and preparing their area. Plus, students that help pack their own lunch are more likely to eat it all!

LMMS REMINDERS:

Please remember that Morning Snack is served to the students at 8:30am (Primary classes) and 9am (Transitional class). If your child is responsible for providing the Morning Snack for their class, please make sure that we receive the snack before 8:30am, so that it can be prepared to serve on time.

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

Toy Donations: If your child has outgrown any old unused toys and you plan to throw them away, please consider donating them to us.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!



"We seek to sow life in the child rather than theories, to help him/her in their growth, mental and emotional as well as physical, and for that we must offer grand and lofty to the human mind."

- Maria Montessori