

July 2024 LMMS NEWS

LAKE MURRAY MONTESSORI SCHOOL-LEXINGTON



GREETINGS:

We hope everyone enjoyed their week off for the **4th of July!** Summer is in full swing and we are back in action here at Lake Murray Montessori School.



LMMS EVENTS:

Summer Camp Session II will conclude the first week of August. Soccer and Art were such welcomed additions to our summer program. **Soccer Shots** has taught the children how to work as a team, the importance of good sportsmanship and some cool soccer moves. Mrs. Blakely gave students an avenue to express themselves creatively in **Art Camp**.

July has been full of fun activities, with more to come! The magic tricks, balloon creations, and juggling presented by "**Magic Ralph**" on Thursday, July 11th were beyond amazing. The **Puppet Playhouse** will entertain all the children on **Friday August 9th**, with "All Four Seasons".

The Lexington County Sheriff's Department (police car) visited LMMS on Thursday, July 18th. Deputy Bertwell spoke to the students about his responsibilities and his equipment. He allowed them to view his patrol car and we even got to hear the siren! He also provided Jr. Officer stickers.

NEW TUITION RATES: Effective **August 1st**, tuition will increase for the **2024-2025** school year.

Primary (3-6 yrs) Tuition Rates

Morning Program -- \$610.00
Extended Program -- \$680.00
All Day Program -- \$830.00

Transitional (2 yrs) Tuition Rates

Morning Program -- \$640.00
Extended Program -- \$720.00
All Day Program -- \$870.00

Our Summer Schedule ends on Friday, August 30th. As of Tuesday, September 3rd, instruction and lessons will begin promptly at 8am (2's class) and 8:30am (Primary classes).

It is important that your child arrives on time to avoid interrupting students who are already working. Any student who is not present at that time will be marked "tardy" upon arrival. If a student does not arrive for school before 10:30am (without prior notification), they will be marked absent for the day. If you must arrive late, please call or email to let us know.

Spanish class will start on September 3rd for our older students who no longer nap. This foreign language is an extension of our curriculum at no additional cost.

LMMS's 2024-2025 School Year Calendar will be emailed with July's newsletter and August calendar. Please make sure you add important dates to your personal calendar.

LMMS will be closed Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.

LMMS NEWS:

Happy Birthday to Houston, Austin S., Penelope, Nora, Rudransh, Bodhi, Ms. Burton and Ms. Wilson. We hope you all enjoyed your special day!

We would like to welcome Kirk, Zayn, Rowan J., Kai, Isla, Bodhi, and Reza to our Montessori community.

Thank You to Hadley's family for helping with recycling this month. If you're interested in volunteering with our recycling program, please let us know. A **\$4 credit** will be added to your pizza account for each pick up.

A Special Thank You for all the donations received this month. Duke's family donated a Practical Life lesson and Riley M.'s grandmother donated some paint materials to Mrs. Floyd's class. Patrick and Molly's mom treated the LMMS staff to some homemade cookies.

We would like to congratulate Ms. Belk on the arrival of her baby boy.

LMMS REMINDERS:

Dismissal for our Extended Program begins at 2:10pm. If you must pick your child up before that time, **please contact the school prior to your arrival.** Frequent early dismissals interrupt not only your child's, but other children's learning time.

Afternoon Snack:

If your child is enrolled in our **All Day program**, please remember to pack a separate afternoon snack, that doesn't require refrigeration. If your child brings lunch in a "Bento box", please provide an afternoon snack in a **separate container.** Afternoon snacks are collected during lunch and kept in the classrooms' "Snack Basket", to be eaten in the afternoon by 2:30pm. **We also encourage the lunches to be prepared before school and brought in a lunchbox.**

If you are asked to bring in fresh produce for Morning Snack (bananas, apples, etc.), please bring those items in on the day that they are due. Produce brought in prior to its due date becomes over-ripe and cannot be served. The same applies to milk.

Please send your child to school dressed in clothing that is easy for them to take off and put on independently. This is extremely important for children who are "potty training" or "newly potty trained", as well as older children, to instill a sense of independence, confidence and high self-esteem.

School supplies are available in stores now and along with SC's Tax-Free Weekend (Aug. 2-4); there are special deals galore! Now is a great time to **restock your child's cubby and classroom supplies.** Please make sure your child has these items, **labeled with their name**, in their cubby:

- Complete set of clothes (include underwear and socks)
- 24 pack of Crayons & Coloring book (and a crayon box if needed)
- 2 Glue sticks (Primary classes only)
- 12 pack washable, "skinny", (fine-tip) markers (Primary classes only)

We need every student to bring in 3 boxes of facial tissue, please.



"If education is always to be conceived along the same antiquated lines of a mere transmission of knowledge, there is little to be hoped from it in the bettering of man's future." - Maria Montessori