August 2026

LMMS NEWS

LAKE MURRAY MONTESSORI SCHOOL-NORTHEAST

GREETINGS:

Summer is winding down, and we are getting in the "back to school" mode! While we've said our goodbyes to students heading to elementary, we've welcomed many new students as well. It also brought us joy to see some of our alumni students pop in to say "Hello," to their former teachers.

LMMS EVENTS:

We had demo classes for all of our optional programs. While we've said goodbye to Dance this year, we are excited to invite Soccer Shots back for fall! If your child has expressed an interest in any of the optional programs available, you can sign them up by completing the registration form(s). Tae Kwon Do will begin Tuesday, September 1st for Primary students who are 3½ and older. Soccer Shots will begin Wednesday, September 2nd for students ages 2-6. Both of these optional programs run through May. Music (students ages 2-6) and KidFit (Primary students) are year-round programs that your child can be added to at any time. Enrollment forms and payment information have been sent via email and are also available at the front entry bulletin board. If registering your child for an optional program, please relay this information to the front desk as well, so we can properly compare rosters and ensure that anyone who has signed up is attending.

LMMS will be closed Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day.

Our Fall Schedule begins Tuesday, September 8th. Instruction and lessons will begin promptly at 8:30 am. It is important that your child arrives on time to avoid interrupting students who are already working. If you must arrive late, please call or email to let us know.

Spanish will begin Wednesday, September 9th for Primary students who no longer nap. This is an extension of our curriculum, at no additional cost.

Scholastic Book Orders: We're starting the 2026-2027 school year with our first Scholastic Book order. In the past, we've sent home flyers, but now we're "paper-free." Please share the Class Page link with extended family and friends. All orders also earn Bonus Points that can be used for free books and classroom supplies.

Class Order Due Date: 09/18/26
Shop Our Class Page: https://orders.scholastic.com/MLXJ4
Class Code: MLXJ4
Shop Digital Flyers for Preschool and K-1st with Your Child: https://clubs.scholastic.com/all-flyers/

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We would like to welcome Alaila, Amoura, Ava, Chanel, Charlie, Chase, Elliana, Iris, Kaden, Kai, Layla, Leia, L J, Malena, Ryelle, Stormie, Trishika, and Xavius to our Montessori community.

Happy Birthday to: Ava (4), Dominic (3), Miss Rutherford (?), and Ms. Carter (?). We hope your special days were amazing!

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LMMS NEWS (CONT)

Congratulations to Benjamin C.'s family on the arrival of little sister Hazel. We also congratulate Evelyn's family on the arrival of little sister Ava. They're sure to be an amazing big brother and big sister!

Our **sincere condolences** to Noah's family on the recent passing of his aunt.

LMMS REMINDERS:

It is important to let us know immediately if your child has been exposed to or is in close contact with someone who has a contagious illness (e.g., flu, COVID, hand, foot, and mouth, pink eye, etc.). This information is crucial for the health and well-being of our students, staff, and their families. With this information, we can take proactive measures such as detailed cleaning and sanitizing of the affected classroom(s), as well as encouraging increased handwashing and social distancing.

School Snacks/Lunch: A new snack roster for Sept/Oct has been emailed. Please make note of the date(s) your family has been assigned to bring snacks. We will send a "snack bag" home with a reminder the night before your snack is due. Each assigned date will also request either juice (served with morning snack) or milk (served with lunch). If your child is an All Day student, please include an item in their lunch bag that can be used for their afternoon snack.

LMMS discourages sending water bottles to school because they can get lost, spilled, or picked up by another student, which could lead to cross-contamination. We serve the students 100% fruit juice or water with Morning Snack, milk or a milk alternative, or water with lunch, and water with Afternoon Snack. Students also have access to water throughout the day.

Bookbags do not need to come to school daily unless they hold items your child might need after school. Nappers bring their nap items in a bag on Monday, and that bag stays at school until Friday, when nap items are sent home. Once the weather cools down, we will need the "hook space" for winter wear.

School Supplies: If your child is newly enrolled (July to present), please be sure to bring in all the requested supplies as provided on the supply list (including Kleenex) if you have not already done so. If you need another copy of the supply list, please let us know. **Please clearly label** your child's "change of clothes". We want to be sure each student has what they need and that it's placed in the correct cubby.

Helping Your Child Become Independent

In Montessori, we believe that **independence is an important part of a child's development.** When children are given the time and opportunity to do things for themselves, they build confidence, concentration, and a sense of responsibility.

You may notice your child wanting to dress themselves, pour their own water, clean up after an activity, or carry their own belongings. These simple everyday activities are important learning opportunities! Try this at home:

- Give your child extra time to complete simple tasks independently.
- Encourage your child to put away toys and belongings after using them.
- Let your child help with simple household tasks such as setting the table or putting clothes away.
- Instead of immediately helping, ask, "Would you like to try it yourself first?"
- Celebrate the effort and independence rather than focusing on perfection.

Sometimes it may be faster or easier for us to do things for our children, but allowing them to try is one of the greatest gifts we can give them.