September 2026

LMMS NEWS

LAKE MURRAY MONTESSORI SCHOOL-NORTHEAST

GREETINGS:

The school year has officially begun! Now that Fall is here we are looking forward to air that's crisp and leaves that are colorful. A reminder that change can be beautiful!

LMMS EVENTS:

We were excited to welcome the return of **Tae Kwon Do** and **Soccer Shots** this month! Both optional programs run through May and have been very popular. **If your child is signed up for any of our optional programs, there is a permission form for each individual program that needs to be signed by a parent/guardian to participate.** Please stop by the front desk to sign your child's form(s).

Our annual Speech, Language, and Hearing Screening will be on Wednesday, October 7th. This is a free screening offered to primary students aged 3 and older.

Teacher Work Day & Columbus Day: There will be **no school** on **Friday, October 9th**. This is a scheduled teacher work day. We will also be **closed** that following **Monday, October 12th** for Columbus Day.

Parent/Child Night will be October 15th from 4:45pm-6:15pm (**Primary Classrooms only).** Students will have the chance to show their **parents/guardians** lessons they have been working to master. We will be offering 2 time frames to choose from: **4:45pm-5:30pm or 5:30pm-6:15pm. This event is limited to two adults and please do not bring siblings.** If you have more than one child enrolled in a Primary classroom, please sign up for two different time slots so that each child has their own time with you. An email, specific to Parent-Child Night, will go out to our Primary families soon. You will use the links below to sign up for this event.

Jiwani: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FA4AB2DA5FEC34-66046602-parentchild

Stevens: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FA4AB2DA5FEC34-66047952-parentchild

Sims: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FA4AB2DA5FEC34-66049086-parentchild

Parent/Teacher Conferences are October 20th-22nd (Primary Classrooms only). Sign up sheets will be posted on Parent-Child Night and then at the front desk afterward. This is an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher regarding progress made and future goals. Each teacher has specific dates and times they are available, so please make sure to sign up on the correct sign up sheet and make note of your specified time. **The meetings are 20 minutes in duration and will be scheduled between 9:00am-10:40am and 2:10pm-3:30pm.** These conferences are very important and helpful for you, the teachers, and most importantly, for your child.

Our annual "Trunk or Treat" will be Friday, October 30th from 9:00am-10:00am. We are asking for at least 12 volunteers to decorate the trunks of their vehicles, and dress in a kid-friendly costume to hand out treats. These treats can be small toys or individually wrapped snacks. **Please be mindful of choking hazards and peanut, tree nut or dairy allergies when choosing treats.** Your child(ren) may come to school in a costume, please label this costume so that it will be returned to you. **Please make sure your child brings a change of clothes. Your child will be provided with a bag to collect treats, you do not need to bring one.** Please, no costumes that are inflatable or one piece. Also, no face paint, masks or props such as weapons or wands. Uses the link below to volunteer!

Trunk or Treat: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FA4AB2DA5FEC34-66089342-trunk

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LMMS NEWS:

We would like to welcome Darcy, Elizabeth, and Nina to the LMMS family!

September Birthdays: Pryce (3), Lucas (4), Noah (4), Trishika (4), Elliana (5), Harper (5), Ryelle (5), Noor (6), and Mrs. Stevens (?). We hope each of you enjoyed your special day!

Our sincerest condolences to the Pearson family with the recent passing of their grandfather.

Thank You to the Gibson, Graham, Jacobs, and Rollins families, for helping with recycling this month. We appreciate you! Thank you to Benjamin L.'s family for donating a board book to the Transitional Two's classroom library!

We appreciate all who ordered Scholastic Books! While building your child's "at home" library, our school earned **1,138** points towards free books and other classroom resources.

As cooler weather approaches, please provide an extra set of clothes that are appropriate for the season. **Be sure to label all clothing, jackets, sweaters, and other belongings your child(ren) brings to school, and make sure to provide outerwear that opens completely down the front. No pull-over hoodies, sweaters, etc., please.** The students are developing their independence, and this type of self-help skill is important for their success.

LMMS REMINDERS:

Attendance is taken and lessons begin 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 the school to let us know.

We discourage bringing bookbags due to limited space. Each child has one coat hook used to hang their jackets. Students do not need to bring a backpack to school daily, unless it contains medication or other items that they may need to take with them at dismissal.

Families provide a Morning Snack for their child's classroom on a predetermined date. In addition to the food items, this is how milk **(2% or Whole)** and juice are provided. Occasionally, we request milk on dates not on the assigned roster if we are running low. Please **do not** purchase dark purple grape juice or orange juice as it stains heavily or the children do not drink it well. Our students are served their snacks "family style" as this promotes independence and is an active learning experience for them. It is our preference if you are assigned an item (such as pretzels or cheez-its) that it be brought in the large packaging verses individual servings. This will also minimize packaging waste.

Pizza Fridays: Please remember that payment for pizza is cash only and is due at the beginning of each month. If your child is absent, their unused funds will roll over to the next month. LMMS provides a healthy side with their pizza and Afternoon Snack if your child is an "All-Day" student. You do not need to send an extra snack. If you have paid for pizza but your child brings a lunchbox, we assume you intend for them to eat from their lunchbox, and not eat pizza.

Montessori Moment
Why Is Practical Life Important?

In Montessori, everyday activities such as pouring, transferring, washing, dressing, and caring for the classroom are much more than simple tasks. These Practical Life activities help children develop concentration, coordination, independence, and confidence.

As children practice these activities, they learn to follow a sequence, control their movements, complete a task, and care for their environment. These experiences also prepare children for more complex work in the classroom.

Most importantly, Practical Life gives children the opportunity to experience, "I can do it myself." Through these small, purposeful activities, children are building skills that support learning and independence throughout their lives.