



Montessori and LeMoyne Newsletter

December 2019



Principal's Message:

Hello LeMoyne/Montessori Families,

We are glad to have gotten the highest attendance rate we've seen in 6 years. Our average attendance rate for the school is 93%. With our building having the largest Pre-K population, we take a lot of pride in this accomplishment. We appreciate you all getting the students to school regularly so they can participate in tasks and activities with the staff and their peers. The staff work really hard to design personalized programs for students so that they can learn in a way that is engaging to them, at their level and that will challenge them to make progress in all areas, not just academics. So thank you for valuing this to make sure the children are here consistently.

Our Social/Emotional Learning focus this month is on Self-Awareness. We shared a video to help students learn about what self-awareness is. I will share the link on our website. We want the students to identify how they feel and respond to feelings instead of reacting. Being thoughtful in our responses to feelings can help us work better together, for each other and for ourselves.

We hope that everyone will come out to support our band, chorus and orchestra on December 12th at 6:30. Students not only have to learn the songs to play and sing, they also have to be sure to keep up with the work they miss to participate in lessons. So it is an extracurricular activity that requires dedication and hard work on the part of the students. We are excited to have them showcase their talents. We hope other families will bring their children to see their friends perform, even if your child is not performing.

As we move into our long Holiday Recess we want to remind families that students have access to lots of online learning resources they can use at home during the break. Be sure to have them read and jump on one of the programs for at 15 minutes a day to keep their skills sharp. Email any of the staff if you have questions about the online resources. We will post them on our website as well for your reference.

Happy Holidays,
Mr. Armstrong

Upcoming Events

December

Penguin Shop	2nd-6th
School Hours	
Scholastic Book Fair and Holiday Concert 9:30am	12th
Half Day for All Schools	13th
Holiday Recess	23rd- Jan 3rd
No School	

January 2020

School resumes	6th
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO SCHOOL	20th



Nurse's Nook

PROTECT AGAINST THE STOMACH BUG!!

Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water

Wash fruits and vegetables thoroughly

If you had "the bug" don't fix food for others for at least 2 days after symptoms go away

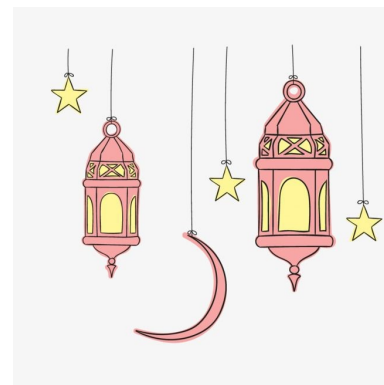
Wear gloves and clean area with bleach-based cleaner where the person was sick

Wash soiled laundry in hot water on the longest cycle and machine dry at the highest heat

Food workers cause about 70% of reported Norovirus outbreak from contaminated food.

Source: CDC

Anita N. Rowe RN,MS



PFO News

Remember your popcorn money!

December 8th is the Elf on a Shelf musical. Use the promo code LEMOYNE when ordering and it will be a 5 dollar flat rate for families! Any seat!

Penguin Shop comes back December 2nd to the 6th.

Volunteers check out our Facebook page! We need your support in running the pop up shop.

The Penguin Shop is a pop up shop for children to purchase inexpensive gifts for family members.

Lemoyné and Montessori at Lemoyné PFO



The Holiday Concert for band, chorus and orchestra will be at 9:30 AM and 6:30 PM on December 12th.

If at all possible children should dress up for the concert.

Attendance to both events is expected, please have music students arrive 20 minutes early for the 6:30 concert.

See you there!

Gymboree



Families, please encourage our students to continue to be involved in the app/ website Fueluptoplay60.com. We are trying to be the most involved school in Central New York. This will allow us to have a NFL player to come spend the day at Lemoyné Elementary.

Thank you for your support,

Coach Stewart

Brushstrokes

Hello and Happy December.
May peace prevail in your life and in our world.

Students in PreK will continue to work on creating art using scissors, torn paper and glue.

Kindergarten students will be continuing to use shapes, scissors and glue to create various objects. Please reinforce to your child that they follow all art room rules and procedures.

I am really proud of the exceptional art work being created by the Montessori ages 6-8 groups. These students are working so hard on neutral colors! We will be creating a really cool animal painting.

Third grade students will be creating an Aladdin's Lamp and making some wishes.

Fourth Grade students will be creating three dimensional trees.

Fifth Grade will be working a fun project involving equilateral triangles!

Please feel free to contact me via email at mgregory@scsd.us. And 3rd-5th grade can view School Tool for daily progress.

Montessori Matters

From the Montessori Primary classes:

In the classrooms, we love to explore rhyme and rhythm in spoken language. Understanding what rhyming words are, can be quite challenging for children. There are so many nursery rhymes, songs, and poems related to the December Holidays-why not recite or sing a few with your child? Afterward, ask your child if they can pick out some of the rhyming words!

As we approach the winter holidays, may

we remember to give the gift of *time* to the young children in our lives. They need you; they need the unplugged, undivided attention of the adults whom they love so deeply, for at least a few minutes each and every day.

Here is a link to a short article by Maren Schmidt, with ideas for gifts from the heart.

<https://marenschmidt.com/2016/12/gifts-keep-giving/>

...And a quick rhyme for the winter

solstice:

*St. Thomas Grey, St. Thomas Grey,
The longest night and the shortest day*

Keep Reading!

Hi Families,

We had such a nice November in the Library. Our younger friends read books about what it means to be thankful and played "Pass the Pumpkin" to share what we are thankful for. Older students practiced being thankful in combination with learning about Veteran's Day by writing letters to veterans.

As we approach the holiday season, I am excited to announce that The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to the Library for the week of December 9th-13th! It will also be open through The Holiday Concert taking place the evening of December 12th.

This year we are offering the option of electronic payment through eWallet. It allows parents to load money onto a digital account and prevents the need for students to carry cash to school. The eWallet feature can be found on the Scholastic Book Fair website.

Finally, I am seeking volunteers during the week of the book fair. If you would like to help out please send me an email at lbachiller@scsd.us.

Thanks,

Ms. Bachiller



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